

4th Quarter 2023, Compliance Specialist Report  
Report Period – August 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023

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Introduction and Background

This report is in response to and in compliance with Section 17 of the Amended 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 amended 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 August 2023, September 2023, and October 2023, and all other formal communications with DEQ have all been posted to the City’s website<sup>1</sup>.

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

The 3rd quarterly meeting was held by conference call on September 6, 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 wastewater treatment plant design work this quarter. The City has received tentative approval of the submitted plans.
2. No Statements of Capacity were filed this quarter.

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

The Monthly Compliance Reports were posted to The City’s website for August 2023, September 2023, and October 2023. Postings are available for viewing on the city’s website<sup>1</sup>.

**Section 15** – This section references deadlines and compliance schedule issues.

The City is engaged in ongoing discussions with DEQ regarding potential construction delays associated with the pace of obtaining USDA financing and related issues. At this time, the City does not expect a departure from the current schedule for the beginning of operations of the new WWTP. However, depending on the timing of obtaining financing and the construction bidding process, the final lining of the clean effluent storage ponds may be delayed because this project can only be completed during the summer months.

**Section 26 – 30** – These are the Recycled Water Irrigation sections pertaining to placement, training, and reporting of recycled water activities.

The irrigation season continued through August and September and was completed for the season on October 12, 2023. All irrigators and staff reviewed compliance best practices and the City supervised irrigators in these irrigation practices. All records and activities were maintained as required by the approved RWUP (Reclaimed Water Use Plan and the newly updated Consent Degree).

**Section 33** – The 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** – The City shall conduct an annual biosolids removal.

With water levels below optimum for treatment, no sludge was removed this quarter. Removal should re-commence next quarter.

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

The following is an update of the 7 projects listed in the amended consent decree:

Project 1: Completed 2019

Project 2: Completed 2020

Project 3: Half of this project was completed with project 4

Project 4: Completed March 2023

Project 5: (Sweigle) TBD

Project 6: Completed 2021

Project 7: Completed 2019

**Part 2 - Violations**

**Section 40** – Violations and Stipulated Payments

August 2023 – No violations.

September 2023 – No violations.

October 2023 – No violations.

**Part 3 - Next Quarter projects and plans**

1. Final treatment plant design has been submitted to the DEQ and we again expect to begin the construction bidding process next quarter.
2. River discharge began November 1, 2023

This completes my report for the Fourth quarter of 2023.



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<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>