



Utility Commission Divisional Update – Solid Waste

Utility Commission

Meeting Date: October 13, 2025

TO: City of Lompoc Utility Commission

FROM: Keith Quinlan, Solid Waste Manager
k_quinlan@ci.lompoc.ca.us

CC: Mike Luther, Utility Director

SUBJECT: Divisional Update – September/October 2025

Solid Waste has submitted the 2025-2026 Wet Weather Preparedness Report for the Lompoc Landfill to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB) for the upcoming wet weather season. The report provides a listing of the activities undertaken to protect the landfill and stormwater during the rainy season, and the preparation activities will allow access to the site during rain events.

The Solid Waste Division has submitted the City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility's annual report (Form 303) to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery or CalRecycle for the 2024-2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection volumes.

On September 26th. Solid Waste in coordination with the Library and Bookmobile, participated in an event at Ryon Park called "Books and Bubbles" where the Solid Waste OSA, Raeanne Avila, read the children's book "Garbage Crew to the Rescue!" After the reading of the children's book Solid Waste Collections staff provided examples of our collection's vehicles in operation.

Solid Waste has submitted the Recycling and Disposal Reporting System (RDRS) 2nd Quarter report to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery or CalRecycle. The Landfill received a total of 9,451 tons of trash for the quarter. Of the 9,451 tons of trash, 7,914 tons or 84% came from the City of Lompoc and 1,537 tons or nearly 16% came from the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County surrounding the City and falling within the City's wasteshed.

The Solid Waste Division's Trash Talk newsletter is being 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 Landfill received 4,101 tons of trash, recycling, and organics (greenwaste/foodwaste) for the month of August 2025. The total tons recycled were 893 and the total tons disposed were 3,208

tons. The Landfill saw an increase of 4% decrease in trash tonnages for August 2025 over August 2024 tonnages.

5-Year Permit Review Submittal

Solid Waste staff submitted the Lompoc Landfill's 5-year permit review package to CalRecycle and the RWQCB. The permit review package consisted of the following documents:

- Solid Waste Facility Permit Application
- Results of an April 2025 aerial survey to determine current topography and remaining capacity
- Updated Water Release Corrective Action Plan and Cost Estimate
- Updated Non-Water Release Corrective Action Plan and Cost Estimate
- Updates to the Landfill's Joint Technical Document including the site's remaining capacity and site life analysis, revised final grading plan, updated topography map, fill sequencing plans, the As-Builts for the 2024 Drainage Improvement Project, new Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the RWQCB, revised Gas Monitoring and Control Plan, updated Closure and Post Closure Maintenance Cost Estimates, and updates to reflect current operations.

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 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.

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.