

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024, Compliance Specialist Report  
Report Period – November 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024

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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 in 2023. This report is designed as a quarterly reporting as outlined in the decree. 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 November 2023, December 2023, and January 2024, 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 4th quarterly meeting was held by conference call on December 6, 2023.

**Section 13** – City shall post a report of operations summary, including a summary of the construction progress of the new WWTP, including any anticipated delays or changes to the completion date for construction of the new WWTP, and a summary of any statements of capacity issued in the previous 3 months.

1. The City has received approval from the DEQ for the submitted design plans on February 9, 2024.
2. On December 28, 2023, USDA responded to a November 7, 2023 errata letter from the Dyer Partnership requesting minor corrections to the Biological Opinion which

was necessary for the City to receive USDA financing. This finalized the Biological Opinion, allowing the USDA financing process to go forward.

3. The City is engaged in ongoing discussions with DEQ regarding potential construction delays associated with the pace of obtaining USDA financing and related scheduling issues. At this time, the City does not expect a departure from the current schedule for the beginning of operations of the new wastewater treatment plant. 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.
4. No Statements of Capacity were filed this quarter.

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

The Monthly Compliance Reports were posted to The City’s website for November 2023, December 2023, and January 2024. Postings are available for viewing on the city’s website<sup>1</sup>.

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

No deadline occurred in this quarter.

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

There were no irrigation activities this quarter

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

Sludge monitoring reports from this quarter are available on the city’s website.

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

With water levels below optimum for treatment, no sludge was removed from the treatment lagoons this quarter. Stabilized solids were removed for disposal from the abandoned aeration basin.

**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) currently in progress

Project 6: Completed 2021

Project 7: Completed 2019

**Part 2 - Violations**

**Section 40** – Violations and Stipulated Payments

November 2023 – One violation. Effluent ammonia monthly average violation of 20.1 mg/L with a permit limit of 16.7 mg/L.

December 2023 – No violations.

January 2024 – No violations.

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

1. Construction bidding will begin next quarter
2. River discharge continues
3. Environmental Assessment to be completed this quarter to finalize funding process.

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>