

City of Venice Utilities Department Closing of Wastewater Treatment Facility

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Implementation plan

- The COV wastewater treatment facility will be closed and instead residents will use neighborhood bathrooms.
 - Bathroom sites will be where lift-stations currently are located since lift-stations will no longer be needed.
 - Neighborhood bathroom facilities will utilize composting toilets and the existing lift-station pumps will be used to pump, the excess liquids that are generated from toilets and showers, into the reclaim water system to produce nutrient rich water to fertilize lawns and gardens

Neighborhood bathrooms

- Neighborhood bathroom facilities will utilize composting toilets/showers and the generated compost can be sold as fertilizer with employees receiving discounted rates
- The existing lift-station pumps will be used to pump, the excess liquids that are generated, into the reclaim water system. This will produce nutrient rich water to fertilize local lawns and gardens

Economical Reasons For Closing the Plant

- By closing the COV wastewater treatment facility over \$1 million will be saved each year in operating expenses
- Customers will see a decrease in their utility bill since the neighborhood bathroom fee will be much lower than the current sewer fee.
- Residents who have an active bladder will no longer be penalized with a higher bill, instead every resident will pay an equal monthly neighborhood bathroom fee

No Job Loss

- Currently the wastewater operators are at the plant 24/7. After implementation they will provide transportation to the neighborhood bathrooms for any residents who call or schedule
- A local resident says that with transportation to his scheduled showers he thinks that his personal hygiene may increase
- Wastewater mechanics will assist with transportation and also maintain the composting toilets and nutrient rich water distribution pumps

Expected Federal Government OK

- With guaranteed cost savings and a sure fire local produce increase we expect the President to override the overreaching rules from the environmental protection agency (EPA) that govern wastewater to allow this plan to be a success!
- We ask for council approval to bring the proposal forward to the President to that he can override EPA rules.