



## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** TOM DUBOIS, CITY MANAGER  
**MEETING DATE:** JUNE 15, 2026  
**FROM:** DAN LAFONTAINE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR MAY 2026

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**Objective:** The objective of this staff report is to provide a monthly status update regarding activities within the Public Works Department.

### **Collection System Status:**

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#### *CIP work*

- On May 6, 2026, a team of public works staff and Schneider staff toured Rammco to better understand their operation and discuss operation of the site with the operators. The last tank is gravity fed into the sewer connection. City staff were not able to correlate any operational scenario to account for the increased BOD. City staff are collecting Rammco samples the week of May 11.
- Staff have identified 6 project areas of the collection system (based on flow meter data collected in 2024) for I/I projects in 2026. We have identified 3 critical projects (cost estimates are at 500K) to further combat I/I and 3 operational projects (cost estimates are at 300K) that would reduce our operations budget (responding to Sanitary Sewer Overflows). Based on the initial budget projections we assume that the collection system will have approximately 500K to spend on capital projects and the 3 critical projects will be included for 2026. The project locations are below:
  - Area A - Replace 600-feet of 6-inch line (P-132) from City Hall to Walser by open cut
  - Area B - Repair 1 foot gap of 6-inch pipe in the line from MH-97 to MH-99A on Gopher Flat
  - Area C - Partial Replacement of creek line 400-feet (200-feet open cut and 200-feet pipe bursting)

#### *SSMP Activity*

##### *Calls for service.*

- 5/13/2026 - 44 Badger Street, City main plugged, cleared line and remediated spill.

##### *Sewer System Cleaning and Maintenance.*

- In May 2026 there were 230ft Lineal feet of pipe cleaned. The total footage cleaned for the calendar year 2026 is 7,740 ft vs 14,676 feet in 2025.

## Wastewater Treatment Plant Status:

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The WWTP met all the effluent quality discharge requirements for the month of March 2026.

**Table 1. Monthly Status of required reporting constituents.**

Constituent	Monthly Results	Monthly Limits
Monthly Influent Flow	10.709 MG 0.332 MGD daily avg	0.48 mgd <sup>1</sup>
Effluent BOD, mg/L	<11 mg/L	30 mg/l
Effluent Settleable Matter, mL/L	< 0.1 mL/L	0.5 ml/l
Effluent TSS, mg/L	15 mg/L	30 mg/l
Total Coliform, MPN	< 1.8 MPN	23 MPN
Sludge Wasted	35,592 gallons	
Rain	.98in.	32.80 in. YTD -24.15" Last YTD

<sup>1</sup> The 0.48 MGD is daily dry weather flow (May through October).

*Plant Compliance Issues:* The monthly April 2026 report was electronically submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

### *Operational Strategy Modifications:*

- The rag bin was hauled on May 19, 2026
- We continued normal sludge wasting in May with 35K gallons dewatered.
- Rotostrainer #4 has broken the end of the shaft and has been taken offline. The drum will need to be removed and taken to a machine shop for welding. This work will be scheduled and will be completed prior to the rainy season (October 2026)
- The new Aerator has been received at the WWTP. The E-pond weeds have mostly died and are starting to break and sink. More time is needed for the dead weeds to sink to the bottom before the Aerator is installed and turned on to keep the weeds out.
- A new representative for Thatcher (chemical supplier) contacted the City to discuss safety concerns over the chemical storage piping. On May 18, operators took a tour of the WWTP to discuss concerns with chlorine and ferric chloride piping. The Thatcher rep told the plant that chlorine piping would need to be supported (one clamp had failed). Ferric piping will need to be replaced due to the age of the piping. Operators will work on the piping as soon as time permits.
- Schneider is working on the new WWTP design. The initial cost estimate is scheduled to be presented to the WWTP team on July 2, 2026.

## **Effluent Disposal**

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- The City opened our valve to begin sending wastewater to Ione on April 1, 2026. Ione began taking ARSA water on May 6, 2026. Wastewater will be sent from each jurisdiction for a few months to ensure that both parties are able to dispose of all their wastewater. Currently (as of May 28) the reservoirs have around 288 acre-feet in the ARSA system. We continue to send around 125 gallons per minute from Henderson down the system to Preston and ultimately the Ione golf course. As the season continues Ione will switch from ARSA to CDCR water. On June 1, 2026, Ione will begin taking CDCR water for one month.
- *Henderson Underdrain* – On May 8, 2026 the City submitted a technical memo to address DSOD concerns about the underdrain project. In the letter ARSA asked for the project to be closed without completing the liner and one follow up ROV monitor. If DSOD accepts this tech memo, Hydrosiences will prepare a final design request for the modifications.
- The City mobilized to Bowers irrigation to install the longer flow meter but the valves that isolate flow were stuck and could not be operated. The contractor is looking for rebuild kits to procure. Once those are procured, the flow meter installation can resume.
- Ongoing maintenance of the cattle water troughs along the pipeline are occurring.
- Daily flow checks and level readings
- Weed and rodent abatement at the three reservoirs.
- Send weekly updates to the Regional Board on reservoir levels and volumes.

## **Service Requests**

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Responded to eleven (11) service requests in April:

- Three were for streets issues;
- Two were for facilities issues;
- Two were for park issues;
- Two were for a sewer issues;
- Two were for tree issues

## Streets and City Right of Way.

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- The mandatory prebid meeting was held on May 14, 2026. Fifteen potential bidders were present and will be allowed to bid on the project. On June 2, 2026 bids were opened from 6 bidders. The three lowest of the bids is listed below.

Bidding Company	Base Bid Price	Additive alternative	Total Qualified Bid
Campbell Construction	477,420.00	139,965.00	617,385.00
Consolidated Engineering	593,662.00	122,555.00	716,217.00
Dirt Dynasty	639,170.50	179,307.00	818,477.50

The lowest responsible qualified bidder was Campbell Construction at a base bid of \$477,420.00. Council will be asked to accept and award the lowest qualified bid at this council meeting (June 15, 2026). Assuming that contract negotiations proceed in a timely manner, construction will begin in August 2026. The construction window is 30 days. Once the construction is finished the moratorium will go into effect on the road for five (5) years. Notices went out to all affected parties to ensure they are aware of the no dig policy on May 28, 2026.

- Plans are in effect to do further cleaning of brush on Old Sutter Hill Road by the PW team with the boom truck from the City of Jackson. It is anticipated that the road will be closed on June 17, 2026. PW crew will remove all accessible leaning trees (the ones that Calfire would not drop due to liability concerns). The PW team will work with the Amador Fire Protection Services to remove the trees from the road to either of the burn piles.
- On May 4, 2026, a walkthrough was conducted with the City and AWA to review the paving on Broadway, Borgh, and Eureka. The City prepared a punch list and gave that to Amador Water Agency (AWA). To date the punch list items are being addressed.
- On May 13, 2026 around 1 am a tree fell on Sutter Hill Road. The tree blocked part of the Southbound lane and Sutter Creek Fire Protection District cut the top off and resumed traffic. Calfire chopped up the tree and it was moved to the minehead on May 15, 2026.
- During April confirmation samples were taken from Elm Street and tested positive for free and total chlorine. Discussions between AWA and the City are being conducted to get a field visit to determine the best course of action. AWA is currently scheduling the meeting.
- Potholes - Main Street, Columbia way, and the top of Old Sutter Hill Rd had potholes after the last rain in May. A new rep came by and gave us some new asphalt mix bags to use for free. The City is currently using this mix to determine the durability.

- On May 12, 2026 a resident at 300 Spanish Street called to say that bees had infested an old PG&E power pole. Public works responded and determined that the bees had nested at the ground level in an old pole that should be removed. PG&E was contacted and the bees were relocated and the pole was removed.

## **Parks and Facilities**

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- Pool time - The pool has been cleaned, the grass is cut, the bathrooms are clean and the shade sails are up. Our new Pool director conducted life guard training on May 26 with assistance from Sutter Creek PD and Amador Fire Protection District. A new diving board is being installed with the Duck Race money and should last for a long time. The pool officially opens on June 6 and runs all summer through August 9th. We look forward to having everyone enjoy the facilities.
- We received a very welcome surprise in May when Calfire called and informed us that they had a week of free time to dedicate to clearing brush from Sutter Creek. On May 11, 12, 2026, the Calfire crew was in town working on the fallen tree debris on Rayland (1.5 days). On May 14 and 15, 2026 the Calfire crew performed brush work at the City Cemetery. On June 1 and 2, 2026, Cal Fire was able to return and helped beautify Gateway and the front of Sutter Hill Rd. See pictures of all the Calfire crew work below:





- The City's heat and air contractor came to the site to look at the installation of an HVAC system in the auditorium. A new power drop will most likely be required to accomplish this as the existing panel is fully occupied. A proposal will be sent to the City in June and reviewed.
- The drinking fountain in Minnie Provis park was found to be nonoperational due to the PFAS filter becoming clogged and the push button breaking. Spare parts were received on May 7, 2026. Repairs were made and the drinking fountain has been placed back into service.
- On January 27, 2026, A-1 leak detection was onsite to help Public works determine the location of the water leak at the Center park. The technician could not find a “smoking

gun” during his inspection. Public works recently became aware that until this leak can be stopped the drinking fountain at miners bend will be non-operational. Public works installed stub-ups and gauges and tried to locate the source of the leak. Due to the leak being bigger than expected, the gauges that were bought were not sensitive enough to determine the location of the leak. Smaller gauges (0-10 psi) have been procured and another attempt to locate the leak will be initiated in June.