



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING LA JUNTA BOARD OF
UTILITIES
LA JUNTA, CO
JUNE 9, 2026
4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 COLORADO AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL (City Clerk)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Chairperson)

A. Regular Meeting May 12, 2026

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute time limit per person)

REPORTS

A. ARPA Board (Gary Cranson)

B. Water & Wastewater Treatment (Tom Seaba)

C. Electric Department (Chris Arguello)

D. Sanitation (Martin Montoya)

NEW BUSINESS

A. City Manager Comments

B. Governing Body's Comments

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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE JUNE 9, 2026 UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS – May 12, 2026

CITY OF LA JUNTA)
COUNTY OF OTERO) SS
STATE OF COLORADO)

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Utilities Commissioners of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Chairman Patrick Berg on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Roll was called and the following Board Members were present:

Present: Patrick Berg, Chairman
 Joe Ayala, Mayor
 Mike Bourget, Commissioner
 CaSandra Thomas, Commissioner
 Paul Velasquez, Council Member/Vice-Chair

Absent: None

Also present: Michael Hart, City Manager
 Erin Harris, City Attorney
 Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
 Aliza Libby, Director of Finance
 Tom Seaba, Director of Water Utilities
 Chris Arguello, Electric Superintendent
 Martin Montoya, Director of Engineering

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Berg asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2026. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 14, 2026 MINUTES AS PUBLISHED: Bourget

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. There was no citizen participation.

REPORTS

A. ARPA Board (Gary Cranson submitted the following report):

Summary of March 2026 Financial Statement:

- In March, power sales revenue was less than budget by \$102,889 (5.3%).
- Cost of goods sold was under budget \$105,295 (8.2%).
- Net operating revenue for March was \$416,548.

Year to Date Income Statement:

- Revenue from power sales was less than budget by \$407,662 (6.8%).
- Total revenues were less than budget \$417,128.

- Total cost of goods sold was under budget by \$334,931 (9.5%).
- Total A & G expenses are under budget by \$70,602.
- YTD Net Revenue is under budget by \$676,919 (1.7%).
- Average of 175 days cash on hand.
- Debt service coverage year to date is 1.15X.

March Operating Report:

- Member Energy sales were 5.2% less than the budget in March and 1.0% less than they were in March 2025.
- Member Energy sales YTD are 6.2% less than budget and 6.9% less than YTD 2025 sales.
- Member demands of 42 mW were 12% higher than March 2025.
- All in cost to members YTD is \$0.09168 per kWh.
- The avoided cost rate for April will be \$41.91 per mWh.
- The 2026 YTD blended rate for power is \$42.22 per mWh compared to \$46.70 per mWh in 2025, about 9.5% cheaper.
- In March, ARPA purchased 21,736kWh from individual La Junta renewable (solar) generators for \$933.56.

Next Regular Meeting: May 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Otero College in La Junta.

B. Water & Wastewater Treatment (Tom Seaba):

R.O. Plant

- Routine maintenance: Changed chlorine analyzer membrane, calibrated lab equipment, inspected meter bearings in wells #11 and #13, PM's on air handlers and cleaned AC condensers.
- Updated security on SCADA system.
- Replaced feed dump valve.
- Installed new ClorTec cells.
- Additional facilities and grounds maintenance; meter reading.

Distribution

- Backflow preventer inspections.
- Completed new fire line into McDivitt Hall.
- Repaired multiple service leaks.
- Installed new service on South San Juan Avenue.
- Field/irrigation prep on Holbrook farms.
- Meter reading and utility billing office generated work orders and equipment maintenance.

Wastewater

- Treated 27.323 million gallons. Removed 38 cubic feet of screenings and 69 cubic feet of grit.
- The RO concentrate discharge to the plant was 18.232 million gallons.
- Jetted 7,959 feet of line for nine emergency calls and thirty-nine manhole locate requests.
- Removed wind-blown trash and debris out of orbal basin and west digester.
- Oil change on Pista-Grit, gravity thickener, and both clarifiers.
- PM on valves in headworks.
- Additional facilities and grounds maintenance.

Other Notables

- Level 1 water restrictions begin April 15th through October 15th. Probable elevation into Level 2 restrictions depending on water allotments in June.
- Currently listed in Level D2 or Severe drought conditions as of May 7th.
- Conducted interviews for open positions.
- Working on possible impact grant with Colorado Circular Communities (C3), a statewide program dedicated to supporting Colorado communities achieve their waste aversion and diversion goals.

The program is funded through user fees at Colorado landfills and administered through the CDPHE.

C. Electric Department (Chris Arguello):

In addition to daily reads, disconnects, and maintenance, the crew performed these additional tasks:

- John Grinstead and Joe Zamora received their Class A CDL certification.
- The Electric Department sent a total of six linemen to the Mesa Hot Line School in Grand Junction, Colorado, for training.
- We are working on adding a new service for Lewis Bolt & Nut at the Anchor Plant location.
- We have installed new street light poles, one at the City Park and two at the Brick & Tile parking lot.
- We performed maintenance on our Substation due to a failed compressor.
- We replaced a damaged underground splice box on 22nd & Carson Avenue.
- We had a quick interruption on the East side of town. The cause was a semi-truck that hit a pole.
- Catherine Mondragon was selected for the ARPA/LJ Electric Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, UCCS – Intended College major: Biology & Veterinary.

System Update

- There are no system updates.

Solar Accounts

- There were 30,255 kWh put back onto the system in April and no new customers.

D. Sanitation (Martin Montoya):

- Welcomed back Macahi Salazar who is in the military reserves and stationed in the Middle East for about 6-8 months. Thanked him for his service.
- Changed the cardboard pickup schedule from Wednesday and Friday to Tuesday and Friday to help accommodate people.
- Working on a list for additional cardboard customers. Seeing who's not on the list and talking with the sanitation guys that are working the route.
- Clean Valley Recycling has a new chairman, Bethany Bender. They did not re-hire John Armstrong as their warehouse manager. It is now Stephan Nielson as interim. John is still helping SECHRA with some of their warehouse management and is also conducting the merger. The merger is complicated. They've applied for grants through the state.

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution of the Utility Board of the City of La Junta, Colorado, Recommending Approval by the City Council of a Loan Agreement and Governmental Agency Bond with the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority in Connection with the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Project; Recommending Authorization of City Officials to Execute Documents Necessary to Carry Out the Transaction; and Providing Other Matters Relating Thereto. This loan is for us to do a lot of distribution main replacement and also the removal of old lead service lines or other lines that don't meet the new Lead & Copper improvement rule. In 2015, the water department developed this project that had 3 key elements. One was the replacement of the South Booster Station which occurred a couple of years ago that was completed. This section to replace at minimum the distribution main from the South Booster Station up to the 250,000-gallon storage tank along with a few other choice areas and then the final element, phase 3 is a replacement tank for that south tank up at 26th Street. When the project was first development, it came back at that time as being too expensive. So, we've been biting our time and have divided it into those 3 particular phases. This being phase 2. We're hitting it at a point with there being some good moneys in the lead service line replacement portion that that's how we will be receiving that \$6.245 million in principle forgiveness and then we will just take on the remaining \$8.715 million and change as moneys we need to repay at 1.7% over 30 years.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. RUB-3-2026: Bourget

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0

- B. A Resolution of the Utility Board of the City of La Junta, Colorado, Recommending that the City Council Declare a Stage II Water Shortage Pursuant to Section 13.04.315 of the La Junta Municipal Code and Implement Stage II, Level A Water Restrictions.** Stage 2 Level A will require Residential customers with odd numbered addresses irrigate only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Residential customers with even numbered addresses irrigate only on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Commercial users may only irrigate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You can continue to water your plants, bushes, shrubs, trees with that at any time with a handheld positive shut-off device. It's just green grass is what's limited to these specific times.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. RUB-4-2026: Ayala

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0

- C. A Resolution of the Utility Board of the City of La Junta, Colorado, Amending Section 19 of the Policies of the Board of Utilities Commissioners Concerning Outside-City-Limits Water Service During Declared Water Shortage Conditions.** Non-district people asking for water would have to come before the board to seek a special dispensation to receive water. They could also join into the city and be annexed in that way city utilities would be extended to them.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. RUB-5-2026: Bourget

SECOND: Ayala

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0

D. City Manager's Comments

1. There were no City Manager comments.

E. Governing Body's Comments

1. Mike Bourget: It's come time for me to pass the torch. My home is under contract and will be sold later this month effective May 21st if all goes as planned. The board policy stipulates that a member of the Utility Board must have a residence within the City of La Junta.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

Patrick Berg, Chairman

ARPA Board Report. Gary Cranson submitted the following report:

1) **Summary of April 2026 Financial Statement:**

In April power sales revenue was less than budget by \$36,845 (2%)

Cost of goods sold was over budget \$230,794 (19%)

Net operating revenue for April was \$149,868

2) **Year to Date Income Statement:**

Revenue from power sales was less than budget by \$ 444,507 (5.7%)

Total revenues were less than budget \$ 371,676

Total cost of goods sold was over budget by \$ 104,137 (2%)

Total A & G expenses are under budget by \$ 92,976 (4.5%)

YTD Net Revenue is under budget \$ 654,760 (21%)

Average of 173 days cash on hand

Debt service coverage year to date is 1.06X

3) **April Operating Report:**

Member Energy sales were 2.4% less than budget in April and 4.4% less than they were in April 2025

Member energy sales YTD are 5.4% less than budget and 6.3% less than YTD 2025 sales

Member demands of 41 mW were 23% higher than April 2025

All in cost to members YTD is \$0.09196 per kWh

The avoided cost rate for May will be \$ 42.92 per mWh

The 2026 YTD blended rate for power is \$42.43 per mWh compared to \$45.57 per mWh in 2025, **about 6.6% cheaper**

In April ARPA purchased 30,255 kWh from individual La Junta renewable (solar) generators for \$1,267.99

4) **Next Regular Meeting:** August 27, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Otero College in La Junta.

Utility Board Meeting

06/09/2026

Departmental Goings-On

R.O. Plant

- Routine maintenance: PM emergency lights/backflows/fire alarm system, flushed chlorine lines, well statics.
- Replaced fuses in wells #9 and #11.
- Replaced packing glands in reserve booster pump #1
- Replaced cartridge filters.
- Additional facilities and grounds maintenance; meter reading.

Distribution

- Planted 22 acres cover crop/irrigation on Holbrook farms.
- Rehab valves at 16th & San Juan Ave.
- Redo sidewalks on San Juan Ave. and 1017 Cimarron.
- Bulk water station delivered. Working on installation of piping and electronics.
- Meter Reading and utility billing office generated work orders, equipment maintenance.

Wastewater

- Treated 26.529 million gallons. Removed 19ft³ of screenings and 33ft³ of grit.
- RO concentrate discharge to plant was 20.411 million gallons.
- Jetted 5,657 of line for 4 emergency calls and 22 manhole locate requests.
- Replaced dipper and scum ropes for both clarifiers and sludge thickener.
- Worked with government contractor for septic hauling from the Pinon Canyon Maneuver site.
- Orbal bearings greased.
- Dewatering press delivered on May 30th. Electric, water, and piping installation will begin June 1st.
- Additional facilities and grounds maintenance.

Other Notables:

- Stage 2 water restrictions began June 1st.
- Sponsored fire hydrant class attended by water departments and fire department.
- Continue work on currently funded grants and loans.
- Continue work on Risk & Resilience Assessment for EPA due June 30th.

**CITY OF LA JUNTA
TREATED WATER PUMPING REPORT**

2026 MAY	DAILY TOTALS	RUNNING TOTAL	RUNNING AVERAGE
1	1,253,687	1,253,687	19,210,125,368,728
2	1,971,431	3,225,118	1,612,559
3	1,829,439	5,054,557	1,684,852
4	2,151,652	7,206,209	1,801,552
5	1,937,217	9,143,426	1,828,685
6	852,069	9,995,495	1,665,916
7	1,811,255	11,806,750	1,686,679
8	1,517,026	13,323,776	1,665,472
9	2,072,486	15,396,262	1,710,696
10	1,658,504	17,054,766	1,705,477
11	1,923,486	18,978,252	1,725,296
12	2,606,015	21,584,267	1,798,689
13	2,538,644	24,122,911	1,855,609
14	2,538,523	26,661,434	1,904,388
15	2,511,727	29,173,161	1,944,877
16	2,584,842	31,758,003	1,984,875
17	2,539,179	34,297,182	2,017,481
18	2,493,222	36,790,404	2,043,911
19	2,225,719	39,016,123	2,053,480
20	2,747,219	41,763,342	2,088,167
21	2,146,255	43,909,597	2,090,933
22	2,273,598	46,183,195	2,099,236
23	2,254,638	48,437,833	2,105,993
24	2,348,545	50,786,375	2,116,099
25	2,559,125	53,345,503	2,133,820
26	2,372,597	55,718,100	2,143,004
27	2,213,738	57,931,838	2,145,624
28	1,066,739	58,998,577	2,107,092
29	1,838,241	60,836,818	2,097,821
30	1,900,756	62,737,574	2,091,252
31	1,903,834	64,641,408	2,085,207

WATER PUMPING REPORT - TOTAL MONTHLY AVERAGE AND ANNUAL DAILY AVERAGE

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
JANUARY	982,581	951,866	1,008,129	1,017,718	985,506	1,044,009
FEBRUARY	899,325	990,441	944,202	990,572	995,785	1,016,581
MARCH	1,185,289	1,260,958	1,362,603	1,423,137	1,028,287	1,308,317
APRIL	1,951,903	1,675,183	1,531,140	1,763,265	1,682,223	1,868,792
MAY	1,407,158	2,126,396	1,664,063	2,715,473	2,239,430	2,824,709
JUNE	2,443,088	2,684,200	2,792,473	3,373,343	2,626,847	3,329,929
JULY	2,987,266	3,118,577	2,704,002	3,048,099	2,865,161	2,816,800
AUGUST	2,929,069	3,215,891	2,158,243	2,588,089	3,044,966	3,048,754
SEPTEMBER	2,678,312	2,761,297	2,370,071	2,459,879	2,814,694	2,427,889
OCTOBER	1,786,327	2,053,569	1,440,836	1,339,430	1,546,996	1,920,007
NOVEMBER	1,139,791	1,194,828	1,135,276	1,026,190	1,079,446	1,185,766
DECEMBER	919,619	999,685	1,045,058	982,878	1,042,740	1,090,004
Total of Monthly Average	21,309,728	23,032,891	20,156,096	22,728,073	21,952,081	23,881,557
Annual Monthly Average	1,775,811	1,919,408	1,679,675	1,894,006	1,829,340	1,990,130
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
JANUARY	1,161,771	1,102,644	1,079,783	932,600	959,158	980,751
FEBRUARY	1,246,955	1,087,932	1,050,626	895,293	923,782	978,373
MARCH	1,207,604	1,115,113	1,068,667	1,022,006	1,161,087	1,408,962
APRIL	1,841,144	1,840,332	1,899,967	1,810,903	1,846,741	2,023,883
MAY	1,951,034	2,419,403	2,109,724	2,447,238	1,865,956	2,085,207
JUNE	2,685,689	2,837,504	2,374,146	2,759,970	2,373,257	
JULY	3,227,453	2,696,154	2,432,048	2,593,624	2,805,768	
AUGUST	3,049,651	2,656,857	2,432,048	2,643,560	2,576,336	
SEPTEMBER	2,656,326	2,506,060	2,126,370	2,452,890	2,293,848	
OCTOBER	1,811,689	1,872,821	1,637,142	1,907,575	1,762,246	
NOVEMBER	1,246,012	1,115,090	970,307	925,572	1,051,996	
DECEMBER	1,077,914	1,094,785	858,878	891,162	905,929	
Total of Monthly Average	23,163,242	22,344,695	20,039,706	21,282,393	20,526,104	7,477,176
Annual Monthly Average	1,930,270	1,862,058	1,669,976	1,773,533	1,710,509	623,098

ANNUAL MONTHLY AVERAGE from 1978-2013	
YEAR	
1978	3,417,038
1979	2,359,628
1980	2,340,723
1981	2,204,668
1982	1,981,657
1983	2,202,084
1984	2,077,328
1985	2,041,761
1986	2,448,842
1987	2,392,992
1988	2,617,253
1989	2,452,398
1990	2,274,213
1991	2,600,497
1992	2,468,108
1993	2,706,996
1994	2,772,865
1995	2,599,979
1996	2,718,012
1997	2,778,802
1998	2,764,985
1999	2,686,897
2000	2,870,918
2001	2,613,727
2002	2,545,514
2003	2,294,070
2004	1,936,373
2005	2,050,567
2006	1,907,597
2007	1,819,832
2008	1,825,493
2009	1,742,560
2010	1,834,444
2011	2,014,490
2012	1,679,675
2013	1,897,788
2014	1,830,944



City of La Junta
Electric Department
P.O. Box 489 - 601 Colorado Avenue
La Junta, Colorado 81050

May 2026 Report

In addition to daily reads, disconnects, and maintenance, the crew performed these additional tasks...

- We replaced a bad primary pole on South San Junan Ave.
- We added a new anchor on 2nd and Lewis Ave.
- We replaced a broken primary jumper at the golf course pump house.
- Sent a crew to Trinidad to assist with the connection of the mobile substation.
- We had two linemen recertified for drone operation.
- Initiated our annual tree trimming program.

System Update

Breaker replacement. There will be two engineers from Eaton here from 6/16 through 6/18 to conduct a relay study and a fault current study.

Solar Accounts

No updates

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La Junta Municipal Light Plant

Monthly Report

MONTH/YEAR MAY 26

DATA FROM ION METER MONTHLY SCREEN

ION SWD Peak Demand: 15171 Date: 5-14-26 Time: 4:14

ION SWD Min Demand: 5727 Date: 5-11-26 Time: 3:14

ION KWH NET: 6636183 KWH

DATA FROM PLANT CONSUMPTION METER SCREEN AND PREVIOUS MONTH REPORT

	CURRENT	-	PREVIOUS	=	TOTAL
METER 1 KWH READING:	<u>4062210</u>		<u>402988</u>		<u>3232</u>
METER 2 KWH READING:	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
METER 3 KWH READING:	<u>474578</u>		<u>471847</u>		<u>2731</u>
PLANT USAGE TOTAL:	<u>62681</u>				

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POWER PURCHASE FROM ARPA & ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT

TOTAL SYSTEM KWH

MONTH	2023	2024	2025	2026
JAN.	6,935,357	7,225,221	7,296,224	6,959,264
FEB.	6,225,931	6,110,860	6,495,857	5,934,121
MAR.	6,438,367	6,264,049	6,406,823	6,359,253
APR.	5,778,686	6,093,472	6,434,125	6,061,086
MAY	6,374,124	6,519,663	6,626,696	6,636,183
JUN.	6,543,361	8,461,587	8,057,762	
JUL.	8,468,800	9,037,095	9,468,978	
AUG.	8,807,034	9,144,176	9,133,892	
SEP.	7,047,960	7,153,471	7,384,176	
OCT.	6,460,893	6,405,123	6,649,007	
NOV.	6,174,024	6,235,843	5,946,825	
DEC.	6,550,780	6,396,933	6,402,905	
TOTAL	81,805,317	85,047,493	86,303,270	31,949,907

ARPA SYSTEM DEMAND IN

MONTH	2023	2024	2025	2026
JAN.	14,566	15,410	14,654	14,252
FEB.	14,024	12,839	15,106	13,759
MAR.	12,739	12,676	12,939	13,309
APR.	12,575	13,419	13,287	13,319
MAY	14,150	15,775	15,432	15,171
JUN.	17,275	20,311	19,615	
JUL.	20,020	20,878	20,837	
AUG.	19,789	20,538	21,913	
SEP.	18,598	18,194	18,284	
OCT.	14,743	14,540	14,965	
NOV.	13,167	13,419	12,660	
DEC.	13,595	13,633	13,809	
TOTAL	185,241	191,632	193,501	69,810

ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT PER KWH

MONTH	2023	2024	2025	2026
JAN.	0.0448092	0.0449428	0.03541	0.0361276
FEB.	0.0457843	0.0448742	0.0382477	0.0381944
MAR.	0.0439096	0.0441258	0.0357143	0.0360889
APR.	0.0452284	0.0452925	0.0360166	0.0368918
MAY	0.0452418	0.0463112	0.0376929	
JUN.	0.04781	0.0457255	0.0379757	
JUL.	0.0457028	0.0453713	0.0365217	
AUG.	0.0449125	0.0449007	0.0379995	
SEP.	0.0476422	0.0471484	0.0393454	
OCT.	0.0462336	0.0459023	0.0371167	
NOV.	0.0445895	0.0445059	0.0362562	
DEC.	0.043537	0.0448015	0.0363466	
AVERAGE	0.045450075	0.045325175	0.037053600	0.036825680



Below is the May, 2026 supplemental information regarding the sanitation department.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

CUSTOMERS	2026	2025	+/-	PERCENT CHANGE
RESIDENTIAL	2,802	2,769	33	1.18%
COMMERCIAL	434	439	(5)	-1.15%
INDUSTRIAL	10	12	(2)	-20.00%
MUNICIPAL	28	29	(1)	-3.57%
	3,274	3,249		

LANDFILL

TONS	2026 May	2026 YTD	2025 May	2025 YTD	+/-	% CHANGE
OTERO COUNTY LANDFILL	542.26	2,467.46	619.17	2,757.19	(76.91)	-14.18%
SOUTHEAST RECYCLING	8.98	59.35	4.20	189.38	4.78	53.23%
CLEAN VALLEY - CURBSIDE	1.46	9.28	3.17	17.09	(1.72)	-117.87%
CLEAN VALLEY - TRAILER	1.27	6.32	1.86	7.79	(0.59)	-46.88%
	553.96	2542.41	628.40	2971.45		

TONNAGE	
OPEN TOP	32.7
COMPACTOR	7.25
RESIDENTIAL	218.18
COMMERICAL	144.36
ROLL OFFS	<u>117.38</u>
	519.87

OTHER INCOME

ITEM	2026 May	2025 May	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	+/-	PERCENT CHANGE
SPECIAL PICK-UP	3	7	15	17	-2	-13.33%
40-YD BOXES	32	38	130	178	-48	-36.92%
20-YD BOXES	21	15	73	77	-4	-5.48%
OVERAGES	8	9	34	58	-24	-70.59%
COMPACTOR	4	4	24	21	3.00	12.50%
TRX STATION (OPEN BOX)	32.70	31.57	157.69	162.52	-4.83	-3.06%
TRX STATION (COMPACTOR)	7.25	14.04	47.01	51.00	-4	-8.49%
TOTE REPLACEMENT	4	4	27	35	-8	-29.63%