

August 2026 Superintendent's Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Operators performed routine repair and maintenance to the WWTP in August of 2026.
- Operators completed some treatment plant painting projects.
- Ghilotti Construction is expected to return the week of 8/31 to resume work on the Recycled Water Upgrade project. Delays were related to the time it took United Rentals (approximately a month) to clean and remove equipment.
- Arezen Service technicians were on site 8/11. They installed a new cooling fan and conducted annual service on the turbo blower. The blower is back in service, Technicians are recommending an upgrade to the VFD. Estimates are around \$25,000. In theory this should prolong the life of our current blower by an additional 10 years. A new, replacement blower is currently quoted at \$115,000, excluding installation. We are awaiting additional details.
- Fort Bragg electric was on site 8/11/26 and 8/19. FBE reported that one of our sludge pumps is in failure and the other is in poor shape. It appears to be the result of the de-watering project. GHD is investigating if grant funds can be used to replace the pumps. We received an estimate of approximately \$32,000 to purchase two new pumps direct from the manufacturer.
- The Ford service truck was taken in for a re-call repair.
- There were zero (0) after-hours alarm callouts for the month as of August 26, 2026.
- The Report of Waste Discharge Documents for NPDES permit renewal were submitted 8-17-2026
- The monthly CASGEM groundwater report was turned in on August 19, 2026, to the County.

Outfall: Alpha diving reported one diver recovering from a minor medical issue but expects them to recover soon and to inspect our outfall in the coming months.

Biosolids:

- Operators did not transport any biosolids in August of 2026.
- Ghilotti will be transporting the grit that was removed and stored in the drying bed during de-watering, now that the United equipment has been removed.

Recycled Water:

- MCCSD did not produce or transfer any recycled water for the month.

Grants and Projects:

-As noted last month, the de-watering of the treatment plant aeration basin in July was very successful. One of MCCSD's permitted drying beds was used for temporary grit and sludge storage. The drying bed worked as designed. No noticeable odors, flies, or other potential nuisances were observed around the drying bed. No odor complaints were received; in fact, we received compliments for successfully completing the work without impacting the music festival. We are still waiting on an updated schedule to learn when boring work under Hwy 1 intends to begin. We should know more once Ghilotti re-mobilizes and returns to work.

-Carollo Engineers continue work on their preliminary engineering report for treatment plant redundancy and lift station upgrades.

Safety Meeting and Plant Safety Inspections:

The 30-minute monthly safety meeting was held on August 27, 2026. The topic was *Fire Safety*. No safety incidents were reported for the period.

Sanitary Sewer Collection System:

There are no Sanitary Sewer overflows to report for the period April 12, 2023- August 26, 2026.