

From the Desk of
Commissioner Mark Shull
Clackamas County

24 April 2023

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Suite 600
Portland, OR 97214-3587

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to do everything possible to stop any further work on the Portland Water Bureau filtration plant that the PWB is planning for the rural Cottrell area.

As Commissioner it is my primary duty to represent the concerns of my constituents. The people of the Cottrell area, on both sides to the county line, have invested their hopes, dreams and work into their homes and farms. They realize that an industrial project such as the one PWB is planning for their rural community will drastically detract from their community safety, livability and from the value of the place they call home.

-The Bull Run watershed provides one of the best sources of water in the nation, and the negligible issue of cryptosporidium does not warrant in any way the 1.5 billion dollar project cost. That cost will be passed on to the rate payer, resulting in an 800% increase in water bills within a decade: Most of the residents of the area cannot endure that cost. Add the treat of tolling and we have a serious family budget problem.

-The degradation of community safety, should construction begin, would increase accidents on roads, many of which are already prone to accidents. The intense truck traffic would be intolerable. In Clackamas County, nearly all the routes out of the site pass closely by schools. The safety of our residents would suffer.

-The loss of Exclusive Farm Land zoned lands could start the beginning of the end for even more EFU lands, forever altering the landscape that is so loved by our people. We must preserve our limited farm land.

-In the event that the plant would be built, the operational traffic and the need for constant chemical resupply would mean that for the many decades of the life of the plant, the quiet environment our people currently enjoy would be gone forever.

It is imperative that the PWB reassess, look for another solution, and listen to the impassioned request of the people of the Cottrell community, both on the Multnomah side and the Clackamas side of the county line. Please do everything possible to stop this disastrous project. Listed to the impassioned pleas of our residents.

Sincerely,


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Clackamas County, Oregon

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Gabe Solmer
Director, Portland Water Bureau
664 N Tillamook St, Portland, OR 97227

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