



AGENDA ITEM: 9
MEETING DATE: August 15, 2024

Staff Reports

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TO: BCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Elaine Cervantes

RE: Staff Report

Cc: Marisol Camacho, Pete Cerna, Morelia Avila

Board Members,

New CDBG 2025/2026

Fresno County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Application for Well #3 and Well #4 System Improvement

On July 18, 2024, the Board of Directors approved moving forward with applying for the Fresno County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. The grant would fund critical improvements to Well #3 and Well #4, addressing the low water pressure issues that occurred in July.

Our engineering partner, AM Consulting Engineers, is currently in the process of completing the application, with the submission deadline set for August 30, 2024.

ARPA Project

This Storm drain Project was completed on the Eastside of Biola Avenue between "F" and "E" Street. This project is scheduled to be completed by 8/16/24 or sooner.

ATP 5 Biola Community Sidewalk Improvement Project

June 17, 2024 work was started for the Biola Community Sidewalk Improvements project on Biola Avenue from Shaw Avenue to G Street. Construction activities will primarily consist of storm drain, electrical, concrete and asphalt improvement. This project is anticipated that all work will be complete on or before the end of September 2024.

Community Center Kitchen Freezer and Refrigerator

The refrigerator and freezer in the community center have finally stopped working. We had a technician come out to service the refrigerator, and they stated that the compressor went out and the repair would cost approximately \$4,000. Currently, we are borrowing a refrigerator until we decide on a permanent solution.

Fresno City College Computer Literacy Classes

The Literacy Classes are now over. The last day was July 9, 2024. We thank Fresno City College for bringing these opportunities to Biola. We will revisit phase II of the Literacy Classes later this fall to see if funding is available once again to provide them to our community.

Community Outreach

Biola Chamber of Commerce Annual Biola Raisin Festival was canceled for 2024. The Biola Chamber of Commerce issued the following statement;



August 6, 2024

Dear 2024 Biola Raisin Day Supporters, Advertisers, and Sponsors,

We hope this message finds you well. On behalf of the Biola Chamber of Commerce, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your interest and support in the 66th Annual Biola Raisin Festival Celebration. Your commitment to supporting and promoting community involvement is the ultimate expression of how a community values its members, and it does not go unnoticed.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing construction in Biola, the Chamber members made the difficult decision on August 5, 2024, to cancel the 2024 Raisin Festival. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. This decision was not made lightly, as we understand how much our community and participants look forward to this cherished event.

We hope that you will keep us in mind for 2025, as we plan to return with an even more spectacular celebration. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Warm regards,

Biola Chamber of Commerce

Food Distributions

Biola Food Distribution Schedule and Important Information

The Biola Food Distributions are held three times a month:

- **1st Thursday of the Month** at 8:00 AM
- **2nd Wednesday of the Month** at 8:00 AM
- **4th Wednesday of the Month** at 4:00 PM

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, United Health will be present to provide free health screenings to residents and anyone interested, at no cost.

Please be mindful that all participants are volunteers, especially during these hot months. We also want to remind everyone that the quantity of food we receive from the Fresno Food Bank can vary—sometimes there's plenty, and other times, there isn't enough. Unfortunately, this is beyond our control, and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

BOARD PACKETS – Agendas and Board Packets will be sent by email effective August 1, 2023. If a hard copy is needed copies will be available at the office for pickup at your convenience, every Friday before the scheduled Board Meeting of every month. Thank you for your patience as we try and be a little more efficient with staff time and safety.

As a reminder the office hours are as follows:
Monday – office closed
Tuesday – 8:00am –5:00pm
Wednesday – 8:00am –5:00pm
Thursday – 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday – 8:00am – 2:00pm