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Staff Report from: Gray Lahrman

Commission Meeting Date:	October 15, 2026
Item Wording:	Utilities Staff Report for the month of September, 2026
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood Treated Effluent Pond – The Effluent Pond is under construction. Substantial completion date March 3, 2027.

Driftwood 150 TE and Sewer –Discussion regarding Phase 2 construction to be under Santa Clara's contract. We anticipate a 3–4-week stagger on projects.

West Interceptor Segment 2 - Contractor is installing the last portion of gravity main across the creek and is scheduled to complete the project in early November 2026.

South Collector –Construction will begin October 2026.

Village Grove *571 LUE's*–Pump and Haul up to 75 LUE's. TLAP WWTP to be start construction in October 2026.

Carter Ranch 285 LUE's- Infrastructure has been constructed. Majority of the system will be operated by Si Enviro until capacity has been added at the SRWRF WWTP. At that point, the City will take over the infrastructure and operation of the wastewater system.

Cannon Ranch Lift Station/ Heritage Diverted Lift Station/East Interceptor – Design and easements procurement underway. Cost analysis on lift station configuration is under discussion.

Anarene (Double L) *3,393 LUE's*– Phase 1 Construction has started. Lift Station construction under review. Pump and Haul plans approved for 250 LUE's, covering all of Phase 1 lots.

Wild Ridge (Cynosure) *1,050 LUE's*–Water and wastewater plan under review.

Fellers – Tri point *18 LUE's*– Pump and Haul has been approved for 12 LUE's.

South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update: Plans are to have the bid awarded by January 2026. This facility will add 399,000 gallons of treatment after the initial phase of construction.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update: Stage 3 watering restrictions in effect for all City of Dripping Springs water customers as of August 25,2026. Temporary Stage 4 watering restrictions to go into effect on October 7, 2026 due to WTCPUA's repair efforts on leaking main.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report: The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility had violations for BOD for month of September 2026. Plant conditions have shown improvement. Staff looking into supplemental air for the aeration basin. Current BOD daily average of 5.13mg/l and permit limits to 5.0 mg/l.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update: No Violations during the month of September 2026 and continues to operate within permit limits. 58,900 gallons daily average flow. Plant is currently operating within permit limits.

Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update: The Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant operated with 1 violation in the month of September 2026. Filter pumps stuck in a backwash cycle were determined to be the cause of this issue and the problem has been resolved. Plant is currently operating within permit limits.

Reclaimed Water: A total of 3,162,000 gallons of reclaimed water were utilized this month for irrigation and construction purposes, including:

- Fill Station: 553,000 gallons hauled
- Sports Park: 2,177,500 gallons
- Founders Park: 430,800 gallons

Commission 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:	