

## **COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Brett Fulgoni, Director of Public Works

**DATE:** May 5, 2026

**SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 17 through May 23, 2026, as “National Public Works Week”**

The City Council will recognize May 17 through 23, 2026, as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Santa Maria.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1960, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed “National Public Works Week” as an annual observance to highlight the essential role of public works in supporting community well-being. Public works professionals maintain and improve vital systems and services that contribute to health, safety, and quality of life.

In the City of Santa Maria, the Public Works and Utilities Departments manage essential services, including:

- Water: Production and delivery of clean water
- Wastewater: Collection and treatment services
- Stormwater: Collection, treatment, and flood control
- Solid Waste: Collection and disposal services
- Infrastructure: Streets, highways, and public transit systems
- Facilities: Public buildings and fleet management

Public works professionals across North America celebrate this week annually by engaging in events and activities that promote public awareness and appreciation for their contributions.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The American Public Works Association (APWA) sponsors “National Public Works Week”, which will be observed this year from May 17th through 23rd, 2026.

The 2026 theme, “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community,” reflects the foundation and partnerships that make public works possible each day:

- Rooted in Service: Public works is grounded in a longstanding commitment to serve residents through reliable infrastructure, responsive operations, and stewardship of public resources. Service is not just a function; it is the foundation of all efforts.
- Powered by Community: The strength of public works comes from the people and partnerships that support it. From residents and local businesses to City leadership and frontline staff, community collaboration fuels innovation, resilience, and continuous improvement.

The Santa Maria City Council has a long history of supporting the public works profession and proudly recognizes the dedication of its public works employees.

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Attachment(s): Proclamation – National Public Works Week