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Mac Corthell, Community Development Director City of Molalla 117 N. Molalla Avenue Molalla, OR 97038

Re: Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project eligibility determination for: Molalla Wastewater Treatment

Plant

This letter is in response to a request for review of project eligibility for a clean water project to be submitted for consideration of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) through national Clean Water State Revolving Fund appropriations. In recently updated SFY2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) guidance, Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have provided information to communities about the upcoming CDS federal funding opportunity and how they can access those funds.

The intent of this letter is to only compare CDS eligibility of a project with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program. While Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) can determine project eligibility for the CWSRF program, final CDS determinations are decided by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Based on review of the information provided, *DEQ determines the project is considered eligible under the CWSRF program to be considered for the upcoming Congressional Directed Spending funding opportunity*.

This determination is not based on a formal evaluation of an application for funding under the Oregon CWSRF nor does it represent a commitment of future funding for the project by the Oregon CWSRF. Also, as noted in the CDS guidance's disclaimer, this determination or the submission of a request for these funds do not guarantee any award of federal funding and that the requester should comply with all federal requirements.

If you have questions about this determination, please contact me at (503) 880-6060 or e-mail at chris.marko@deq.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

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**CWSRF Program Coordinator** 

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