



City of Thorne Bay

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DEPARTMENT REPORT

Subject: Monthly Department Report

Department: Water & Sewer Utility

Supervisor: Sam Sawyer, Level II Water

Employees: Sam Sawyer, Supervisor
Willy Jennings, Employee

Date: January, 2026

A Departmental Overview

The Water/Sewer Department is administered by Sam Sawyer, Level II Water Operator. The Supervisor(s) and staff are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the City's four core sanitation services: Water Treatment, Water Distribution, Sewage Collection, and Sewer Treatment. Duties include maintenance, minor and major schedule and unscheduled repairs throughout all four systems, monthly reporting to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as required, direct sampling as scheduled for water quality and wastewater effluent quality compliance, implementation of a preventative maintenance schedule, construction of new water distribution mains and residential /commercial service connections and wastewater collection mains and residential/commercial service connections.

Current Department Activities:

I am pleased to have returned to the City of Thorne Bay and to continue supporting water and sewer treatment operations, thank you for this opportunity. My familiarity with systems, procedures, and regulatory standards allowed for a smooth transition and immediate operational oversight. I remain committed to safety, compliance, affective communication and reliable performance for the city, my coworkers and the facility. During the remainder of the month of January, the monthly water and sewer samples will be conducted immediately starting January 20th, and water treatment chemicals will also be ordered immediately to ensure uninterrupted treatment operations. We will also ensure the water treatment storage tank is back at normal operating levels due to continued high consumer water usage or a potential water leak in the distribution system. A systematic review of the distribution system will be conducted to identify and address any potential water leaks. Once again, thank you for this opportunity to support the city and its residents. Sam Sawyer