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Rebuttal to S.32. Case 2022-16220

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This is my rebuttal to the PWB's claim of "no harm" to the Natural Resources in their proposed water treatment site. Overall, the Natural Resources are clearly being harmed by this project. The evidence was clearly stated at the recent Land Use Hearing.

My additional and added testimony is specifically regarding the Aquifer that the treatment site sits on. It is an extensive and enormous aquifer that supplies all the creeks and streams, all the flora (trees, bushes etc) of this entire area, to say nothing of the water supply to the residences in the area who have wells for their household water needs. Their water, including ours, is supplied by the aquifer . (My neighbors well has already been compromised* earlier when the PWB was doing test drilling . My neighbor had to have a completely new well drilled !)

This grand aquifer is a body of porous sediment saturated with groundwater. The groundwater can move through the aquifer and resurface through springs and wells. This geologic formation transmits the water in sufficient quantities to supply pumping wells and springs and thus feeds an entire area, giving life to all the vegetation and animals in that huge area. The groundwater is a vital part of the hydrologic cycle. It is a key in this all important cycle. It will be compromised if the water plant is allowed to continue.

When the PWB was building their proposed plant, they were pumping thousands of gallons per day of this ground water OUT of the aquifer and spilling it directly into the headwaters of Johnson Creek. What will be the result to the environment if their proposed plant is allowed to proceed ? Only negative results - consequential results . One current result here to our property was that the surface water which we could easily see always tricking down the property, this year <u>did not occur.</u> If the pumping of ground water continues it could result in drying up our wells.

Our homes would be worthless. It is a foreboding and scary thought for those of us who live on the "downward" slopes of the ridge where the site is located . It affects a very large area and many many homes. This very important aquifer must NOT be allowed to be compromised. The results would be catastrophic.

Sincerely, Cris Courter Dodge Park Blvd.