

**Post Hearing Written Testimony For:
Multnomah Co. Remand Hearing April 16 2025
Portland Water Bureau Filtration Plant.**

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I would like to address 2 points raised in the April 16 PWB Remand Hearing.

1) The new pipeline road between Dodge Park Boulevard & the tie in site on Lusted road.

Buring the PWB presentation questions were asked about the placement of the pipeline and if it was along right of ways. PWB answered that the half mile section between Dodge Park Boulevard and Lusted Rd. was along an existing farm road. While this is correct, I think it's important to note that there was no right of way here and a strip of land many times wider than the road was compulsorily purchased from the land owner. I was hoping to be able to supply a Google Earth image of this but there are no updates to the area since 04/2024 so I have provided a photo instead.

The PWB also testified that the position of the road was to avoid the headwaters of the North Fork of Beaver Creek. The 2024 Google Earth image below clearly shows a swale in the ground leading right up to dodge park BLVD. These are the actual collection areas of the North Fork of Beaver Creek. This can clearly be seen in past images on Google Earth also. Its also an area where in the past the county carried out Salmon restoration work.



The half mile long strip of land (many times wider than the road) that was compulsorily purchased from the land owner between Dodge Park Boulevard and Lusted Road. (Previous Page)



GE image showing location of the pipeline road between DPB & Lusted Road as well as the Beaver Creek drainage swale.

2) Proposed tree planting on the new PWB Filtration site.

The PWB presentation showed renditions of a green space and tree planting on the SE corner of the site. It also showed a rendition of a low-profile view of the site looking North from Bluff Road to the South.

The problem here is that despite thousands of dump truck loads of soil already being removed an enormous mountain of soil remains.

It is my understanding that the PWB had not confirmed or is committed to all this soil being removed. If it is not removed, where will the tree planting happen? It is this soil pile that will be the dominant feature on the landscape when looking North from Bluff Road. I have attached a current showing current view from Bluff Road looking North.

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Photo taken from Bluff Road looking North towards the filtration site. Showing the massive soil pile where tree planting and land restoration is supposed to happen.



A closer view, showing the massive soil pile where tree planting and land restoration is supposed to happen.



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I would like to submit this post hearing testimony for the Portland Water Bureau remand hearing that was held on 04/16/2025.

Thanks.

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