

April 14, 2025

Multnomah County Hearings Officer

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Portland, OR 97233

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RE: Portland Water Bureau Filtration Facility and Pipelines  
County Case File T3-2022-16220 – Remand

Dear Hearings Officer:

We live on Carpenter Lane a mile away from PWB's proposed water filtration facility. We strongly oppose the industrial water filtration plant that PWB is constructing. The 90-plus acre property that this behemoth industrial plant will be situated on is considered high-value farmland. It lies within a Rural Reserve, a sensitive riparian corridor and habitat for wildlife, as documented by County resource areas.

This plant poses a substantial threat to local natural resources and ecological integrity, and it conflicts with Multnomah County Code (MCC) which outlines conditional approval criteria. MCC 39.7515 (B) states "it (meaning the project) will not adversely affect natural resources". With the recent destruction of at least 363 trees, it is inconceivable how this plant along with their 180 plus foot tower will not adversely affect the birds and other wildlife that has long co-existed on this land.

Since construction commenced approximately one year ago, we have observed that our regularly visiting owl, which would often perch in a cherry tree, has ceased its visits. Additionally, sightings of eagles and red tail hawks have diminished, and the frequency of coyote howls/cries has significantly decreased. Despite being predators, these animals play a crucial role in maintaining a balance of our ecosystem.

It is implausible that PWB chose to go ahead with construction when they did not have full land use approval. The location they chose for this facility and the

scale is inappropriate for this ecologically sensitive area. Also, PWB did not complete their due diligence in providing an inventory of natural resources nor took appropriate steps to mitigate any damage to natural resources as required in MCC 39.7515 (B) and the Multnomah County Plan. Therefore, we request that you deny PWB the ability to continue construction of this industrial plant. Your consideration is appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted

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## Remand Letter re: PWB

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