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Staff Report from: Gray Lahrman

Commission Meeting Date:	September 17, 2026
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month of August, 2026
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood Treated Effluent Pond – Notice to proceed was issued September 3, 2026. Pond size 15 million gallons. Pond will be effluent storage to irrigate the Driftwood Golf Course.

Driftwood 150 TE and Sewer – Phase 1 has been completed. Discussion regarding Phase 2 construction to be under Santa Clara's contract. We anticipate a 3–4-week stagger on projects. Sept 16th is the start date for South Collector.

West Interceptor Segment 2 – Cofferdam #2 should be in next week for the final leg of the interceptor to be built.

South Collector –Construction scheduled to begin on 9/16/26.

Village Grove 571 LUE's–Preconstruction meeting for Village Grove Plant scheduled for the week of 9/7/2026

Carter Ranch 285 LUE's–Development under construction and all utilities have been installed. Majority of the 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. Cost analysis on lift station configuration is under discussion.

Anarene (Double L) 3,393 LUE's– Phase 1 Construction has started.

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

Fellers – Tri point 18 LUE's– New development with 18 homes. Temp P&H plans approved. P&H 12 LUE's then can use 18 when the plant has expanded.

South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update: Pushed the date of bid package to council to October. We plan to have bid awarded by January 2026.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update: Stage 3 watering restrictions in effect for all City of Dripping Springs water customers as of August 25,2026.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report: The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility has 2 violations for month of August 2026. One for Turbidity daily average of 3.93 above and one for the daily average of 134,000 TLAP. TLAP fields had extra flow due to unplanned construction on permitted 210 irrigation system in the Caliterra development

Plant characteristics show improvement and are currently in permit limits.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update: No Violations during the month of August 2026 and continues to operate within permit effluent limitations. New GST has been constructed and testing is scheduled.

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

Reclaimed Water: A total of 2,146,000 gallons of reclaimed water were utilized this month for irrigation and construction purposes, including:

- Fill Station: 207,000 gallons hauled
- Sports Park: 1,481,100 gallons
- Founders Park: 457,600 gallons

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:	