

First Quarter 2026, Compliance Specialist Report
Report Period – November 1, 2025 – January 31, 2025

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Introduction and Overview

This report is in response to and in compliance with Paragraph 13 of the First Amendment to the Amended Consent Decree and Order issued to The City of Molalla in 2023. Future reports will be provided each quarter going forward until the Amended Consent Decree has been satisfied and/or terminated.

The City has worked in good faith to comply and fulfill the projects and timelines outlined in its Mutual Agreement and Orders (MAOs) and the current First Amendment to the Amended Consent Decree and Order.

Reminder to visit the Molalla Current that can be found on the City of Molalla's website to view pictures of the ongoing construction at the new wastewater treatment plant site. This is updated continually and offers regular progress updates.

The website is where the monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) will continue to be located and updated each month. The website is also where correspondence with the State DEQ will be available for viewing as well as the required quarterly reports.

This report will continue to summarize compliance activities, construction updates including delays or changes in construction and expenditures for the quarter. Quarterly certificate of capacity reports and/or compliance scheduling issues will be addressed as they arise.

Construction Update

The construction of the new wastewater treatment plant continues.

- The Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) and aerobic digester concrete wall have all been poured.
- The Control Building is framed and roofed and is 100% structurally completed. All the mechanical and internal components are being installed. Drywall is up and counters and cabinets are in. Plumbing and electrical going in as well.
- The Solids Handling building is structurally complete with installation of the process beginning.

- The EQ basin has remained at 40% complete. The contractor has started to move that part of the project forward with concrete pours scheduled in the coming weeks.

Expenditures

The project has spent \$24.2 million dollars to date.

Performance of Treatment and Collection Systems

- The original lagoon system continues to operate and meet the requirements of the City's NPDES Permit and MAOs aside from the violation of ammonia monthly concentration limits (21.7 mg/L – NPDES Permit Limit 16.7 mg/L) in November .
- In December the plant was able to keep up and maintain treatment without violations or significant SSOs during the large rain events. One small SSO in the collection system on December 19,2025 was caught and cleaned up quickly.

Delays or Changes

There are some considerations for changes to the construction timeline. The City has contacted DEQ about an adjustment to the MAO deadlines.

The contractor has experienced compounding in small delays, due to equipment issues, severe weather, and field modifications. The contractor is concerned it cannot meet the current deadline for starting the sequencing batch reactor (SBR). If the modified schedule is approved by DEQ and agreement is executed with the contractor, there would be a delay to September of 2027 for the SBR to be fully operational. This extended time would allow the contractor to offer a better price rate for additional biosolids removal, which will give the City the ability to remove all biosolids in both lagoons four or five years in advance of the current MAO deadline.

Please take a minute to check out the City's website:

<https://www.cityofmolalla.com/Departments/Public-Works/Wastewater-Treatment-Plant-Section>

This completes my report for the first quarter of 2026



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