APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 22 March 2022

В.	DISTRICT	OFFICE,	FILE NAME,	AND NUM	BER: CEN	WP-ODG	, Falls City	Wastewater	Treatment Plant	Improvements,
NW	P-2021-075-	1,								

NW	/P-2021-075-1,
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: Oregon County/parish/borough: Polk City: Falls City Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 44.86621° N, Long123.41489° W. Universal Transverse Mercator: Refer to latitude and longitude above Name of nearest waterbody: Little Luckiamute River Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Willamette River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 170900030507 Middle Little Luckiamute River Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.
D.	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): Office (Desk) Determination. Date: 4 March 2022 Field Determination. Date(s):
	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:
B.	CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	re Are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]
	1. Waters of the U.S. a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Impoundments of jurisdictional waters Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands
	b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or .005 acres. Wetlands: acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
	 Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³ ∑ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: Ditches 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, Wetlands A and B, Swale 1 (see Section F below).

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

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Identify TNW:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: 54 square miles Drainage area: 28.8 square miles Average annual rainfall: 64.7 inches Average annual snowfall: 7.1 inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through 2 tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 25-30 river miles from TNW.

Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.

Project waters are 15-20 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: Water flows southwest in Ditch 3 until it crosses under Main Street and flows south outside the Review Area. Based on a review of aerial imagery, the stream flows for 0.21 miles from the edge of the Review Area

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

	Tributary stream order, if known: 2.				
(b)	General Tributary (Tributary is:	Characteristics (check all that apply Natural Artificial (man-made). Explai			
	Average widtl	Manipulated (man-altered). Esses with respect to top of bank (esting): Ditch 3 is about 2 feet in wide. Some Ditch 3 is less than 0.5 feet deep. Islanes: 3:1.	mate): tream 1 i	is 20 feet	
	C	ubstrate composition (check all that Sands Gravel Vegetation. Type/%		: Concrete Muck	
stream. At the floodplain.	time of a Corps stat	if site visit on 23 February, the bank	ks appea	panks]. Explain: Ditch 3 is a naturally occuring intermittent ared stable and the stream channel had created a small	
	Tributary geometry			ot exhibit run, riffle, pool complexes.	
(c)	Describe flow	for: Seasonal flow umber of flow events in review are regime: Ditch 3 is an intermittent son duration and volume:			
	Surface flow is: Di	screte and confined. Characteristi	ics:		
		nknown . Explain findings: her) test performed:			
	clear, chang shelvi vegeta leaf lit sedim water other (anks check all indicators that apply): natural line impressed on the bank es in the character of soil ng tion matted down, bent, or absent ter disturbed or washed away ent deposition staining	de the sec	ne presence of litter and debris estruction of terrestrial vegetation ne presence of wrack line ediment sorting cour nultiple observed or predicted flow events brupt change in plant community	
	☐ High Tide ☐ oil or ☐ fine sh	e Line indicated by: scum line along shore objects all or debris deposits (foreshore) al markings/characteristics auges	Mean H ☐ surv ☐ phys	al extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): High Water Mark indicated by: vey to available datum; ysical markings; getation lines/changes in vegetation types.	
(iii) Che	mical Characterist	ics:			

until it enters the Little Luckiamute River. The Little Luckiamute River (also known as Stream 1) flows east for

approximately 28 miles into the Willamette River, a TNW.

⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

⁷Ibid.

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Water was observed within the stream channel during the Corps 23 February 2022 site visit and appeared clear. Aerial imagery indicates the stream flows through multiple livestock pastures and may convey fertilizers, manure, or other agricultural chemicals to downstream surface waters.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: Manure.

	(iv)		logical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): palustrine emergent riprarian community approximately 1-2 feet
wide	e on		side
			Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Observed species include Oregon ash (Fraxinus latifolia), Sitka willow (Salix sitchensis, (Equisetum arvense), pennyroyal (Mentha pulegium), dense flower willowherb (Epilobium densifolium), and slough obnupta).
3442	, (Habitat for:
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
			Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
			☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: ☐ Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
2.	Cha	aract	eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)	Phy	sical Characteristics:
		(a)	General Wetland Characteristics:
			Properties:
			Wetland size: acres
			Wetland type. Explain: . Wetland quality. Explain: .
			Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:
		(0)	Flow is: Pick List. Explain: .
			Surface flow is: Pick List
			Characteristics:
			Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
			Directly abutting
			Not directly abutting
			☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: ☐ Ecological connection. Explain:
			Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
		(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW
			Project wetlands are Pick List river miles from TNW.
			Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
			Flow is from: Pick List. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
			Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Fick List moodplain.
	(ii)		emical Characteristics:
		Cha	racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed
		T.J	characteristics; etc.). Explain:
		iden	ntify specific pollutants, if known:
	(iii) Biol	logical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):
			Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):
		닏	Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:
		Ш	Habitat for:
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
			Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List

Approfollowing:	eximately () acres in t	total are being considered in t	he cumulative analysis. For ea	ch wetland, specify the
Ξ	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)
S	ummarize overall biologica	l, chemical and physical funct	ions being performed: .	

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the Rapanos Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of

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	presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
	TERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL AT APPLY):
1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres. Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2.	 RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. ☑ Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: ☑ Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: Information from the wetland delineation and field observations indicate this stream has an intermittent flow regime and flows during the rainy season.

	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: 0.005 acre
	Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
3.	Non-RPWs ⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
	■ Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.9 As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional. Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
SUC SUC	DLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:

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 ⁸See Footnote # 3.
 9 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
 10 Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: width (ft). linear feet Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: ☐ Wetlands: acres. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce. Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR). Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: Other: (explain, if not covered above): Ditches 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are stormwater ditches constructed in uplands for the purpose of stormwater conveyance. They did not exhibit all three parameters necessary for wetlands, nor did they exhibit an OHWM. Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): 64 linear feet 1 width (ft). Swale 1 is an erosional feature at the southern terminus of Wetland A. It does not exhibit a clearly defined OHWM, bed and bank, nor any other indication of relatively permanent flow or seasonal flow. Swale 1 disappears upon the terminus of Wetland A. Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: 0.15 acres. List type of aquatic resource: ditches excavated in uplands for the purpose of stormwater conveyance. Wetlands: 0.982 acres. Wetlands A and B are both isolated wetlands. Neither wetland exhibited an unbroken surface connection to a jurisdictional water, nor are they physically separated from a jurisdictional water by a single barrier, nor are they considered reasonably close to a jurisdictional water. During the Corps 23 February 2022 site visit, Corps staff noted that Swale 1 forms and disappears at the southern terminus of Wetland A. Upon exiting the forested canopy, Swale 1 completely disappears within the livestock pasture. Aerial imagery indicates a swale to the southwest of the southern terminus of Wetland A (outside the Review Area), however, there is no clearly defined connection between Wetland A, Swale 1, and this swale. Wetland B is a small, depressional wetland located within a historic railroad easement. Wetland B likely receives and pools hydrology from overland sheet flow during rain events. Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet. width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: Wetlands: acres SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES. A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below): Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: "Falls City Wastewater System Improvement Project Wetland and Waters Delineation Report Sections 16, 21, and 22, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Polk County, Falls City, Oregon" produced by SWCA and dated January 2021. Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. ☐ Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report. Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report. Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Corps navigable waters' study: U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: Retrieved on 2 February 2022 from the Corps eGIS WebViewer. USGS NHD data. USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: Falls City 2020, 24K.

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation:

\boxtimes	National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: Provided within the Wetland Delineation.
\boxtimes	State/Local wetland inventory map(s): Retrieved from the Statewide Wetlands Inventory on 4 February 2022.
	FEMA/FIRM maps: .
	100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
\boxtimes	Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): Google Earth Pro Photos from 12 August 2020 and 14 July 2014.
	or 🔀 Other (Name & Date): Provided within the wetland delineation.
\boxtimes	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: NWP-2021-075 dated 12 May 2021.
	Applicable/supporting case law: .
	Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
	Other information (please specify):

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: On 7 March 2022 the Corps Portland District coordinated this JD with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 and Corps Headquarters (HQ). On 21 March 2022 the EPA concurred with our findings. On 14 March 2022 the Corps Headquarters concurred with our findings.