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**To:** ANA WARGA

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Ms. Ortiz,

As we discussed last week, find below a short summary of actions taken as we have worked collaboratively with residents and your group that are neighbors of the plant. Utility staff continue working diligently to identify and reduce nuisances at the plant as well as working with residents to address concerns about odors, noise, and visibility from the wastewater plant. We have taken and are continuing to take immediate actions and planning long-term solutions as follows:

#### **Recent Actions & Ongoing Efforts**

- Installed odor control canister on a force main air release valve.
- Expedited media replacements and revised odor control protocols.
- Enhanced operational protocols.
- Installed sound-attenuating fencing and materials.
- Ensuring plant truck traffic avoids neighborhood routes.
- Designing additional screening (fencing/vegetation) between the neighborhood and the plant.
- Planning blower replacements to reduce noise.
- Planning odor control enhancements at the front of the plant.

#### **Planned Improvements**

- **April:** Pilot upstream chemical injection to reduce odors.
- **June/July:** Install additional screening near the plant, focusing on dewatering operations.
- **2026:** Noise reduction (blower replacements) and enhanced odor control.
- **2028–2030:** Plant expansion with further nuisance mitigation.

#### **Community Engagement**

- **January:** Town hall with ~200 residents (see attached Q&A and presentation).
- **February:** Plant tour with Ana Ortiz and residents.
- Established quarterly meetings with Ana Ortiz's team for updates and feedback.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your group at the next coordination meeting, specifically addressing screening options.

**Tony Cunningham, P.E.**

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