



## Utility Commission Divisional Update – Solid Waste

**Utility Commission Meeting Date:** August 15, 2025

**TO:** City of Lompoc Utility Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Divisional Update – July/August 2025

The Solid Waste Division is in the process of submitting the updated Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for the 5-year permit review. The 5-year SWFP update includes a survey of the Landfill, an aerial flyover, assessment of the flyover to determine remaining capacity and site life, a water release corrective action plan update, a non-water release corrective action plan update, updates to the Closure and Post-Closure maintenance plans and cost estimates, and updates to the Landfill Joint technical Document.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, new rates went into effect at the Lompoc Landfill pursuant to Resolution No. 6581 (23). The Landfill solid waste or trash rate will be \$110.00 per ton and the minimum load fee (up to 500 lbs.) will be \$27.00. Also, on July 1<sup>st</sup> new Residential and Commercial rates went into effect per Resolution No. 6581(23). New rates have been posted at the scale house and on the Division's website.

The Lompoc Landfill has taken quarterly surface emissions monitoring samples, perimeter monitoring gas probe samples and landfill gas well field readings as required by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

Staff submitted the Electronic Annual Report (EAR) to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The EAR is a summary of the Division's disposal and diversion programs and activities during 2024, demonstrating compliance with various state mandates including AB 939 (California Integrated Waste Management Act), AB 341 (Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law), AB 1826 (Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law), and SB 1383 (Short-Lived Climate Pollutants – Organic Waste Reduction Law).

In June 2025, the Lompoc Landfill received a total of 3,997 tons of material - 3,079 tons of trash, and 918 tons of recyclables and organics (e.g., green waste and food scraps). Disposed tons decreased by .5% compared to June 2024.

The Division submitted its semiannual Water Monitoring and Observation report for the period of January through June 2025. The report details and summarizes the Lompoc Landfill's ground water sampling and monitoring program pursuant to its Waste Discharge Requirements with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The water quality of the site's six groundwater monitoring wells was analyzed. The report's findings show the Lompoc Landfill has not impacted groundwater quality during this monitoring period.

Staff submitted its semiannual treated wood waste (TWW) report to the Department of Toxic Substances Control. The report details the loads of TWW received at the Landfill from households and commercial entities. A total of 51,460 pounds of TWW were received during this period - 17,520 lbs. from commercial handlers, and 33,940 lbs. from households.

Organic Waste (Food Scrap) & Greenwaste (lawn clippings and yard waste) should now be placed in customers green lid Organics (Greenwaste) containers (green lid container). The Organics collection is expanding the greenwaste collection (currently grass clippings, leaves, branches, and brush/shrubs), to include food scraps into the green lid container. The items acceptable in the Organics container (green lid container) are fruits, vegetables, breads, meats, fish, cheeses, eggshells, pizza, pasta, rice, coffee grounds and tea bags. The following items are NOT acceptable in the Organics container, Plastic bags, plastic wrap, plastic straws, food containers, Styrofoam, bottles, cans, aluminum, trash, fats, oil, or grease and liquids.

The Solid Waste Division has complimentary kitchen counter pails for City of Lompoc residents to recycle their Organic food scraps. The complimentary indoor kitchen pail is available for pick up from the City of Lompoc's Solid Waste Office, located at 1300 West Laurel Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Monday through Friday) The kitchen pails are also available for pick up at the City of Lompoc Library (501 E. North Avenue, during Library hours), and City Hall Lobby, during operating hours. The kitchen pail is a 1-gallon capacity kitchen counter container, available while supplies last. The kitchen pail provides a convenient way to collect your food scraps before depositing them in your Organics (Green lid) container.

The Solid Waste and Urban Forestry Division's held a FREE Compost and Mulch event on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at 1300 West Laurel Ave. The event had free compost and mulch (ground tree trimmings) for Lompoc residents.