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**Re: Water System Master Plan Update, PR #15-2026, City of Grass Valley,  
PWS ID#4100356, SD-24-P54 SIPP  
Concurrence with Master Plan**

Dear Amy:

Thank you for your submittal to the Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water Services (DWS) of the 2025 Water System Master Plan Update for the City of Grass Valley. On January 27, 2026, a pdf copy of the draft Water System Master Plan Update and the review fee of \$825 were received. The review of the draft Master Plan Update confirmed the criteria listed in Oregon Administrative Rule 333-061-0060(5) have been met.

The Master Plan Update covers a 20-year planning period from 2025 to 2045. It includes a system description, future demand estimates, and a prioritized list of capital improvements with cost estimates. The system's existing water sources are adequate to supply the projected demand. Proposed improvements include installing new remote-read meters, upgrading the electrical controls and SCADA system, installing security fencing around the well heads, and selected improvements to the distribution piping.

I have the following comments:

- I generally concur with the list of recommended capital improvement projects.

- On page 4 in Table 3, I recommend noting the first drillers well log SHER 388 for the “north well”.
- On page 18, I note that sodium has no maximum contaminant level (MCL). The 20 mg/L concentration is an EPA guidance level or Drinking Water Equivalency Level (DWEL).
- On page 27 the number shown for the ADD in the second paragraph seems high.
- On page 28, subsection F, the sanitary survey was conducted by North Central Public Health District staff, not Sherman County staff. Also, there is a typographical error in the second sentence.
- On page 32, I note that there is no implementation schedule or timeline shown for the recommended construction improvements.
- I note that the preferred funding source for the improvement projects will be determined in consultation with Business Oregon, USDA Rural Utilities Service, and other agencies.
- I note that no environmental impacts for the proposed projects were identified.
- I note that additional operation and maintenance costs may be incurred if billing will be based on readings from newly installed meters.

Please send me a copy of the final version of the plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [william.h.goss@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:william.h.goss@oha.oregon.gov) or call at (541) 966-0900.

Sincerely,



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