



**Reconstruction Committee Report**  
**May 15, 2021**  
**Written by 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:**

Boulder County has advised that additional funds in the amount of \$225,066.41 are being directed toward the construction of Sunset Dam. These funds will be applied to the CWCB loan, substantially reducing the balance of the loan and the yearly payments which will now be \$49,378.36 down from approximately \$60,000. BEMA is taking the necessary steps to finalize the loan amount and proceed to close out the grant. Finalizing the additional funds with Boulder County is anticipated by the end of May and new loan documents from CWCB are anticipated on June 1, 2021.

Once Sunset Lake filled with water, a leak was detected in the gate and after discussion with L4, it has been determined that the current flow is too great to allow for a safe removal, correction and reinstall of the gate at this time. The repair will take place in the fall or winter to allow for retention of the maximum amount of water during the upcoming summer. GEI has been advised of the situation and will perform a final inspection on the gate once the repair is made.

With the recent heavy rain and snowmelt concerns were raised regarding the weir and spillway heights at the dam. GEI and L4 along with P.M. Johnstone, C. Faughnan and members of BEMA Operations met at the site on Friday May 7 to discuss the situation. It was confirmed the dam was built as designed by GEI, however the differing heights of the weir and spillway were discussed and GEI stated that the spillway and weir are sufficient to handle heavy flows and flooding. . A solution of adding additional rock to allow the gate to be accessed more easily in high water was discussed and a bid from L4 will be submitted and work will be performed at the same time the leak is fixed. All agreed to this resolution which will have minimal cost.

- **Action Item – Final closeout of the grant upon receipt of additional funding - PM Johnstone, C. Faughnan, B. Clevenger and M. Bilobran**
- **Repair Leak in Gate and add additional rock to allow easier access to the gate in high water when conditions allow - L4 Construction, PM Johnstone**
- **Action Item –Final Inspection by GEI – when water level allows – PM Johnstone**

**Riparian/Lake Restoration Project:** No change from last month;

**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** no change from last month

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:** No change from last month

Larimer County has been working diligently on the project this year and still expects to be under construction by late summer. At this time, Larimer County does not yet have a final draft that obligates the funds from FEMA, but are still very hopeful to receive that in time once the environmental reports and clearances are signed later this month.

- **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 the closeout of Sunset and Riparian Restoration Grants and Audit process.

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

BEMA will receive an additional \$225,066.41 from Boulder County which will be applied to the CWCB Loan for an outstanding balance of \$999,877.31 term at 2.75% ending in 2051 with payments of \$49,378.36 due annually. An initial payment of \$85,406.76 was paid on Feb. 1, 2021 reflecting the interest due from Feb. 2020 to Feb. 2021 on the total loan amount before restructuring (1,729,427.24). The annual payment of \$49,378.36 has been included in the 2021-22 BEMA Budget. BEMA is working with Boulder County on the final RFR and new loan documents from CWCB will be completed in June 2021.

**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. BEMA accounts are being reconciled and BEWA accounts are currently being reviewed. An audit is required for FY 2019-2020 as BEMA expended more than \$750K in federal funds in that fiscal year (Riparian, Meadow and Sunset projects). It was determined that no audit is needed for FY 2018-19 as BEMA did not expend \$750,000 in federal funds in that fiscal year. Progress is being made on the reconciliation and audits will begin once outstanding items are complete. Once fiscal year 2021 is closed in June the audit will begin in July and must be completed by November.

- **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.

Lauren Leavitt from DHSEM has indicated that the Closeout Request for PW 316 **has been advanced to FEMA's review queue**. She notes that it is difficult to estimate how long their review process will take, but believes her team lead requested that FEMA prioritize this project based on our past conversations.

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% (**\$63,310.11**) will be retained until FEMA officially closes the project. **Please note the increased amount to be reimbursed reflects the correction of an accounting error.**

- **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:** No change from last month

The issue with the Sutron Meter in the lower flume has been corrected. 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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