

MEMORANDUM



TO: City Council
FROM: Greg Springman, Public Works Consultant
DATE: April 28, 2026
SUBJECT: PW Monthly Report – March 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

April 2026:

- 88.75 million gallons (MG) of wastewater treated this month
- 4.33 MG max daily flow discharged
- 2.86 MG average daily flow discharged

Compliance:

- The WWTP process has had “zero” process violations for the last 22 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 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

April 2026:

- 28.43 MG finish water treated this month
- 1.77 MG max daily demand
- 0.95 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 February 2026. NTU's are currently less than 40 NTUs.

Engineering Projects

- Ongoing ROW inspections throughout the community.
- Ongoing Coulter subdivision inspections (ADA and sidewalk forms).
- Open bidding for Old City Hall, Hazardous Materials Survey. Awarded Job.
- 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 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 started sewer main cleaning throughout the service area.
- Staff started to inspect the sewer mains with CCTV inspections.
- Collections staff continues 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.
- 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 infrastructure for the Phase III project which included power conduits and irrigation lines. Also, started constructing the pad for the pavilion.

Stormwater Division

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