

2nd Quarter 2023, Compliance Specialist Report  
Report Period – Feb 01, 2023, through Apr 31, 2023  
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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.

This report consists of three parts. Part 1 addresses activities completed in the specified quarter. Part 2 addresses any violations associated with the quarter. Part 3 addresses scheduled activities for the next quarter. Each part cites the applicable sections of the amended consent decree. 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.

Part 1 - Activities Completed in the Specified Quarter

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

The Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) for February 2023, March 2023, and April 2023, and all other formal communications with DEQ have also been posted to the City’s website<sup>1</sup>.

Section 12 – *The City shall host quarterly meetings.*

The 1st quarterly meeting was held by conference call on March 1<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Section 13 – *City shall post a report of operations summary, including any statements of capacity issued in the previous 3 months.*

1. The City continued winter river discharge during the quarter.
2. The City continued wastewater treatment plant design this quarter.
3. The USDA determined that a full Section 7 consultation is required. This includes review by the National Marine Fisheries Service which is expected to take several months. Last quarter the City had been assured that Underwriting could happen once that determination has been made and initiated. This quarter the City was informed this is no longer the case because federal underwriting cannot happen until after Section 7 review. Nevertheless, the City is still assured the project is expected to be funded. In the meantime the City will be performing an Archeological Survey of the site to ensure any cultural resources of the area are protected, which is a requirement of the interim financing for the project provided by SRF. With this interim financing in place, the project is still expected to move forward as planned.

4. The City submitted 90% design plans to the DEQ and scheduled an in-person meeting to discuss.
5. A new statement of Capacity was issued on March 31<sup>st</sup> for 18 new EDU at Colima Apartments.

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

The Monthly Compliance Report was posted to The City's website for February 2023, March 2023, and April 2023. Postings are available for viewing on the website<sup>1</sup>.

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

No new sludge judge information is due for this report.

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

The City halted Biosolids Removal in March due to budget constraints. The City will resume in July as planned.

Section 36 – *Seven high priority I&I projects.*

The following is an update on each of the 7 projects listed in the Consent Decree:

Project 1: Completed 2019

Project 2: Completed 2020

Project 3: Half of this Project was completed Project 4.

Project 4: Completed March 2023

Project 5: (Sweigle) TBD

Project 6: Completed 2021

Project 7: Completed 2019

The City also planned additional manhole grouting activities, expected to proceed this summer.

## Part 2 - Violations

### *Section 40 – Violations and Stipulated Payments*

The City experienced no violations of the NPDES Permit conditions (as modified by the March 2021 MAO) for the months of February or March 2023. In April 2023, the City experienced a series of exceedances of the NPDES permit (but not the MAO) as described in the May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Compliance Report.

## Part 3 - Next Quarter projects and plans

1. The City expects the DEQ to complete its review of the 90% design plans next quarter.
2. The City expects sludge removal operations to resume in July.
3. The City expects to complete its Archeological Review of the site.
4. The City expects the NFWs to complete it's section 7 review of the project.

5. The City expects to discuss and resolve with the DEQ several construction sequencing issues.

This completes my report for the Second quarter of 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Holly DeRamus". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Holly DeRamus, Compliance Specialist

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

<sup>2</sup><https://www.cityofmolalla.com/publicworks/page/permit-plans-annual-reports>