

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

I am opposed to PWB's proposed water treatment facility in the Carpenter Lane area. The important issues of transportation/road safety, environment, commercial nurseries, character of the area, aquifer affects, rate payer expense, and many others, will all be negatively affected by this proposed 100 acre industrial facility. When one looks at the "Big Picture" like this, this project was never a viable option .

There are 15 plus schools along the routes that the commercial trucks will be using to gain access to the site. Many of the trucks will be coming from the Blue Lakes area and proceeding up to the Carpenter Lane site using Hwy. 257, Orient Drive, Bluff Rd, Dodge Park Blvd, and Hwy. 26 to travel. All of these schools will be under huge traffic safety issues as the 200 plus trucks per day hurriedly get to and from their destination. At some of those schools the parents line up along the road in their cars waiting for 30 minutes or more to pick up and drop off their children. A disaster is undoubtedly looming as the 30 ton trucks drive right by those cars. Student drivers, bicyclist, walkers will all be adversely affected and traffic engineers have already said someone will be injured or worse, given this number of trucks using these roads.

The headwaters of Johnson Creek are within a few yards SW and in a downward slope of the proposed site. Johnson Creek flows eventually and directly into the Willamette River. There is no way that PWB can mitigate overflows in their spillway ponds that will for sure dump their contaminated water into Johnson Creek during the winter storms. The chemicals and earth that will surround the building of the facility will also contaminate this creek. These exact same issues will effect Beaver Creek, just north of the site and it flows directly into the Sandy River.

Because the site for the proposed facility is so many miles away from the water source (Bull Run Res.) , large diameter pipes , 8 feet, will have to be placed in the ground. The method for doing this is called Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). Approx. 10 + miles of 8 foot diameter pipes will be used to transfer the water to the site. The noise, vibration, and disruption to the above and below ground area will have very harmful affects. Who knows what might happen to the creeks and underground water sources where these pipes will be laid. To set up the equipment for these drillings a large area must me cleared above ground. Trees will be cut and property compromised and forever changed .

An additional environmental affect will be the lighting. The lighting of this immense facility if completed will completely change the "atmosphere" of the area. Nights in this vicinity are dark. The night sky is starry and brilliant. That character will be lost.

This area is well known for its vibrant commercial nurseries where ornamental horticulture of trees is practiced. Their success depends on being able to access their fields using the paved roads of this area . Their large farm trucks carrying their trees, tools, and machinery must have normal usage of the roads and with the number of PWB trucks dominating the landscape that would be damaging to the nursery farmers.

The character of the area, one of rural and pastoral scenes, would be devastated . This is a project that is figured to take 5-7 years to complete and then additions and improvements will follow taking up more years. The character of the area will be lost forever . And during the constructions phase, even the head engineer for the PWB told us in a site meeting 2 years ago that it would be "very difficult" to live in this area because of the noise, vibration, and traffic. His words.

Research has shown that there is a large aquifer under the proposed site. Apparently the PWB is going to use this aquifer to have adequate water for the building and running of their facility. There is a strong possibility that their enormous water needs will jeopardize the "viability" of the local residential wells.

All of these disastrous issues, when seen as a whole, are just too detrimental to the idea of building this industrial facility where it is now proposed.

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