



# Agenda Report

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**Agenda of:** 03/25/2025

**Department:** Public Works

**Subject:** Utility Policy Revision – vehicle wash facility requirement for recycle water

**Recommended Motion:** Move to revise the utility policy for Section 9, page 11 as follows:

9. Commercial Vehicle Wash Facilities

- A. All new commercial vehicle wash facilities shall promote sustainable water use and conservation through the implementation of water recycling systems and other water-saving measures.
- B. All commercial vehicle wash facilities shall install and maintain a water recycling system that captures, treats, and recycles a minimum of fifty (50) percent of water from previous vehicle rinses in subsequent vehicle washes. Plans for the recycling system shall be included in permit applications. These plans shall show the mechanics of the recycling system and how much water is saved during wash cycles.

**Background:** As requested by the council, we reviewed requirements from other municipalities and found that few had any recycling requirements for commercial car wash facilities. In an effort to improve water conservation for the City of Castroville we determined that requiring new car wash facilities to include a process for recycling used water and any other conservation measures that would be beneficial to them and the city.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

Budgeted    Requires Budget Amendment

**Source of Funding:** Account Code:

**Attachments:** Utility Policy with proposed revision in red.

**Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency):**

**Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact):**

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