



## Utility Commission Divisional Update – Solid Waste

### Utility Commission

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**TO:** City of Lompoc Utility Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Divisional Update – February 2026

The Division's Trash Talk newsletter will be delivered to all residents and businesses in their March utility bill. For customers that have opted out of receiving a paper bill, the newsletter will be delivered via the email account on file. The Spring edition provides information on: how to participate in the City's recycling and organics (e.g., food scraps and green waste) collection programs, State Mandated Contamination Fees, Items that can be disposed of for Free and their locations, upcoming calendar events and holidays, and more.

The Landfill received 4,082 tons of trash, recycling, and organics (greenwaste/foodwaste) for the month of January 2026. The total tons recycled were 885 and the total tons disposed were 3,197 tons. The Landfill saw a 2.4% decrease in trash tonnages for January 2026 over January 2025 tonnages.

Staff submitted its 2025 Net Cost Report to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The City of Lompoc is an Approved Collector of electronic waste (E-Waste) with CalRecycle and receives E-Waste at the Lompoc Landfill and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility from households and businesses. Approved Collectors must submit annual reports by March 1st to describe the costs and revenues associated with the handling of Covered Electronic Wastes. In 2025, the Solid Waste Division recycled 169,200 pounds of E-Waste and of that 66,522 pounds were Covered Electronic Waste (e.g., Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT's), and flat screens).

Staff filed a Hazardous Waste Generation and Handling Fee Return with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for the hazardous waste generated in calendar year 2024. Sites that generate more than 5 tons of hazardous annually must file a return and pay fees of up to \$60.05/ton. Because the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility and the Lompoc Landfill receive hazardous wastes from offsite generators (households and businesses), these sites qualify for fee exemptions.

The City of Lompoc Landfill has submitted the 2025 annual report to The Carpet America Recovery Effort (C.A.R.E.) program. For 2025, the Landfill recycled 43.86 tons or 87,720 pounds of carpet and carpet padding. Residents and businesses can drop off carpet and padding (must be rolled up) for Free at the Lompoc Landfill.