

March 31, 2026

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Letter sent by email only

**Re: 2025 Waterline Improvements ([PR#43-2025](#), SD-22-358)
Falls City ([PWS ID#00297](#))
Final Approval**

Dear Mr. Engel:

On March 30, 2026 our office received as-builts and confirmation that the above project was completed according to the plans submitted and conditions set forth in the March 22, 2025 conditional approval letter.

This verification completes the plan review requirements. Final approval is issued at this time, and the waterlines are approved for use. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (971) 200-0200.

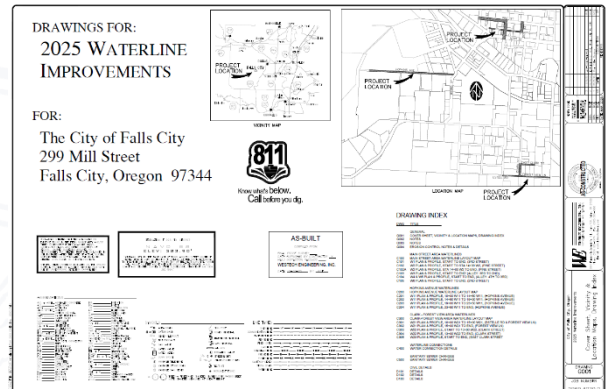
Sincerely,



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Encl. - Project Description
- Project Final Approval Request Form



Project Description

SRF SD-22-358: The 2025 Waterline Improvements project reviewed under PR#43-2025 is part of a larger project funded, in part, under SRF SD-22-358. The larger project involves approximately 5,000 ft of new 8-inch, 6-inch and 4-inch waterline, minor repairs to the concrete vaults at the water treatment plant, and replacement of all existing standard water meters. The larger project was granted a Categorical Exclusion from further environmental review on March 31, 2025. Other parts of the larger project are anticipated to be submitted under a 2026 Waterline Improvements Project to be reviewed under a new plan review ID# (Categorical Exclusion was re-affirmed to apply to the 2026 Waterline Improvements on March 30, 2026).

The following items were conditions of the SRF loan:

1. Operator Certification:

- a. Acquire a certified cross connection control specialist as required for water systems serving 300 or more service connections (OAR 333-061-0070(10)(d)).

2. Water System Policies and Programs:

- a. Prepare and submit a cross connection control Annual Summary Report as required. Ensure report is submitted by the end of March each year (OAR 333-061-0070(10)(c)).
- b. Update the water system’s written emergency response plan and operations manual to include infrastructure improvements associated with this project.

Short-Term items to correct by October 1, 2023 included certifying to DWS delivery of CCRs to consumers (OAR 333-091-0043(6)(c)) for calendar years:

- 2021, and
- 2022

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Consumer Confidence Reports (Last 5 Years)		
For Year	Date Received	Date Certified
2025	1/5/2026	1/5/2026
2024	1/2/2025	1/8/2025
2023	1/16/2024	11/25/2024
2022	4/20/2023	6/14/2023
2021	4/20/2023	Not received

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Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Information (Last 5 Years)		
Enabling Authority Received	Annual Summary Report	Cross Connection Fee Status
Yes (pdf)	2025 - Received (pdf) 2024 - Received (pdf) 2023 - Received (pdf) 2022 - Received (pdf) 2021 - Received (pdf)	2026 - Paid 2025 - Paid 2024 - Paid 2023 - Paid 2022 - Paid

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PWS ID: 00297 ---- FALLS CITY, CITY OF

Operator Requirements

Distribution Level 1

Treatment Level 1

Cross Connection Control Specialist

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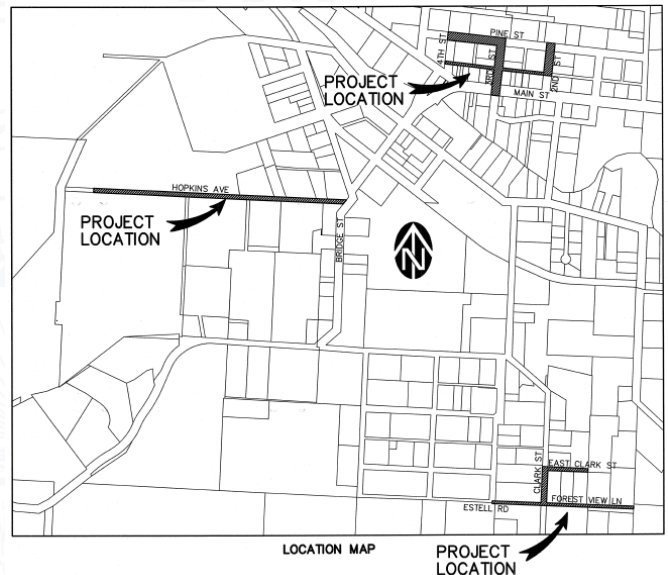
Name	Distribution Level	Treatment Level	Filtration Endorsement	Small Water Certification	BAT Certification	CCS Certification	Expiration Dates
Chris E. Warren	D3-152023, DRC	T4-152023, DRC				CCS-152023	12/31/2027 (D/T) 12/31/2027 (CCS)
Donald R. Poe	D1-6132	T1-6132					12/31/2027 (D/T)
Larry Inman						CCS-694091	12/31/2026 (CCS)

2025 Waterline Improvements:

Submittal: On March 20, 2025 our office received a completed land use compatibility statement (LUCS), plans, and specifications for the *2025 Waterline Improvements* project for Falls City (PWS ID#00297). A payment in the amount of \$3,300 for the plan review fee was also received on March 20, 2025. A Conditional Approval letter was issued on March 22, 2025.

The work involved waterline improvements in 3 main areas as shown below:

- 1) Main Street Area (2nd St, 3rd St., Pine St, & Alleys from 2nd to 3rd and 3rd to 4th),
- 2) Hopkins Avenue, and
- 3) Clark-Forest View (Estelle Rd and Forrest View Ln, Clark St & East Clark St).





WV-2025-563: Due to an existing sewer service discovered in the waterline trench running parallel to the waterline, the City applied for a construction standard waiver request (WV ID# 2025-563 approved November 19, 2025) enabling the city to abandon the parallel sewer service and reroute it by crossing over it to the north to a new septic tank and then from the tank back to the sewer main which is $\pm 12'$ north of the waterline. Due to the depth of sewer main the crossing sewer service must be above the new waterline.



Final Approval 3-31-26: As-builts and a completed Project Final Approval Request form were received on March 30, 2026 after which time Final Approval was granted on March 31, 2026.

Project Final Approval Request Form

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