



CITY OF LOMITA CITY COUNCIL REPORT

TO: City Council **Item No. {{section.number}}h**

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MEETING DATE: December 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for the Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the report.

BACKGROUND

Water Division Updates

Cypress Water Production Facility (CWPF) and Distribution System Updates

Staff met with the Hazen and Sawyer project management team on December 10. Staff provided updates on the status of part ordered, shipment dates, and upcoming training dates in order to begin testing. The most significant piece of equipment in transit is the Variable Frequency Drive, which we hope to receive by the end of the month. This device is critical to ensuring the water well operates correctly with the new upgrades made at the Plant. Staff also finalized the task list schedule which was shared with the Division of Drinking Water to reengage conversations to finalize the permit on schedule for Spring 2025.

Staff continues to participate in meetings with West Basin, MWD, and LA Department of Water and Power (DWP) to construct a new emergency connection with LADWP to support a request for a shutdown of a West Basin connection, WB-08A. MWD has postponed the request for shutdown, but staff is still working to finalize project details for the new emergency connection construction. Lomita staff met with representatives from Cal Water on December 9, 2024 to resume discussions from 2001 about the possible installation of a new interconnection in the Harbor Hills area. A meter connection is being explored as a phased approach that would involve less time, resources and permitting to move this project along. A records search for mutual aid agreements is underway and if none exists, will be brought before the City Council in the near future.

Water Sources Update – November 2024	
Well No. 5	Offline
Groundwater Pumped	0.0 acre-feet
MWD Imported Water	154.4 acre-feet

Water News: <https://www.lomitawater.com/news/>

Water Quality Reports: <https://www.lomitawater.com/oversight/water-quality-reports/>

CWPF Tours: <https://www.lomitawater.com/water-tours/>

Water Division Performance Measures – November 2024	
Main Breaks/Leak Repairs	1
Service Connection Breaks/Leaks	0
Water Outages	1
Water Service Requests	73
USA Dig-Alert Tickets	126
Dead-end Fire Hydrant Flushing	6
Meter Maintenance	3
Inspection of Water Facilities	Daily
Water Quality Complaints	0

Public Works & Engineering Division Updates

Engineering Division

Capital Improvement Projects updates are available as Exhibit 1 to this report.

Public Works & Engineering Admin. Division Updates – November 2024	
Encroachment Permits Reviewed	11
Encroachment Permits Issued	7
Traffic Investigation Requests Reviewed by Technical Traffic Advisory Committee (TTAC)	0
Traffic Investigation Requests Approved for Public Safety and Traffic Commission (PSTC) Review	0
Current Grant Applications	2

Public Safety & Traffic

The Public Safety & Traffic Commission (PSTC) met in November. PSTC received an update on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), CIPs, and community events. The Technical Traffic Advisory Committee (TTAC) did not have a November meeting, due to the holiday and met in early December. That update will be included in the December monthly report.

City staff has continued to virtually attend the PV Peninsula Project coordination meetings to share information about the Narbonne South project and learn about any projects impacting Lomita.

External Funding

The request for Federal Community Project funding was included in the final draft of a House bill, which passed through the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee. Next step will be for the project to be considered in the final spending bill which will include earmarks for many projects that help fund local government projects. It is anticipated this will occur in December. If approved, these funds are earmarked for the Tom Rico Roof Replacement Project.

Staff submitted a grant application to the State's Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP) to support planned CIPs. The City requested \$4 million, unfortunately the City was informed that the City's proposal was not selected for funding.

Staff has applied for \$15,000 grant through the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Exchange Program. If approved, these funds will be used to purchase a new electric riding lawn mover.

Public Works Field Operations Division (Parks/Street/Trees) Updates

Parks Division – November 2024	
Mowed Park Grounds, number of times	38
Playground Safety Inspections	12
Raised Median/Planter Weeding	21
Park Grounds Fertilize	5
Museum/City Hall Grounds Maintenance	10
Sprinkler Repair/Replacement	41
Trimmed Hedges/Trees (City grounds)	21

In addition, the Parks Team has continued irrigation system repairs.

Streets and Trees Division – November 2024	
Trees Trimmed (by Crew)	92
Trees Trimmed (by Contractor)	0
Graffiti Locations Cleaned	85
City Drains Cleaned	140
Street Signs Replaced or Repaired	22
Potholes Filled / Patches	89

New work order requests	19
Backlog of work orders	156
Total Trees Planted	4

The Street/Tree Team finished the annual storm drain cleaning of the City and County storm drains (as per the agreement). The Tree team also focused on the annual fall tree trimming.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Capital Improvement Projects Update
2. Public Works Photo Highlights

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