



Utility Commission Divisional Update – Solid Waste

Utility Commission Meeting Date: September 4, 2025

TO: City of Lompoc Utility Commission

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update – September 2025

The Solid Waste Division has submitted the updated Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for the 5-year permit review to the Local Enforcement Agent and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery or CalRecycle. 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.

The Solid Waste Division's Trash Talk newsletter will be delivered with all customer's September Utility bills. Those receiving their Utility bill electronically, will receive the Trash Talk newsletter via email. The Trash Talk newsletter includes the upcoming Fall Holiday schedule, Food waste recycling information, and the numbers to call for illegal dumping and graffiti abatement.

The Solid Waste Division has submitted the 2025 first Semi-Annual compliance verification Report and compliance certification for the Lompoc Landfill to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control district pursuant to Part 70 permit No. 14703.

Solid Waste Staff has submitted its Oil Payment Program (OPP) Annual Report to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The report summarizes the Division's Used Oil and Filter Collection Program expenditures, collection volumes, and educational activities for fiscal year 2024/2025. During this reporting period, Lompoc collection centers recycled 23,250 gallons of used oil and approximately 2,500 used oil filters from do-it-yourselfers.

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).

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.