

# CITY OF WESTMORLAND

## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** February 4, 2026  
**FROM:** Ramiro Barajas  
**SUBJECT:** Staff Report – Public Works Director

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**1) Expedited Drinking Water Grant (EDWG)**

Attended monthly meeting with DDW staff (Pete Stamas and Erica Mendoza), The Holt Group (Juny Marmolejo), and Laura Bryant. Pete Stamas requested some additional documents from City Staff, which Laura provided.

**2) Streets Department CMAQ Various Sidewalks Improvement Project**

Will be meeting with The Holt Group staff to discuss bidding and construction management.

**3) Drought Relief Funding of new filter at WTP and pipeline installation on 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

This project is complete. The final payment along with the late payment to Cora Construction has been sent. Mr. Hamby will be presenting a final report for acceptance.

**4) AB 617 – Paving Projects -1<sup>st</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and City Hall Parking**

Laura and I attended the public meeting on Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Hall. APCD announced funding in the amount of \$3.7 million. Total amount of all projects presented was \$11 million, which means not every project will be awarded funding. The committee will be selecting projects for funding at the next meeting on February 23, 2026. Attachments of Paving Projects will be provided.

**5) Public Safety Building:**

Materials were purchased from Lowe's last week and delivered to the job site.

**6) Water and Wastewater Departments**

New valves and actuators for Filter/Clarifier #1 have arrived and are scheduled for installation within the next three weeks. A letter to the DDW has been sent requesting to place the new Filter #2 online while repairs are being performed on Filter #1. Attachment of Letter has been provided.

**7) Parks Department**

Youth Hall is in need of additionally interior lighting, new flooring and ceiling repairs. Laura will be seeking grant funding for possible remodel of Youth Hall Building.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ramiro Barajas**

**5. Presentations:**  
**A. 2026 AB 617 North-End**  
**Meeting Calendar**  
**(ICAPCD)**

# AB 617 NORTH-IMPERIAL

## 1ST ROUND PAVING PROJECTS

Projects & Description	Project Cost (\$)	Surface Area (sqft)	Emission Reductions (tons/year)	Cost- Effectiveness (\$/ton of PM10)	Max Grant Amount (\$)
<u>GOVERNMENT (75%)</u>  <b>City of Calipatria: Freeman Street</b> Location: Calipatria, CA 92233 From Industrial Ave. & Brown Ave.	\$804,986	11,063 sqft			\$791,338.10
<b>City of Westmorland: 1<sup>st</sup> Street</b> Location: Westmorland, CA 92281 From D St. to the Little League Field	\$712,635	25,770 sqft			\$605,739.75
<b>City of Westmorland: 7<sup>th</sup> Street Widening</b> Location: Westmorland, CA 92281 From Martin Rd. to Center St.	\$1,502,074	51,685 sqft			\$1,276,762.90
<b>City of Westmorland: City Hall Parking Lot</b> Location: 355 South Center St., Westmorland, CA 92281	\$740,866	40,904 sqft			\$629,736



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<u>SCHOOL (100%)</u>  Brawley Elementary School District: Community Learning Center Parking Lot Location: Brawley, CA 92227	\$427,745.27	14,470 sqft			\$427,745.27
Calipatria Unified School District: Transportation Yard & Access Road Location: Calipatria, CA 92233	\$1,390,192.70	47,580 sqft			\$1,390,192.70
Brawley Union High School District: District Warehouse Location: Brawley, CA 92227	\$484,504.88	17,250 sqft			\$484,504.88
Brawley Union High School District: District Offices & Athletic Compound Location: Brawley, CA 92227	\$744,432.75	42,738 sqft			\$744,432.75

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<u>SCHOOL (100%)</u>					
Westmorland Union Elementary School District: Little League Parking Lot Location: 200 South C St., Westmorland, CA 92281	\$987,385.10	28,831 sqft			\$987,385.10
Westmorland Union Elementary School District: North Parking Lot Location: 200 South C St., Westmorland, CA 92281 Cafeteria Parking Lot	\$578,697.53	14,363 sqft			\$578,697.53
Westmorland Union Elementary School District: South Parking Lot Location: 200 South C St., Westmorland, CA 92281 Staff/Visitor Parking Lot North of Bus Barn	\$296,117.76	8,125 sqft			\$296,117.76
Brawley Elementary School District: Barbara Worth Jr. High Parking Lot Location: Brawley, CA 92227	\$656,896.20	19,961 sqft			\$656,896.20



# 2026

## Westmorland

Westmorland Youth Hall (210 W 2nd Street, Westmorland, CA 92281)

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## Calipatria

Calipatria High School Library (601 W Main Street, Calipatria, CA 92233)

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## Brawley

Ten Center Recreation Room (220 Magnolia Street, Brawley, CA 92227)

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# AB 617 North-Imperial Meeting Calendar

Meeting Legend  
 In-Person  
 Virtual

For more information: <https://www.icab617community.org/brawley-westmorland-calipatria> or 442-265-1800





## CITY OF WESTMORLAND

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January 28, 2026

Mr. Aaron Kent  
Imperial District Engineer – Senior Water Resource Control Engineer

State Water Resources Control Board  
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego CA 92108  
Re: City of Westmorland Water Plant -1310008 Request to Place New Filter Online

Dear Mr. Kent;

The City of Westmorland respectfully requests permission to place “online” our new aluminum filter, recently constructed with Small Communities Drought Relief Grant (SCDR) 4600015451. We ask permission to place the new filter online at this time due to the need to perform maintenance on our older existing filters since this requires taking at least one (#1) of the two (#1 and #3) operating filters offline for repairs and reducing our water production capacity and redundancy.

As you may know, our older filters need maintenance. Our #1 filter is leaking potable water back into the backwash pond via a faulty valve, thus increasing production cost and water accountability. In addition, the air scour valve at this filter must be operated by hand and is not integrated with our new SCADA system. Additionally, the new SCADA system can’t be fully verified until the new filter is placed into normal operation.

The city ordered the replacement valve and actuator over five months ago when the need was identified during the construction of the new filter. This was to be considered part of the SCDR project; however, the lead time was about six months and would have held up construction. The delivery of the parts will occur within two weeks and installation has been scheduled on or before February 17, 2026. The installation will require the city to take filter #1 offline during repair and equipment replacement, which will result in there being only one operable filter. This is our concern and our reason for this request.

Timing is a significant concern as well. During the month of February our demand is low; however, as our temperatures rise so does our water demand. If the new filter is not placed online, waiting to make these repairs in the hotter months puts our water supply at risk. Additionally, putting the filter online at this time will enable us to integrate the new actuator into our new SCADA system prior to peak demands.

We realize this is not the normal procedure; however, we hope you will accommodate our request so that we are able maintain a stable water supply during repairs. We are of the opinion that placing the new filter online will serve the best interests (health and regulatory) of both the City and DDW.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact the city at the mailing address, email address, or phone number listed above.

Respectfully,

Ramiro Barajas, Public Works Director  
City of Westmorland

CC: Juny Marmolejo, The Holt Group