

Plan for Services

Cal Poly / City of San Luis Obispo LAFCO application 12/23/2024

Detachment from the City of San Luis Obispo of an area less than five (5) acres is proposed to correspond to property lines modified by an associated right-of-way abandonment and to clean up historical inconsistencies at Cal Poly/City boundary limits. All City and University services will continue as existing, and in accordance with existing agreements.

Fire Service: The City of San Luis Obispo provides fire service to Cal Poly. Existing service will continue. Mutual aid agreements are in place with the County and the State as needed.

Police Service: Cal Poly University Police is the first responder for the campus. Mutual aid agreements are in place with the City and the County.

Storm Drainage & Roads: Existing City streets along Cal Poly frontage will remain within City limits and will continue to be owned and maintained by the City of San Luis Obispo. Storm drain facilities will be maintained as existing.

Water Service: The City and Cal Poly have an agreement for water and sewer services (see attached agreement dated 4/29/2021). Cal Poly obtains its water supply allocation from Whale Rock Reservoir. The University is exempt from all City Water Source of Supply costs as it has its own source of supply in Whale Rock Reservoir and as a member agency of the Whale Rock Commission pays separately for its water supply costs. It is agreed that the University will pay the City to provide water supply operational resiliency from other City water supplies to prevent service interruption when the University's water supply from Whale Rock Reservoir is unavailable.

Service agreements between the City and Cal Poly date back to 1993. The City and the University agreed in 1998, 2003, 2007, and 2012 to a rate structure which ties the University to the City's approved non-residential rate structure, including monthly fixed charges, and periodic rate review, while reflecting the University's unique differences from other City customers. The agreement was updated in 2021 to address upgrades that the City was constructing at both its Water Treatment Plant and Water Resource Recovery Facility.

The City of San Luis Obispo treats potable water from the University's Whale Rock allocation, and delivers potable water to the University. It is agreed that the University will maintain its capacity interest in the City's Water Treatment Plant equivalent to a maximum of 1,000 acre-feet per year at a daily volume not to exceed 893,000 gallons daily, and not to exceed a peak day maximum flow rate of 1.44 million gallons daily (mgd). The City's Water Energy Efficiency project at its Water Treatment Plant ensures continuing compliance with drinking water quality regulations as well as modernize certain components of the facility. The University agreed to pay a percentage of costs per the 2021 agreement. Per the agreement, the University will identify water service needs, design, and construct necessary pipelines and storage, including University capital contributions to City systems, prior to the University adding demand to the City's water distribution or treated water storage system, to mitigate all impacts to the City's water distribution or treated water storage system.

Sewer Service: The City and Cal Poly have an agreement for water and sewer services (see attached agreement dated 4/29/2021). The City and the University also have a long relationship with regard to the City's Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Collection System, and Water Resource Recovery Facility, with service agreements that date back to 1993. The agreement was updated in 2021 to address upgrades that the City was constructing at both its Water Treatment Plant and Water Resource Recovery Facility. The University agreed to pay a percentage of costs per the 2021 agreement.

The City of San Luis Obispo treats wastewater from Cal Poly, including collection, pretreatment, and treatment. It is agreed that the University will maintain its capacity interest in the City's Water Resource Recovery Facility equivalent to a total daily volume of 0.471 mgd. The University's current capacity interest in the wastewater collection system is a peak flow rate of 833 gallons per minute (1.2 mgd), required due to infiltration and inflow and wet weather peak flows. For wastewater collection, the University has agreed to maintain its capacity interest in the City's wastewater collection system at the peak flow rate of 1.2 mgd level. As the City's Water Resource Recovery Facility can discharge up to 5.1 million gallons of treated effluent daily (up to 5.4 million gallons daily in 2022), the University's capacity share is 9.24 percent of the facility.

The City and University agree to communicate in the planning of its facilities to ensure that adequate capacity in the City's Water Treatment Plant, potable water distribution system, treated water storage system, wastewater collection system, and wastewater treatment facility (Water Resource Recovery Facility) is available to meet the University's current and projected needs. The University agrees to provide the City with its development, demand, and population projections annually in its partnership meetings, which shall include an analysis of the University's water treatment, potable water distribution and storage system, and wastewater collection system and treatment capacity needs as planned and projected for the next five years. The City shall consider the University's projections in its own master planning to better understand the University's capacity needs in future facility upgrades and expansions.

The University maintains a capacity interest in the City's Water Treatment Plant, wastewater collection system, and Water Resource Recovery Facility to serve current and projected University needs. The University has done so by financially participating in required facility upgrades and expansions via capital contribution based on the University's desired capacity percentage share of the facilities. Maintenance of said capacity interest, through fair share capital contributions, ensures that the City maintain available capacity to serve the University's needs up to the amount of the capacity interest. As set forth in the 2021 Water and Sewer Rate Agreement, these capital contributions are reflected in the University's water and sewer rates.

The University's capacity interest in the City's Water Treatment Plant shall be calculated as 1,000 acre-feet annually (893,000 gallons daily; peak day maximum flow rate of 1.44 million gallons). As the City's Water Treatment Plant can treat up to 16 million gallons daily, the University's capacity share is 9.0 percent of the facility. Maintenance of this capacity interest is subject to future capital contributions at 9.0 percent under separate agreement.