



**Reconstruction Committee Report**  
**December 12, 2020**  
**Cathy Faughnan, Chairperson**  
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**Committee Members:** Bobby Clevenger, Glenn Christensen, Paul Cyphers, Roy McCutchen, Jeana Krause, Scott Johnstone (PM) and Melissa Bilobran (Mountain View Accounting - MVA).

**Rainbow Bridge Project:** Complete

**Sunset Lake Dam Project:**

Sunset Dam is complete with the final engineering inspection of the gate to be conducted in the spring when the lake is filled. BEMA received final reimbursement from Boulder County in the amount of \$20,920.

Boulder County has advised that additional funds may be available if there is an underrun on a larger project Boulder County is currently funding. In order for BEMA to remain eligible for these funds, we are delaying the closeout of the project until it is clear if additional funding may be available. The contract with MVA has been extended to allow their continued assistance with the eventual closeout of this project with no additional funding required. The gate to Sunset is being kept open to allow for flow and increase water levels in the lower lakes that supply our wells. BEMA has been advised to check back with Boulder County in January 2021.

- **Action Item –Final Inspection by Nick Miller – when water level allows – PM Johnstone**
- **Action Item – Final closeout of project upon completion of the above and updates from Boulder County on the availability of additional funding as late as June 2021- PM Johnstone, C. Faughnan and M. Bilobran**
- **Action Item – Lake to fill in accordance with Water Rights Committee recommendations, most likely during spring run off March/April– Karl Davis**

**Riparian/Lake Restoration Project:** No change from last month; however, M. Haney was contacted and has indicated he will close out this grant as soon as possible.

**Willow Grading:** The State DHSEM approved all documentation regarding Nezhoni and reimbursed BEMA \$59,360 on May 21, 2020. – Waiting for final grant Closeout.

**Aquatic Planting for Riparian/Lake Restoration:**

AloTerra installed plants provided by Aquatic and Wetland Nurseries June 1-3 in Meadow, Rainbow, Willow and Mirror completing Phase II Planting. Photos were taken of all the lakes and MVA has submitted the Riparian Restoration Grant. Full reimbursement has been received in the amount of \$9,488.17. Final closeout is still needed but the application is on step. 2 so progress is being made

- **Action Item –Finalize close out of Riparian Restoration Grant - C. Faughnan, M. Bilobran**

**Rainbow, Mirror, Meadow, Sunset Grading:** No change from last month  
All documentation has been uploaded into EMGrants and we are awaiting final closeout of this grant.

**Dam Maintenance**

Running R, LLC serviced the dams on July 9, 2020. The second treatment should be conducted when conditions allow and are safe. Operations will check on status and report.

- **Action Item – Continue actions correcting Dam Maintenance concerns including second weed treatment – Operations – Paul Flanagan**

**Larimer County Road 47:**

G. Christensen reports that progress is being made on this project. Larimer County was able to have a call with the FEMA Environmental contact last week and he is on board with having the working group continue seeking all the various environmental clearances needed for the project. The goal is to have those next Spring.



FEMA has yet to provide any type of concurrence to advance the design/construction plans to be bid, however; the working group has made the decision to move forward with that nonetheless over this winter. Larimer County's goal is to be in a position to bid the project sometime in mid-2021 and have the 3 main stream crossings constructed next year. It is believed there will not be enough time to have the road repaved before the end of the 2021 paving season however, that would likely occur in the late Spring 2022.

- **Action Item – Continue to monitor progress with FEMA, Larimer County and US Forest Service. - G. Christensen**

**Grants Administration Specialist :** No change from last month

M. Bilobran (Mountain View Accounting) has provided bi-weekly updates as to the progress of various projects. MVA will continue to assist the BEMA Board and Reconstruction Committee through closeout of Sunset and Riparian Restoration Grants and Audit process.

**Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Loan:**

The process of transitioning the CWCB Loan from a short-term loan to a long-term loan as required by the loan documents on Feb. 2020 has begun with the first payment being due Feb. 2021. This was taken into consideration when creating the BEMA 2020-2021 budget. Final costs of Sunset Dam and cash flow are being considered in finalizing the loan amount which will be determined shortly as all costs and reimbursements are now clear.

**Reconstruction Financial Reporting :**

The reconstruction and finance committee and Clausen & Associates CPA are working to resolve all accounting documentation in preparation for tax filing for BEMA. Not all BEMA accounts have been reconciled and BEWA accounts are currently being reviewed. Audits are required for FY 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 as BEMA expended more than \$750K in federal funds in each fiscal year (Riparian, Meadow and Sunset projects). Progress is being made on the reconciliation and audits will begin once outstanding items are complete.

- **Action Item – B. Clevenger, P. Cyphers, and Clausen accountants work to resolve accounting issues, prepare tax filings and undertake audits.**

**Waterline Projects:** No change from last month

The Finance Committee is working on financial reconciliation and capitalization of the Waterline Project prior to closing out the BEWA Reconstruction accounts and Association. Progress is being made. The Reconstruction accounts are balanced and completed, and assets are updated. Need to complete the financial tasks with Barb Clausen.

**Rainbow and Mirror Dam Projects PW316:** No change from last month

M. Haney was contacted in September and believed all documents would be forwarded to FEMA for review at the end of September 2020. We have reached out to M. Haney again to check the status and hope to have additional information to share.

Closeout was submitted to DHSEM (for FEMA) on November 21, 2019. DHSEM has reviewed our application and has released an interim payment on PW 316 in the amount of \$482,920.41. This will bring the payments up to 90% of the obligated Federal Share. The remaining 10% (\$45,013.85) will be retained until FEMA officially closes the project.

- **Action Item – Answer any questions regarding the submittal from DHSEM if needed – M. Bilobran and Reconstruction Committee**

**Willow Dam Project:** - No change from last month

Final Closeout of the Willow Lake Dam construction is complete, and payment has been received from CDBGDR2-BEM-01. Willow Lake Dam was also funded by FEMA and these costs were submitted as part of the PW316 closeout.

**Meadow Lake Dam Project:** - Complete

**Flow Meter and Lower Flume Project:**

Director Davis reported that there is an issue with the Sutron Meter in the lower flume that may be due to an issue with the SDI-12 sensor. Operations has been made aware of this and is working to resolve the issue. Correct readings are critical for water rights tracking. The DEF Grant for this project was submitted for closeout on Jan. 13, 2020 and final reimbursement has been received and closeout is anticipated shortly.

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