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Staff Report from: Gray Lahrman

Commission Meeting Date:	August 20, 2026
Item Wording:	Utilities Update for the month of July, 2026
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood 150 TE and Sewer – Phase 1 Under substantial completion. Phase 2 TE line will wait until South Collector has started and will come in behind them once they are far enough ahead to avoid conflict.

West Interceptor Segment 2 –Creek crossing is currently waiting on cofferdam installation review from the manufacturer. Rain events have caused delays.

South Collector –City Council approved awarding bid to Santa Clara Construction on 7/21. Construction scheduled to begin on 9/16/26

Village Grove –WWTP Plans approved and preconstruction meeting to be scheduled soon.

Carter Ranch –Development under construction and all utilities have been installed. Majority of system will be operated by Si Enviro until capacity has been added at the SRWRF WWTP.

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

Anarene (Double L) – Phase 1 Construction has started. ~3,300 LUE's total when all future phases are constructed.

Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review.

Fellers – Tri point – New development with 18 homes. Temp P&H plans approved

South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update: Bid package will be presented to City Council on 9/1/2026. Notice to Proceed with construction will be this December.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update: Stage 2 watering restrictions remain in effect for all City of Dripping Springs water customers as of April 1, 2026.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report: The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility has two violations for month of July 2026. With an average of 137,000 TLAP and 3.34 for NTU. TLAP fields had extra flow due to unplanned construction on permitted 210 irrigation system in the Caliterra development

We are exploring temporary sludge processing alternatives to support operational Expansion Project is complete.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update: No Violations during the month of July 2026.

GST has been deemed to be at a total loss and has been demolished.

Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update: The Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant operated with no violations in the month of July 2026 and continues to operate within permit effluent limitations.

Reclaimed Water: A total of 1,994,000 gallons of reclaimed water were utilized this month for irrigation and construction purposes, including:

- Fill Station: 226,000 gallons hauled
- Sports Park: 1,331,000 gallons
- Founders Park: 437,000 gallons
- Village Grove Construction: Account has been closed, no longer in service.

Texas Water Development Board Funding: The application to the TWDB for additional funding request for \$53,000,000 was approved. The TWDB Supply Infrastructure Grant application for a Direct Potable Reuse project was submitted on 7/30/2026. If awarded, the scope would include an update to the City's 2015 DPR feasibility study and an advanced purification pilot.

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:	