

# **PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEETING DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 6.b  
**PRESENTER:** Paul Hendricks  
**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Take Possible Action Regarding the Status, Prioritization, and Funding of Capital Projects

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** WIFA and USDA PROGRAM(S)

## **WIFA Capital Program:**

- The District continues to process WIFA disbursements.
- There is one current waterline replacement project under design.
- The US 87 waterline project documents have been submitted to ADEQ for an Approval of Construction permit.
- The District has requested an Engineering proposal for a small waterline replacement project in the Rim View area for a pipeline that has a high frequency of failures. We may use District or WIFA funds for this project, depending on the cost.

## **USDA Capital Program:**

### **Phase 1**

- **EPS Engineering has received approval from USDA for Whispering Pines 2,245 LF 6" PVC and Cool Pines A 4,167 LF 6" PVC.**
  - **EPS Engineering held a Kick-Off meeting for both projects on April 7, 2021.**
  - **EPS is going to touch base with Sunrise Engineering to determine if we can collaborate on site evaluation activities.**
- **Sunrise Engineering held a Kick-Off meeting for the Woodland Heights Phase A, B, & C project for approximately 15,370 LF of 6" PVC**
  - **Survey and site evaluation is ongoing.**
- **The District is still assessing the Engineering selection for the following projects:**
  - **Pine Mountain Acres/Pinion - 1,250 LF 6" PVC**
  - **White Oak/Cedar Meadows - 1,250 LF 6" PVC**

The District is requesting USDA to approve a \$500,000.00 emergency grant for the new Strawberry Ranch PZ Deep Well. The project is estimated at \$1,959,571.00. Grant documents were sent to USDA.

## **USDA Capital Program**

The District Treasurer continues to arrange for the interim financing needed to manage the initial cash flow related to the USDA Loan. The WIFA Advisory Board will consider this loan during their April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. meeting.

Work is ongoing to complete the required USDA paperwork outlined in the Letter of Commitment, (LOC).

EUSI staff are working to ensure that the District is prepared to move forward with the first phase projects as approved by the Board.

- **Well and Water Production Infrastructure-**
  - MR2 Well is operating at approximately 20 GPM.
  - Work is ongoing related to inspect of a number of the existing wells.
  - There are a number of wells that are out of service that need to be re-evaluated.
  - Aero Drilling evaluated the STDWID 2 well and found that the pump and motor need to be replaced.

#### **WIFA CAPITAL PROGRAM PLUS MISCELANEOUS DISTRICT CIP PROJECTS**

- **WIFA-**
  - Cool Pines Est Pipe Waterline Replacement Upgrade Phase B & C in Pine:
    - As soon as the new design is completed and approved by staff, it will be submitted to the Board for approval.
    - We expect the Construction Cost Proposal next month.

#### **WIFA Project Meeting Items Review and Action:**

- EUSI is serving, on an interim basis, as the Operator of Record for the District's Public Water System. EUSI has helped Ben Rowe apply for early certification testing at the Grade III level and is awaiting the ADEQ response to this request.
- The District received 6 responses to the RSOQ for On-Call Engineering Services.
- Review the WIFA project list and procurement issues.
- Project status updates are documented.
- WIFA Disbursements are reviewed and processed.
- Project Issues are addressed.
- EUSI personnel accompany District Staff on field site visits and discuss project issues.
- The District Staff and EUSI are working with Sunrise Engineering to update the protocol for leak detection activities in Portal 3.
  - It is recommended that the District commit additional resources to leak detection activities.
- WIFA Assignment and USDA Assignment Logs are updated and maintained.
- Additional DOL/WIFA employee interviews are completed on active projects.
- EUSI staff check on the status of the WIFA Labor Boards on active projects.