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## **Website Posting**

**Apr 2, 2026**

Based on information at the time of required posting, the City experienced no violation of the NPDES Permit conditions (as modified by the March 2021 MAO) for the month of March 2026.

March's DEQ Correspondence is attached below:

**From:** [Paulat, Jeffrey](#)  
**To:** [Pachla, Matthew S](#); [Mitchell Jaspers](#); [Seth Kelly](#);  
**Cc:** [Yates, Matthew C](#); [Stewart, Marc A](#); [Ostman, Adam M](#); [Rodgers, Vanessa M](#); [Smith, Bradley P](#);  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Molalla River at Canby Monitoring Station  
**Sent:** 3/21/2026 2:59:01 PM

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Hi Mitch, two of our technicians are on site today and they found that the control/channel has scoured out significantly. Our rating model has been adjusted and discharges are being updated as I type this. Current discharge is roughly 1,370 cfs.

Have a good weekend!

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**From:** Pachla, Matthew S <mpachla@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 11:56 AM  
**To:** mjaspers@cityofmolalla.com <mjaspers@cityofmolalla.com>; skelly@cityofmolalla.com <skelly@cityofmolalla.com>  
**Cc:** Paulat, Jeffrey <jpaulat@usgs.gov>; Yates, Matthew C <myates@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Molalla River at Canby Monitoring Station

Hi Mitch,

As per our conversation on the phone, we will have a technician out at the site tomorrow to assess the gage and perform a measurement. Once the data is collected, they will send it back to the office so we can get it into the system. We will follow up with an email to update you on our findings and let you know whether we will need to send an additional team out on Monday for further assessment.

Thank you.

Matthew Pachla  
Hydrologic Technician  
U.S. Geological Survey

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**From:** Yates, Matthew C <myates@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 9:43 AM  
**To:** Paulat, Jeffrey <jpaulat@usgs.gov>; Pachla, Matthew S <mpachla@usgs.gov>; Smith, Bradley P <bpsmith@usgs.gov>; Strohmayer, Paul J <pstrohmayer@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Molalla River at Canby Monitoring Station

Hi - I talked briefly with Mitch this morning about concerns about the gage

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**From:** Mitchell Jaspers <mjaspers@cityofmolalla.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 9:35 AM  
**To:** Yates, Matthew C <myates@usgs.gov>  
**Cc:** Seth Kelly <skelly@cityofmolalla.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Molalla River at Canby Monitoring Station

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Hi Matt,

Thank you for taking my call this morning to investigate the USGS Molalla River at Canby Monitoring station. We have noticed this week that each day it seems that the daily river CFS reading is being cut almost in half each day. I personally took a drive out to that monitoring station this morning and took a look and have attached some photos of what I found. Our effluent discharge to the Molalla River from the Molalla Wastewater Treatment plant is dependent on the daily readings from this monitoring station as our permit

does not allow us to discharge if the 7 day average gets below 350cfs. If you could please update myself or Seth once you guys have addressed this, I would greatly appreciate it. Have a great weekend.

Thank you,

**Mitch Jaspers**

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**From:** [Mitchell Jaspers](#)  
**To:** ['Mike.PINNEY@deq.oregon.gov'](mailto:'Mike.PINNEY@deq.oregon.gov')  
**Cc:** [Seth Kelly](#); [Mac Corthell](#);  
**Subject:** 2025 RWUP Report Update  
**Attachments:** [IMG\\_1702.jpg](#); [IMG\\_1697.jpg](#); [IMG\\_1702.JPG](#);  
**Sent:** 3/20/2026 10:04:57 AM

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Hi Mike,

Thank you for taking my call this morning regarding the faulty readings we are getting from the USGS Molalla River at Canby monitoring station. As I mentioned, the data has been saying that the river CFS has been cut nearly in half each day this week and is currently showing that the Molalla River is flowing 233CFS. Based on where the water level and flows appear to be we did not believe that to be accurate, I took a drive to the monitoring station and found what appeared to me to be the sensor got pulled from its mounting location by a tree. (see attached) I have contacted Matt Yates at USGS, and he agreed that their data appeared to be off and said that he would be sending a technician out to address this and would update us once the station was back to normal operation. As we discussed, we will be using an estimated river CFS and making a notation on our DMR for each day that we need to do so. We will update you once we get notification from USGS that the monitoring station has been repaired.

Thank you,

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**From:** [Mitchell Jaspers](#)  
**To:** ['Mike.PINNEY@deg.oregon.gov'](mailto:'Mike.PINNEY@deg.oregon.gov')  
**Cc:** [Seth Kelly](#); [Mac Corthell](#);  
**Subject:** USGS Monitoring Station  
**Sent:** 3/24/2026 8:14:56 AM

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Hi Mike,

I am emailing you to inform you that USGS was able to get technicians out to the Canby monitoring station over the weekend, they determined that "the control/channel has scoured out significantly. Our rating model has been adjusted, and discharges are being updated" that being said we are back to collecting current river flow readings from the Canby monitoring station as usual. During the period that the system was down we recorded the estimated data and noted that we did so on the DMR. The flow after they repaired the monitoring station was 1,370cfs so we were nowhere near our limit as we suspected.

Thank you,

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