

City of Dripping Springs

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Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	05/20/2024
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month May 2024
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Heritage Treated effluent line under construction

Driftwood effluent line - Construction to start 8/15/24

Big Sky Package Plant – Construction has Started

Upcoming projects:

Howard Ranch – Treated Effluent tap

Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station - design

Heritage lift station – easements

Anarene (Double L) - Water and Wastewater plans under review

Wild Ridge (Cynosure) - Water and Wastewater plans under review

Village Grove – Wastewater plans under review

New Growth –Wastewater plans under review

South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:

The Supreme Court has requested additional briefing. Final briefings have been submitted. There is no timeline on how quickly they decide whether they will hear oral arguments or dismiss the case.

No new updates on the TLAP Amendment 2 contested case.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:

Stage 2 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility had one effluent violation for the month of May. The e coli sample for 5/27 had a result of 186 MPN. We believe this was due to an issue with chlorine bottles losing potency as they became close to being empty.

National Works continues to work on the WWLA manhole rehab. This will rehab 46 manholes and add vented lids along the route. 27 have been completed so far.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:

The city is working with AUC on the plant expansion. Construction started on 6/10 and are currently working on foundations. Construction should be completed mid-July. The GST and the drip fields have not gone out for bid yet. We need these to come into compliance, however from an operation standpoint the additional capacity in the plant is what is needed to improve effluent quality.

We had 5 violations resulting from over wasting and process water pump failure. We were able to amend our wasting schedule and fix the process water and have seen an increase in effluent quality in the first several samples of June. Effluent violation occurred on 5/7,5/14,5/23, and 5/28. There was also a violation for the monthly averages of BOD and TSS.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

We have started billing for Reclaimed water. There is an item on the 6/18 City Council meeting to install irrigation at the adult softball fields at Sports and Rec Park and also prepare the park infrastructure to take in reclaimed water for irrigation.

Commission Recommendations:	
Recommendations:	
Actions by Other	
Jurisdictions/Entities:	
Previous Action:	
Recommended Action:	
Alternatives/Options:	
Budget/Financial Impact:	
Attachments:	
Related Documents at	
City Hall:	
Public Notice Process:	
Public Comments:	
Enforcement Issues:	
Comprehensive Plan	
Element:	
Next Step/Schedule:	