



Department Memorandum

DATE: October 8, 2025
TO: Utility Commission
FROM: Michael Luther, PE, Utility Director
SUBJECT: Wastewater Division October Commission Update

The Lompoc Regional Water Reclamation Plant (LRWRP) has submitted all required reports on time, and the following activities took place:

- The monthly Certification of “No-Spills” for August 2025 has been submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) through the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) data portal;
- A Wastewater operator conducted weekly services, and sampling for Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) 's two wastewater treatment units under contract with VSFB. The Wastewater Operations Supervisor submitted the August 2025 monthly operation report to VSFB report, as required by the contract;
- The Oxidation Ditch #2 cleaning and inspection has been complete. The tank has been filled and returned online the week ending September 13, 2025;
- Alger Consultants conducted an Ethics training on, September 11th at the WWTP;
- There are no spills to report from the City’s sewer collection system for the week of September 6 through September 14, 2025.
- Wastewater collection staff are working on routine cleaning on V Street and assisted Wastewater operators to remove duck weed from west SEETS tank.

The Wastewater Division is working with the Human Resource Department to fill the vacant Wastewater Manager position.

The Draft Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) and Enforcement Response Plan (ERP), updated in accordance with the requirements and recommendations in AOC Docket #CWA-309(a)-20-006, as well as the EPA’s and State’s additional comments were returned to the RWQCB on October 6, 2025 for final review and approval. Once staff receives written approval from the RWQCB the SUO and ERP will be scheduled for adoption by City Council within 60 days. The City originally submitted these documents to the EPA and RWQCB for approval over 4 years ago.

Our Chemist submitted the Application for Renewal Accreditation for our laboratory this week to the State Water Resources Control Board.

The Design contract for Headworks and Influent Meter Improvement Project (RFP No. 2025-RFP-015DW), which was presented to the Commission at the September meeting, was awarded by Council to GHD Inc. on October 7. The contract is for a not to exceed amount of \$745,761. All costs related to this project are included in the adopted Biennial Budget Fiscal Years 2025-27.