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Gary B. Marks
City of Dallas Public Works Director
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Re: Review and Acceptance of the 2023-2027 TMDL Implementation Plan for the City of Dallas

Dear Gary B. Marks,

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan submitted by the City of Dallas. The plan has been approved by DEQ, meeting the intent and the specific requirements of a TMDL Implementation Plan as specified in Oregon Administrative Rule 340-042-0080(3).

The plan successfully builds upon existing efforts and thoroughly outlines the actions necessary to minimize pollution inputs into surface waters including heat energy (temperature), bacteria, and mercury (sediment) from those areas where Dallas has jurisdiction. The plan will serve as a guide for the city's efforts to improve water quality through the end of the city's current five year cycle.

DEQ appreciates the work by the City of Dallas to build more complete and effective tracking strategies and reporting measures. In your upcoming annual report please add at least one BMP to your implementation matrix documenting implementation of riparian improvement measures for temperature (e.g. riparian ordinances, protective environmental overlays, shading, riparian restoration projects, etc.). Additionally, please complete the Willamette Basin 5-year survey by 12/31/2023.

I would like to reaffirm that I am available as a resource to assist you as you move forward with TMDL implementation. Please feel free to contact me at (541) 972-5520 for assistance.

Best regards,

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