

# CITY OF WESTMORLAND

## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** March 4, 2026  
**FROM:** Laura Bryant  
**SUBJECT:** Staff Report – Part-Time Manager

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### **Grants Awarded**

#### **1) Public Safety Building:**

**Update:** Matching Fund information on the agenda.

Congressional Funding has been approved for \$1M and USDA Disaster Relief Grant for Public Safety Building \$2.7 M for a total of \$3,837,500.

I met with ILG and USDA representatives and moving forward with the project through the RFQ process.

#### **2) SCAG REAP Grant-Downtown Overlay Project**

**Update:** Nothing new to report

Information is provided in the agenda packet.

#### **3) Expedited Drinking Water Grant (EDWG).**

**Update:** Letter were submitted to the Water Board. Ramiro will have additional information.

I am preparing a letter for Water Board to respond to the audit findings for FY 24. I will have it ready and submitted this week.

#### **4) PHLA Grant**

**Update:** No new information, waiting to get response from grantor.

Previous Info: I submitted the grant application for two years. Working with ILG Boost program we have developed the implementation plan. Once the grant is approved, we will bring more information to Council.

We should be ready to start the program within the next six months.

#### **5) CMAQ Sidewalk Improvements**

**Update:** No new information. Project design / engineering should be completed by May.

#### **6) Water – Drought Relief Funding of new filter at Water Plant and pipeline installation on 7<sup>th</sup> Street - \$2.9 M**

**Update:** The city does not need a single audit.

I have a request out to the State Water Board Finance to determine if a single audit is required for these funds. If they are, it will increase cost and we will need to bring this back to Council.

#### **7) AB 617 – Paving Projects -1<sup>st</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and City Hall Parking**

**Update:** We were awarded this grant for \$1.2M to widen 7<sup>th</sup> street and install sidewalks, curb and gutters from Martin to Center Streets.

Ramiro and I plan on attending the AB 617 meeting next Monday in Calipatria.

**We were not awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> street paving project or the City Hall parking lot paving project.**

**Finance:**

**8) Rate Study.**

**Update:** Public Hearing is scheduled for April 1, 2026 at 6pm at Council Chambers.  
The Public Hearing Notice was mailed and has been published.

**9) Public Safety ½ Cent Sales Tax.**

**Update:** No Update

I received word that all 25 years of submittals are under review.

We have received a total of \$58,646 for three years. I have prepared and submitted several documents and forms required to apply for our Public Safety ½ Cent Sales Tax from 2001 through 2026.

**10) Auditors and Accountants.**

**Update:** No Update.

Previous Info: I have been putting a lot of time and effort into getting our accounts in order for the audit. W2 reports are completed and sent to staff.

Staff is working with our accounting firm to get our trial balances submitted.

**Other administrative items in the works.**

- RDA ROPS

**Update:** The City's ROPS were accepted and approved by the Oversight board on 1/23/26.

- Park Design – Community Outreach

**Update:** No Update

We provided the QR Code in the utility bill for this month and we hope to get more results. I prepared a QR code to gather input from the community during the Honey Festival. The results will be shared at the meeting tomorrow.

**Hours worked.**

My timecard submitted on 2/23/2026 reported 42 hours worked.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Bryant