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To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: agenda item 257 for 3-15-17

Council members,

I attach the 2017 proposed budget for PWB, and there are no recommended funds for maintaining the reservoirs as promised. At the rate proposed I recall that repairs would be completed in 66 years.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/631370>

Since PWB will respond that OMB directed them to spend on other priorities to skirt any blame, but as I mentioned from the beginning in 2013 when that first application was put forward, they do not want to keep these reservoirs and their written plans since 2004 have been to demolish them.

I would like Council members to provide the funding they have promised for maintenance along with the restoration / preservation plan.

As I have written before, there has long been intentional negligence in order to allow decay so that they could then claim them derelict and unsafe in order to justify demolition. A part of the title 33 code allows the director of BDS alone to determine an improvement unsafe and suitable for approving demolition that bypasses the public notice and typical LUR process citizens would expect. I anticipate this was the objective, as they were attempting with the listed buildings in the maintenance yard in 2006.

The budget is proposed and not final, but shows they are not moving forward with the agreed on maintenance.

Thank you,
Mark Bartlett