



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-047

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: February 25, 2026

SUBJECT: **Status of Water Consent Order OGC File No. 24-6464 – Assessment and Rehabilitation of the City’s Water Distribution System**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide an update on the Water Consent Order with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

As communicated in LTC No. 25-216, dated October 31, 2025, and LTC No. 25-273, dated December 15, 2025, this Consent Order addresses challenges related to the age and condition of the water distribution network, requiring comprehensive condition assessments, and the implementation of asset management practices.

On January 6, 2026, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 26-04 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Consent Order (CAM #25-1031). The Consent Order has since been fully executed by both the City and FDEP, with an effective date of February 5, 2026.

City staff in the Utility Services Department and Procurement Services Department are collaborating to expeditiously release a Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) solicitation for professional engineering consulting services to implement the Consent Order and meet the associated compliance deadlines. The table below summarizes key deliverables and compliance milestones, with progress reports to be provided to FDEP every six (6) months.

OGC 24-2464 Water Consent Order Schedule	
Deliverables	Due Date
Consent Order Effective Date	2/5/2026
Payment of Settlement Fee: \$500	3/7/2026
Semi-Annual Progress Report 1	8/4/2026
Semi-Annual Progress Report 2	1/31/2027

Semi-Annual Progress Report 3	7/30/2027
Complete assessment of pipes six (6) inches and larger, storage facilities, valves, and pumps in the distribution system	7/30/2027
Submit an Assessment Report of the findings in the assessment	10/28/2027
Semi-Annual Progress Report 4	1/26/2028
Develop and implement an Asset Management and Maintenance Program and Infrastructure Management Tracking System	5/25/2028
Semi-Annual Progress Report 5	7/24/2028
Semi-Annual Progress Report 6	1/20/2029
Full Completion of all corrective actions	2/4/2029

For further information, please contact Albert Carbon, P.E., Director of Utility Services, at ACarbon@fortlauderdale.gov or (954) 828-6563.

- c: Shari McCartney, City Attorney
- David R. Soloman, City Clerk
- Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
- City Manager's Office
- Department Directors