

# MEMORANDUM



TO: City Council  
FROM: Greg Springman, Public Works Director  
DATE: October 14, 2025  
SUBJECT: Public Works Monthly Report – September 2025

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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**

- 20.29 million gallons (MG) of wastewater treated this month
- 0.79 MG max daily flow discharged
- 0.70 MG average daily flow discharged

### **Compliance:**

- Wastewater plant process had no violations for September 2025. The WWTP process has had “zero” process violations for the last 16 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 schedule a meeting with DEQ to discuss it in detail. Staff will have the opportunity to seek approval to do a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in lieu of the fine.

### **O&M Projects:**

- Staff added more sand to finish filters 1 & 2 to prepare for the wet fall/winter weather.
- Mahler Water Reclamation Facility Project has been fully designed and is waiting for funding. Staff have completed the WIFIA application and submitted the \$25,000 application fee but are waiting for financial documents (completed FY23 Audit and an updated Credit Rating Report for the City). Once the audit is completed, the application will be submitted.

## **WTP Activities - Sweet Home Water Treatment Plant**

- 38.28 MG finish water treated this month
- 1.86 MG max daily demand
- 1.28 MG average daily demand

### **Compliance:**

- No process violations for September 2025.

### **Raw Turbidity NTUs:**

- Levels currently range are less than 5 NTUs.

### O&M Projects:

- Army Corps Green Peter drawdown meeting was held with all water providers on September 17, 2025. Operations staff gave Army Corps a tour of the WTP on September 18, 2025. Next drawdown meeting will be October 15, 2025.

### Engineering Projects

- Ongoing ROW inspections for Ziply Fiber installations throughout the community.
- Ongoing Coulter subdivision inspections.
- Request for quotes for a pole structure at Police Department.
- Completed the DEQ TMDL Stormwater update for 2025.
- Assisted other departments with small projects.
- Updated infrastructure in GIS for iWorQ database integration.

### Public Works Field Activities

#### Water Division

- Staff continues with water distribution system leak detection citywide.
- Staff continue to locate all City owned utilities for contractors throughout the service area.
- Staff have scheduled the installation of new water main on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Dogwood and Cedar. Materials have been ordered and received.

#### Collections System Division

- Staff responded to a sewer system overflow (SSO) along Ames Creek, between Highway 20 and Long Street. The cause the SSO was vandalism, where large rocks thrown into the manhole structure. Staff removed approximately 20 rocks ranging from “football size” to one that is over 80 lbs. Staff notified DEQ of the SSO and has followed up with the incident report.
- Staff started sewer main cleaning throughout the service area.
- Staff performed sewer main CCTV inspections throughout the service area.
- Collections staff assisting with leak detection and water leak repairs.

#### Streets Division

- Staff continues with crosswalk painting.
- Staff continues with asphalt patch work for water leak repairs.
- Scheduled weekly street sweeping is ongoing.
- Staff has scheduled the fall leaf collection season, which begins Monday, October 13, 2025 and will continue through Thursday, December 18, 2025.

### Parks & Facilities Division

- Staff working on Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) east of Ames Creek in Sankey Park. All vegetation has been mowed and sprayed, and debris has been removed. Silage traps will be put in place mid-October. Traps will remain in place for one year.
- Staff prepared Sankey Park for the annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 4, 2025.
- Staff continues to maintain City parks, clean restrooms, and collect public trash cans.
- Mowing and weed-eating continues in all parks, mowing frequency is slowing down.

### Stormwater Division

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