

MEMORANDUM



TO: City Council
FROM: Dominic Valloni, Public Works Operations Manager
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DATE: June 9, 2026
SUBJECT: PW Monthly Report – May 2026

This memorandum provides a brief periodic update of specific projects, Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) operations and maintenance (O&M), and other activities performed by the Public Works Department.

WWTP Activities - Mahler Water Reclamation Facility

May 2026:

- 40.82 million gallons (MG) of wastewater treated this month
- 1.60 MG max daily flow discharged
- 1.32 MG average daily flow discharged

Compliance:

- The WWTP process has had zero process violations for the last 23 months.
- The City received a Notice of Civil Penalty from DEQ for wastewater discharge violations from the Wastewater Treatment Facility into Ames Creek and South Santiam River between October 2022 through May 2024. Staff will meet with DEQ to discuss it in detail. DEQ and the City staff agreed to modify the Notice of Penalty. City received and signed the Mutual Agreement and Final Order (MAO) on March 24, 2026.

O&M Projects:

- Mahler Water Reclamation Facility Project has been designed and is waiting for funding. Once the audit is completed, the WIFIA application will be submitted.

WTP Activities - Sweet Home Water Treatment Plant

April 2026:

- 35.68 MG finish water treated this month
- 2.05 MG max daily demand
- 1.15 MG average daily demand

Compliance:

- No process violations for May 2026.

Raw Turbidity NTUs:

- NTUs are currently less than 10 (normal).

O&M Projects:

- US Army Corps ceased annual Green Peter Reservoir drawdown operations on December 7, 2025. No meetings for 2026 have been scheduled as of this report.
- Staff cleaning up facility and landscaping around the plant.
- Began process to clean backwash basins.

Engineering Projects

- Ongoing ROW inspections throughout the community.
- Ongoing plan reviews for various construction projects.
- Completed Redwood overlay.
- Worked with Water Crews to update hydrant pressures for the GIS system.
- Completed ISO fire report for the Sweet Home Fire District.

Public Works Field Activities

Water Division

- Staff continued with water distribution system leak detection citywide. Found and repaired 4 large water leaks. Continue to get water loss down.
- Staff continue to locate all City owned utilities for contractors throughout the service area.
- Staff installed 10 new water services this month.

Collections System Division

- Staff continued to inspect sewer system for blockages.
- Staff started to inspect the sewer mains with CCTV inspections.
- Collections staff concluded winter I&I monitoring and have begun cleaning sewer easements for access.

Streets Division

- Staff assisted with downtown pressure washing.
- Staff assisted with Median planting and hung Hero banners.
- Staff continue with a small amount asphalt patch work for water leak repairs and winter potholes.
- Staff started annual vegetation management.

Parks & Facilities Division

- Staff began mowing and spring maintenance of parks and lawns.
- Staff maintained City parks, cleaned restrooms, and collected garbage from public trash cans.
- Staff installed irrigation and assisted with planting at Clover Park.

Stormwater Division

- Staff are cleaning storm drain lines as needed.
- Staff are cleaning storm ditches along street easements as time allows.