

MEMORANDUM



TO: City Council
FROM: Greg Springman, Public Works Advisor
DATE: March 10, 2026
SUBJECT: PW Monthly Report – February 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

February 2026:

- 84.35 million gallons (MG) of wastewater treated this month
- 6.79 MG max daily flow discharged
- 3.12 MG average daily flow discharged

Compliance:

- Wastewater plant had one sewer system overflows (SSO) in February 2026. The WWTP process has had no process violations for the last 21 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 is waiting for DEQ's response. The City will have the opportunity to do a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in lieu of the fine.

O&M Projects:

- 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 completion of the FY24 and FY25 audits before requesting a required, updated credit rating as part of the application process.

WTP Activities - Sweet Home Water Treatment Plant

February 2026:

- 28.73 MG finish water treated this month
- 2.04 MG max daily demand
- 1.06 MG average daily demand

Compliance:

- No process violations for February 2026.

Raw Turbidity NTUs:

- Recent heavy rains caused NTU levels to range as high as 80 NTUs during the month of February. NTUs are currently less than 40.

O&M Projects:

- US Army Corps ceased annual Green Peter Reservoir drawdown operations on December 7, 2025.

Engineering Projects

- Ongoing ROW inspections throughout the community.
- Ongoing Coulter subdivision inspections (ADA and sidewalk forms).
- Open bidding for demolition of old City Hall, on hold pending results of hazardous materials survey.
- Staff accepted Civil West's proposal for drainage design on 3rd Ave.
- Updated new water T&M sheet for service tap installations up to 2".
- Staff began updating meter placements on GIS including Kamstrup meter numbers.
- Ongoing plan review for Public Works right of way (ROW) projects.

Public Works Field Activities

Water Division

- Staff continued with water distribution system leak detection citywide. Found and repaired 2 large water leaks. Continue to get water loss down.
- Staff continue to locate all City owned utilities for contractors throughout the service area.
- Staff is trying to schedule the water line replacement project of approx. 300' of 6" main on 8th Ave from Dogwood to Cedar. Including 6 services and 1 hydrant.

Collections System Division

- Staff started sewer main cleaning throughout the service area.
- Staff started to inspect the sewer mains with CCTV inspections.
- Collections staff started winter Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) flow monitoring in basins 8, 13, & 16.

Streets Division

- Staff cleaned ditches for stormwater.
- Staff continues with a small amount asphalt patch work for water leak repairs, and winter potholes.
- Planted the fish in the medians along Highway 20.

Parks & Facilities Division

- Staff working on Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) east of Ames Creek in Sankey Park. Staff worked with volunteers to plant 2,500 shrubs and bushes.
- Staff maintained City parks, cleaned restrooms, and collected garbage from public trash cans.
- Working on park benches in-house as well as starting shelving for the library.

Stormwater Division

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