

## **Director's comments:**

Sept 24: I met with Daniel Parra who is part of the board from LAFCo, he explained to me that we need to update Biola General plan and we can ask County for it's help. Once the General Plan is updated we need to go to one of the meetings of LAFCo to reduce or waive the costs of it, but first need to ask Biola Board of Directors what they want to do. You have to take into account that all this process will last at least 2-3 years, but we have to think in advance to develop our community (Biola)

Sept 30: Water leakage on H street was fixed by Mountain Valley Environmental Services, Inc. They replaced the water line that it's connected to meter due to corrosion on it.

Oct 1st: Andrews Backhoe Service sent us their estimate to fix sinking valves sited on 3rd street, I believe it's the lowest bid from it. The 3 bids will be on the agenda for Directors approval.

Oct 2nd: County Engineer Jake met with Jack's Butane owner (Mr. Rudolf) and ourselves and explained to him that County of Fresno suggested the planters to eliminate a slope that was too steep for disabled persons under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The planters were devised to remove the grade's steepness from the walkway and resolve the ADA issue. Mr. Rudolf said he believed the county is satisfactorily addressing the issue and that, while he is not completely satisfied with the resolution, he understands the county's action to ensure that ADA issues are addressed.

Oct 2nd: I attended "Equitable Economic Development" Summit; and they addressed SJV Economic Growth commenting it's excellence, but the problem is that we are one of the poorest regions in the US. Issues are the low homeownership, high rate of unemployment, and although we are 5th economic power we have to many poor people, homeless, etc. The advice that they gave us is we need to work together to accomplish more tasks.

Oct 4th: I received the Fiscal Agreement WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – FEASIBILITY STUDY

PROJECT NO. C-06-8155-110 from California State Water Resources Control Board

to sign it and send it back to them; I signed and sent it back to them by USPS.

Oct 8th: I met with Biola VFW member Phillip Cervantes for County Electric box approval signature at the address located next to us. County requires owner approval form signature to make changes in the house, before PG&E connection, once they get the signed form from the owner they will send an inspector to review electric box.

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Felipe Perez, Manager Biola CSD  
FROM: Gary Horn  
DATE: October 17, 2019  
RE: Status of Grants

**CDBG Fifth Street Sidewalks**, – The revised plans eliminating the sidewalk along the west side of Fifth Street have been submitted to the County for approval. Once the County gives its approval, we will advertise for bids.

**DWR Groundwater Recharge Project** – Pipeline in Third St. from Shaw Ave. to G St. and Basin Enlargement.

- We are waiting for FID to schedule a meeting for an agreement for delivery of recharge water. Once this agreement is negotiated with FID and approved by the Biola Board, then construction can be scheduled. I anticipate the turnout in the Herndon Canal will be constructed next fall and the pipeline and basin built next spring.
- The environmental work has been completed and is being reviewed by the State.

**SRF Water System Upgrade** – Construction of Water Tank, Water pipeline and water meters.

- Planning Grant for environmental review and project design is complete.
- Application for Construction funding has been submitted to the State and is being reviewed. The State has completed the environmental review process. No time line on funding.

**CDBG Application for FY 20-21** – The applications were reviewed by the citizens committee on October 16. Results of the ranking will not be known until next April.

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## **AM Consulting Engineers Update**

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