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News Release:

Molalla Develops Plan for Continued Recycling of Wastewater Effluent

Molalla recently released an Amended Recycled Water Reuse Plan. The updated plan supports continued recycling of Molalla's treated effluent for irrigation during dry months. Reuse of treated wastewater effluent for irrigation preserves our water resources and keeps effluent out of the Molalla River when flows in the river are low.

The water quality of recycled water (its "Class") must be appropriate for the land and crop it's being used to irrigate and the level of public access. In the past, the City committed to producing recycled water of the highest water quality standard – Class A – which was beyond the capabilities of the City's wastewater treatment plant. Under the new plan, the City commits to producing Class C or better recycled water and only use it for approved Class C uses—irrigation of grass and pasture lands.

The City is ready to implement the changes for the 2018 irrigation season and is working on plan approval with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The new plan is an important step on the path to full compliance with the City's discharge permit requirements.

Molalla is committed to keeping customers informed about plans for wastewater system improvements, protecting water quality in the Molalla River, and maintaining affordability for City customers. This report is available on Molalla's website at

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