

# ACWD General Manager (GM) Report November 2023

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Correspondence Back and forth emails on the following topics: Cranmer Engineering with water quality testing results, Coleman Engineering and ACWD water operators re: tank leak, Golden Sate RMA re updated insurance quote, Francine Fau of the Water Quality Control Board Dept. of Finance and Chad Coleman re funding agreement, LIHWAP (Low income bill assistance) re: program extension, (extension documents submitted timely extending the program through May of 2024) Coleman Engineering and Calif. Rural Water Association about a bridge loan.

## **(SRF FUNDED) Ram Spring Improvement Project ~ THE FUNDING AGREEMENT**

For up to 1.5 million dollars was fully executed by the State on October 12, 2023.

### SCHEDULE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF SUBMITTAL	CRITICAL DUE DATE	ESTIMATED DUE DATE
<b>EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK</b>			
A.	ADDITIONAL SUBMITTAL(S) TO DIVISION		
1.	Final Plans and Specifications		February 1, 2024
2.	Finalize bid documents and advertise for bids		May 15, 2024
3.	Final Budget Approval Package		July 1, 2024
B.	REPORTS		
1.	Progress Reports		Quarterly
2.	Final Inspection and Certification		August 31, 2026
3.	Project Completion Report		February 28, 2026
4.	As Needed Reports		TBD
<b>EXHIBIT B – REIMBURSEMENTS, BUDGET DETAIL, AND REPORTING PROVISIONS</b>			
A.	REIMBURSEMENTS		
1.	Reimbursement Requests		Quarterly
2.	First Reimbursement Request		December 31, 2023
3.	Final Reimbursement Request	March 31, 2026	

### BUDGET

LINE ITEM	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT
Construction	\$721,000.00	\$721,000.00
Pre-Purchased Material/Equipment	\$0	\$0
Real Property or Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0
Change Order Contingency	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
Force Account	\$0	\$0
Allowances (Soft Costs)	\$634,000.00	\$634,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>

Soft Costs include administration, engineering, environmental and the bridge loan interest and fees.

- **WATER TANK REPAIR.** Coleman Engineering and Thompson Tank are working on the written repair project scope and schedule. As reported last month, the plan is to start the work in late April 2024 due to weather concerns in winter.

The tank is leaking around a lower side panel approx. 50 gallons per day (varies depending on how full the tank is). If it gets worse we will have to switch to the smaller tanks sooner than planned.

**AGENDA ITEM 5. a) BRIDGE LOAN** As most everyone is aware, the State is notoriously slow at paying invoices related to the SRF projects. This puts an extra burden on the contractors in situations where the entity (such as ACWD) is not able to pay up front and then be reimbursed by the State. The California Rural Water Association has partnered with the State Revolving Fund (SRF) to provide “Bridge Loans” that are used more like a line of credit. Coleman Engineering thinks that the most we would need is \$500,000. The origination fee is 1.5 % (for \$500,000 that would be \$7,500) plus interest at 5.5% but the interest is only the portion that is being used. The water district would pay as we go and we don’t anticipate more than a few months at a time of needing the loan, and not the full amount. \$46,000 has been included in the “soft cost” portion of the project budget to cover these costs.

There would be no cost to ACWD and this would greatly facilitate finding contractors to do the work.