

Fourth Quarter 2021, Compliance Specialist Report

Report Period – Aug 01, 2021 through Oct 31, 2021

Introduction and Background

This report is in response to and in compliance with Section 17 of the Consent Decree issued to the City of Molalla. It is the intent of this report to cover the previous three months. Future reports will be provided each quarter going forward until the Consent Decree has been satisfied and/or terminated.

These reports will consist of three sections, the first section will list and address all activities completed in the specified quarter, the second section will address any violations associated with the quarter, and finally a section on scheduled activities for the next quarter.

Section 1 – Last Quarter Completed Projects

Using the Amended Consent Decree, the following items have been addressed this quarter. Each section references the Consent Decree section, and the entire section is not printed here, I have used a sentence or two for reference, please refer to the full Consent Decree for full section descriptions.

Section 11– Defendant shall post on its website copies of communications with DEQ.

The Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) for August 2021, September 2021, and October 2021 were posted to the City's website. All other formal communications with DEQ have also been posted to the website¹.

Section 12 – The City shall host quarterly meetings.

The 3rd Quarterly meeting was held by conference call on September 01, 2021.

Section 13 – City shall post a report of operations summary.

The City performed irrigation operations throughout the quarter.

Section 14 – City shall post an update on their website each month.

The Monthly Compliance Report was posted to the City's website for August 2021, September 2021, and October 2021. Postings are available for viewing on the website¹.

Section 33 – City shall conduct a survey of the aeration basin and treatment lagoons to evaluate level of solids build-up.

The annual survey of the aeration basin and treatment lagoons was conducted during the reporting period. Results are available for viewing on the website¹. New biosolids removal equipment was mobilized into the plant during the quarter, and the City entered into an amended contract to increase the expected rate of biosolids removal.

Section 34 – *City shall conduct an annual biosolids removal.*

Biosolids removal, after obtaining a new mixing tank to resolve supply issues, will begin in November of 2021. The previously planned August biosolids removal was delayed due to equipment failures, which have now been fixed. The City has also secured ODOT permits for the repair of the last of infiltrating manholes for which a Purchase Order was reported last quarter, and these manholes are expected to be grout sealed in mid-November 2021.

Section 36 – *The seven I&I projects are listed.*

Projects 1, 2, 6, and 7 are complete.

Design of Project 4 Replace/Rehabilitate existing 8-inch sewer on E. 2nd and Eckerd from TL-A-22 to TL-A-16 and BC-A3-17 to BC-A3-7 began during this quarter.

Section 40 – *Payments for violations.*

No Consent Decree violations were experienced during the quarter.

Funding Breakdown for FY20-21

Sewer Fund

Materials and services for wastewater treatment plant 17% of sewer budget

Materials and services for collection system 23% of sewer budget

Sewer capital projects 22% of sewer budget (biosolids & Patrol St)

Balance of budget is in debt, personnel, contingency, and fleet replacement fund.

Sewer SDC Fund

Debt 85% of sewer SDC budget (CWSRF)

Balance of budget in reserves and professional services

Section 2 – Violations

- There were no violations for the months of August 2021, September 2021, or October 2021.

Section 3 – Next Quarter projects and plans

- The City expects to submit Design Acceptance Package for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to DEQ no later than November 19th.
- The City expects to perform Value Engineering of the Wastewater Treatment Plant the week of December 6th, and DEQ staff has been invited to participate.
- Complete other WWTP and collection system repairs as needed.

This completes my report for the Fourth quarter of 2021.

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¹<https://www.cityofmolalla.com/publicworks/page/dmrs-and-other-documents>