

Notes regarding resolution # 127

As stated in this month's SRF Project update there were many back and forth emails last month between ACWD and the funding source for the Cathodic Protection Project.

Some of the questioning from the funding source made me worry that I should have gotten board approval before signing the contract with Coleman Engineering for the Cathodic Protection Project.

Resolution #127 basically ratifies actions already taken by me as the authorized representative for the Cathodic Protection Project. In studying resolution #121 appointing me as representative and adopted on Dec. 12, 2023, it does not specify "signing contracts" as something that is authorized.

Resolution #127 also creates a stand-alone summary of the events leading to where the project is now that will be useful if we are audited by the State. I might point out that ACWD pretty much had to start the project with Coleman to even apply for funding! It is very frustrating trying to figure out all these hoops to jump through, especially when the specified order doesn't necessarily match the reality of how the work must be done.

I don't know if the urgency declaration will help with anything, but I thought that it might, so added that as well. As of this writing (7/8/2024) we are waiting to hear back from the Division of Drinking Water regarding the plans and Coleman Engineering is continuing to search for subcontractors to do the work.

Alleghany County Water District

RESOLUTION NUMBER 127

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY COLEMAN ENGINEERING AS CONSULTING
ENGINEER FOR THE CATHODIC PROTECTION PROJECT
AND TO DECLARE A STATE OF URGENCY FOR COMPLETING SAID PROJECT

1. Alleghany County Water District (ACWD) is a public agency in Sierra County, California that provides water to the community of Alleghany for both domestic use and fire prevention.
2. On October 11, 2022 ACWD passed Resolution # 118 to hire Coleman Engineering as ACWD's Engineer of Record for the Ram Spring Improvement Project.
3. In January of 2022 ACWD was the recipient of a Technical Assistance (TA) grant for help navigating the failure of a water storage tank that was put in service in November of 2018. The findings of the final report published December 22, 2022 for that TA request were inconclusive.
4. On May 13, 2023 Coleman Engineering was awarded the contract for a second TA request to oversee the warranty repair work for the tank mentioned above.
5. As part of the TA request awarded to Coleman Engineering, an inquiry was made to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding assistance with installing cathodic protection equipment in the water storage tank to avoid a repeat of the first failure and to protect the State's investment in the tank and to protect this vital water source for the community of Alleghany.
6. ACWD was made aware of the URGENT DRINKING WATER NEEDS program by the SWRCB and was encouraged to apply for the Cathodic Protection Project (CPP) via this avenue.
7. Coleman Engineering and ACWD General Manager Rae Bell Arbogast applied for funding via the Urgent Drinking Water Needs Program for the CPP. An email stating that "the application had been approved" was received on November 16, 2023 stating that this approval authorized ACWD to begin the project prior to receiving an actual funding agreement which was several months out.
8. On December 12, 2023 ACWD passed resolution # 121 appointing the General Manager as ACWD's authorized representative for the Cathodic Protection Project.
9. On June 6, 2024 The General Manager, as the authorized representative for the project signed a contract for services for Coleman Engineering to act as the principle engineer for the Cathodic Protection Project.
10. As of Sunday June 30th the warranty work on the water storage tank is completed but the Cathodic Protection Equipment is not installed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. To ratify the signing of the contract for services with Coleman Engineering for the Cathodic Protection Project executed by ACWD's General Manager on June 6, 2024.
2. To declare a state of urgency for completing the Cathodic Protection Project due to extreme fire conditions in Alleghany and to ratify starting the Cathodic Protection Project based on the approval granted by the State Water Control Board on November 16, 2023.

PASSED & ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Alleghany County Water District on the 9th day of July 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes: DRAFT COPY **Noes:** none **Abstain:** none **Absent:** none **Vacant:** one