

Grant Updates:

1. Wastewater Treatment Grant

2. Wastewater Collection System Grant

07-22-2025

- Both the wastewater collection and treatment grants are preparing to submit the construction application for approval of funding but the end of this year.
- Pace was able to qualify Chester PUD as a disadvantaged community... barely. This affects grant funding and the citations at the wastewater treatment. The fines accrued when the citation protections end in 2026 will be able to be used on our system to correct the problem causing the fines. If we weren't a DAC, we would have to pay the fines to the state. At least we can put it back towards our system. According to the historical test results we have the potential to pay \$0 to 60k a year in fines.
- We have combined meetings on the 2 grants because they are so closely related, have a lot of the same people in the meetings, and are a direct result of the same cease and desist order. The meetings have been going great and everyone seems motivated to get things accomplished. They understand the urgency for us to avoid fines.
- Victor from RCAC will be onsite this week to look at the wastewater treatment plant to see what we can do differently to avoid the impending fines. One possibility that was actually mentioned by Tanner from Sierra Controls was to replace the flow meters monitoring the flow entering the plant. They are very old, outdated and inaccurate. Given the critical nature of flow monitoring at the WWTP I think Victor will agree. I'm guessing it would be under 4k to replace them. I will update when I get more info.
- Office staff have been working with DFA (State funding) to bring documents to the County and verifying information through online accounts.