

Written Testimony

Row 908

Name	Jennifer Hart
Agenda Item	561
Position	Oppose
Comments	This is already a \$1.9Billion project. Filtration is not mandated or required! Cryptosporidium, can be treated with UV. UV is much cheaper. This is PWB Ego Project! When has the Water Bureau been on budget and responsible with money?! Water Rates are going to skyrocket!
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To: Mayor Wheeler
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

26 June, 2023

Re: Items 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

I am writing in opposition to Agenda Items reference above. Cryptosporidium is the issue, it is not required to build a \$1.9 Billion Industrial Filtration Plant. UV will clean the Cryptosporidium and is all that is required by the EPA, and Oregon Health Authority. This Proposed Industrial Filtration Plant is a Portland Water Bureau, State of the Art Ego Boost -at the cost of the ratepayers, and wholesale customers.

We are in times of inflation, with high cost of utility bill, food, housing, gas, constructions, goods and services. Which is concerning for low income and middle class. Homelessness is on the rise. I heard on the new that over 50 years of age is a large portion of the homeless population in our Country. I read an article that Mayor Wheeler was concerned about the increase in utility rates. Commissioner Mapps stated in a TownHall, his "Goal Is To Keep Utility Rates Flat". Building a \$1.9 Billion Filtration Plant does not achieve Commissioner Mapps goal, or address Mayor Wheeler concerns!

I do understand PWB is concerned about turbidity, earthquakes, and forest fires. Dave Peters was asked by Fire District 10, "how many fires have been in the Bull Run? Mr. Peters, answer was "None"! We all know that if a forest fire was in the Bull Run it would be put out quickly. Earthquake, the infrastructure of the PWB pipelines in Portland would not hold up. I had a discussion with Amanda Fritz on Earthquakes, and the infrastructure within the pipes. She stated that is on the docket to be fixed. Where is that money coming from? Ratepayers, and Wholesale Customers? PWB Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis states, "funding this project will not affect rate increased above what has been already communicated. PWB is vague on what the rates will do to the general public! Two of the Wholesale Customers anticipate a 800% increase over the next 10 years. One of the Wholesale Customers is drilling their own wells. Gresham is also sourcing their own water, dropping out as a Wholesale Customer. When Wholesale Customers leave, who picks up the burden of the cost?!

PWB has a record of going over budget, wasting money, and failed projects. I remember watching a City Council Meeting where Mike Stuhr and Dave Peter said the proposed project was \$350,000,000 to \$500,000,000. Later to find out that they forgot the Pipelines. This is typical PWB shenanigans. This Proposed Project is currently estimated to go over \$1.9 Billion. That does not include fixing all the East Multnomah County and Clackamas County Roads after construction and the condition from both Counties.

*Please take a look at page 5 of the Annual Report and do the math on the Estimated Totals-
 $\$1,069\text{M} + \$404\text{M} = \$1,073\text{M}$. Not \$1,083M. Is this a typo error or can someone not add. Regardless of either- It is sloppy of PWB to give this to you and to send it out in a mass email. "What possibly could go wrong with this propose project?"

It is time as Mayor and Commissions to put a Stop to PWB's Gaslighting and Irresponsible Spending!"

Thanks for your time,
Jennifer Hart

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Row 912

Name	Anonymous
Agenda Item	561
Position	Oppose
Comments	I oppose agenda items 561,562,563,564,565,566. Portland Water has yet to receive land use for this project. They are putting the cart before the horse. Who is going to pay for this? How many of their projects stay within budget? They are not transparent with the budget or water rate increases. Wholesale customers are leaving PWB because of the projected rate hikes. This leaves less people to pay for this 2+ billion dollar mess. There is cheaper options to clean the already cleanest water in the nation. Please table these items and make them cut their budget. Remember you approved this project when it was \$350 million. Its now 2+ billion and no dirt has been moved. There is still time to change plans and save the city and ratepayers a lot of money.
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From: [conni Diack](#)
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Subject: Bill Run Treatment Project
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 8:42:12 AM

To City Council Members,

My name is Constance Diack. I live at [REDACTED] Boring, 97009 .

I strongly oppose this project and ask the Council Members to hold off on funding it.

It has yet to gain the Multnomah County Land Use Permit . How can the City Council grant this money when it does not have even the permit to build it ?

Please reconsider! The Barlow School District, Fire Bureau, The nurseryman and residents all

Oppose this project!

Your consideration is much appreciated.

Thank you,

Constance Diack

Sent from my iPhone

Portland City Council Meeting - Wednesday, June 28, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Item	First Name	Last Name
561-566	robert	butler
561-566	Carrie	Richter
561-566	David	Shapiro