

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

City Council Meeting: May 08, 2025

Department: Public Works

Subject: Monthly meter replacement report

BACKGROUND

The La Vernia Public Works Department is actively engaged in the city-wide meter replacement project. To date, 313 meters have been successfully installed out of a total of 847 accounts. The initial priority remains the replacement of broken or zero-consumption meters. These are identified and assigned as work orders in the Sentryx system, enabling Public Works to target the necessary replacements efficiently. Currently, there are 6 open work orders, with 20 broken or zero-read meters.

We hoped to reach a higher number than above, we had some unexpected projects come up. Park tree removal and sign replacement, helping PD in the new building, redid the manhole in the middle of Newton, quite a bit of locating for contractors, while changing out meters some of the service lines have broke- these typically take a whole day to change out.

GOAL

To complete all outstanding work orders and continue with new meter installations until all 840 are completed. Public Works has set a target of installing 60 additional meters by the next City Council meeting. Get the larger meters installed that are reading at zero consumption.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Each meter installation ensures residents and businesses receive accurate, functional service readings, improving overall utility reliability and billing accuracy.