



Utility Commission

Division Update – Wastewater

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TO: City of Lompoc Utility Commission

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update – March 2026

- Submitted the semiannual Compliance Verification Report (CVR) to Santa Barbara County's Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) for the period of July through December 2025. The Division holds a Permit to Operate from SBCAPCD which regulates emission sources from the Lompoc Landfill's operations and wood/green waste grinder. The CVR details the site's management of its landfill gas (e.g., methane) collection & control system and wood grinder, to demonstrate its compliance efforts with federal, state, and local air pollution requirements.
- Requested a waiver to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District. The request was approved and is to waive the requirement of performing portable analyzer emissions testing on the Landfill's grinder for Q1 2026. The grinder is currently in for repairs and has not been operational for most of 2026.
- Solid Waste and Engineering staff submitted redlines and reviewed comments on 90% construction bid designs and documents. The proposed project includes adding four new and one replacement, gas extraction wells at the Lompoc Landfill. The new wells are necessary to remediate subsurface gas from migrating off the disposal boundary and return to compliance with State minimum standards.

- Submitted a staff report for the April 21st City Council Agenda. The report is to request a change order authorization to the Division's purchase order with SWT Engineering, which is currently preparing construction bid documents for the Landfill's gas remediation project. The additional funding is needed for engineering support services during the construction phase of the project.
- Submitted a Scope of Work to the Purchasing Division to release a Request for Proposal for Organics Processing Services. The Landfill receives approximately 8,000 tons of organic wastes (green waste and food scraps) each year that are required to be diverted from landfill disposal pursuant to SB 1383. The City's organics are currently being composted by Engel & Gray, Inc. located in Santa Maria.
- Submitted a staff report for the April 21st City Council Agenda. The report is to request a change order authorization to the Division's purchase order with Engel & Gray, which provides organics processing services for green waste and food scraps received at the Lompoc Landfill. The increased funding will provide uninterrupted services through July 2026, while RFP results are completed.
- The Division's water quality consultant pulled groundwater samples from the Landfill's monitoring wells. Samples are required semiannually pursuant to the site's Waste Discharge Requirements (No. R3-2020-0001) with the Central Coast's Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- In February 2026, the Lompoc Landfill received a total of 3,552 tons of material – 2,835 tons of trash, and 717 tons of recyclables and organics (e.g., green waste and food scraps). Disposed tons decreased by 3% compared to February 2025. Tonnage reports for the Lompoc Landfill were sent to CalRecycle and the Local Enforcement with Santa Barbara County's Environmental Health Services.
- Prepared and uploaded the Landfill's 4th quarter 2025 report to CalRecycle's Recycling and Disposal Reporting System (RDRS). RDRS is CalRecycle's electronic online data system for tracking the types and quantities of materials that businesses and facilities sell, transfer, or dispose of in California. It provides CalRecycle with a detailed understanding of the Lompoc Landfill's material flows and the origin of the waste it receives. Furthermore, RDRS helps CalRecycle monitor progress toward the state's 75% recycling goal and mandatory commercial organics diversion programs.
- The Division's Analyst and Program Technician conducted inspections to ensure businesses are following front-of-house (FOH) requirements designated under SB 1383 (i.e., California's Organic Waste Reduction Law), which requires food facilities to provide proper waste containers for the waste generated (e.g., food scraps, recyclables and trash). Site visits include providing educational materials, offering free resources, and scheduling follow-up visits.

- The Division received funding for over \$11,000 from CalRecycle's City/County Payment Program. The funding will be utilized to support front-of-house container requirements for restaurants located within the City, curbside recycling containers, classroom presentations on waste reduction, and registration at California's Resource Recovery Association Conference.
- Submitted the Division's electronic Verification Questionnaire (eVQ). The eVQ report is required for hazardous waste generators with an active EPA Identification number. The report details the manifested, and unmanifested wastes, shipped during calendar year 2025.
- Upcoming Earth Day Celebration: Saturday, April 18th, from 10AM to 12PM at the City Corporate Yard (1300 W. Laurel Ave.), the Solid Waste and Urban Forestry Divisions are providing FREE compost and mulch to residents. Additionally, the Beautification and Appearance Commission will be tabling to discuss local events and issues with attendees.