

ACWD General Manager (GM) Report March 2023

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Incoming: Form 700s from Sierra County Clerk Recorder, draft warranty claim letter from attorney

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(SRF FUNDED) Ram Spring Improvement Project ~ I was informed at the end of February that we should expect 4 to 6 months before the funding agreement is executed. So, my best guess is 8 to 12 months!! See the negative report (linked) from the State Auditor regarding the slow application process for this funding source. [Report 2021-118 \(ca.gov\)](#)

The project budget is 1.5 Million as reported in January.

There is a reply due on the Fish and Wildlife permit, but the current engineer is not on board yet, and Enplan, the contractor that provided environmental support under the TA request is no longer being paid. Considering this permit was paid for by the State to the tune of almost \$5,000 I have reached out to Gary Chan of the CWRCB DFA to see if there is a way to pay one of the engineers to respond. Don Burke of Enplan did review the draft permit pro-bono and made some suggestions already.

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- **WATER TANK PROBLEM.** All documentation for preparing a warranty claim letter was sent to the District's attorney and a zoom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 14th with the attorney, the new engineer Chad Coleman and me to review the letter.
- **Low Income Utility Assistance Program:** One other customer has started the process to get assistance.
- **INSURANCE QUOTE** I reached out to another RMA (Risk Management Authority) to see if they could provide an insurance quote. Golden State RMA provides insurance for Pliocene Ridge CSD and it includes Worker's comp at a reasonable rate. Previously, they declined covering ACWD when we requested a quote several years ago. Many improvements have been made since then, so I thought I'd ask again. ACWD's existing carrier requires 12 mos advance notice before we could switch which means we would have to notify them by April 1st of this year, to switch next year! Golden State is supposed to be providing a ballpark quote before our meeting, so I have put an item on the agenda to discuss this.

I was not happy with the way that our current carrier responded to our request for help with the water tank problem. They would barely even talk to me! I have worked with Golden State for almost 20 years now, and I like them.