



## Washington Park Reservoir Improvements Project Online and In-person Open House #1 Summary

### **In-Person Open House**

Thursday, July 25, 2013

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church – Collins Hall, 1838 SW Jefferson

### **Purpose of the Open House**

The purpose of the open house was to introduce the project to neighbors, community members and stakeholders, and to confirm an understanding of local community issues and opportunities. Input from stakeholder interviews and the first Community Sounding Board meeting was shared with the public. Information from the open house will be shared with the Community Sounding Board as they begin exploring potential concepts.

### **Meeting Notification and Outreach**

The intended audience for the meeting was park users and other Washington Park Reservoirs stakeholders, including area property owners and neighbors.

Notification of the open house went out two weeks prior to the event, and included:

- Postcard mailed to approximately 5000 addresses in the immediate project area
- Email reminder to interested parties list, including area neighborhood associations
- Portland Water Bureau Media Release and blog post
- Posted to the project website and Facebook

In addition to the postcard, email blast, and media release, the Community Sounding Board members were notified of the open house and asked to distribute notification to their neighborhood associations and other constituents.

### **Community Attendance**

38 people signed in to the open house. Most indicated they found out about it through Facebook and Twitter communications (some specified “private Facebook group”). Nearly all attendees indicated that their reason for coming was an overall interest in the municipal drinking water system and/or as ratepayers. About half also checked that they “live within the area;” these attendees gave addresses from throughout the west side of Portland, as well as east side. Just two attendees indicated that they came from adjacent neighborhoods.

### **Event Format**

The meeting was an informal, drop-in style event. Attendees were greeted at the sign-in table where they received project handouts, including a comment form. Project team members from the Portland Water Bureau, AECOM, JLA Public Involvement, Winterbrook Planning, and Peter Meijer Architect staffed the meeting.

Five stations provided the opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions, and provide input:

1. Sign-in/Welcome Table

2. Overview Presentation – Presentation given periodically as members of the public arrived.
3. Information Displays – The following information was on display and project team members were able to discuss details further, depending on public interest.
  - Project Overview and Context
  - Project Drivers
  - Project Elements, including Historic Structures
  - Decision-Making Structure and Input Process
  - Frequently Asked Questions about the Open Reservoir Process
  - Construction
  - Next Steps
4. Community Values and Issues – A “purple sticky wall” allowed people to share opportunities or issues/concerns about the project. Displays summarized what had been heard to-date from stakeholder interviews and the Community Sounding Board.
5. Comment Area

In addition to the stations, Teresa Elliott and Tim Hall of the Portland Water Bureau held an impromptu question and answer session at the request of a group of the attendees.

### **Key Input**

Comment cards were provided at a comment station, and issues/opportunities were identified in a “sticky wall” exercise. Project team members also spoke with members of the public and received feedback. A summary of input is provided below. For a more detailed list of all of the participant responses, refer to Appendix A.

Common concerns included:

- Testing/monitoring of water quality and landslide
- Cost of project; impact on ratepayers and rising water rates
- How the project is being financed
- Maintenance – cost and responsibility
- Keep impact on surrounding neighborhoods to a minimum, including diesel emissions during construction
- Potential for transient/homeless camping around reservoirs
- Changes/damage to historic elements of the site and involvement of historic groups
- Timeline – why now? Why not delay?
- Impact of skateboarders, bicyclists and “zoo bombers”

Common suggestions for opportunities included:

- Improved public access
- Reflecting pond or water feature on top of new reservoir
- Maintaining the historic structures and character of the site, including the staircase, parapet walls, wrought iron fencing, gatehouses and use of period-appropriate lights
- Low-cost / low-maintenance design
- Maintain/create wildlife habitat, particularly wetland or water-based habitats
- Could trees or vegetation be used to stabilize landslide or slow down its movement over time?
- Hire veterans for security
- Skate park
- High-quality design and construction is needed

## **Questions and Comments Outside the Scope of the Project**

While this open house focused on visible features of the Washington Park reservoir site associated with project design, most attendees came to express opposition to the project and other Portland Water Bureau projects. This included:

- Skepticism about the premise of the Washington Park Reservoir Improvements Project, including that the project should be delayed or cancelled; that the law requiring covered reservoirs should not apply; whether waivers can be sought or whether the law will be reviewed in 2016; that the current open reservoirs could be retrofitted to address aging infrastructure, seismic and landslide concerns.
- Concern about the privatization of water resources within the PWB system
- Potential changes to water quality with closed reservoirs, including questions about radon, E. Coli and Salmonella
- Concern about changes/construction at Bull Run
- Requests for reasons why water rates have been rising
- Concern about political motivations in project choices and contracts
- The City Council has had previous plans to cover the reservoirs – dating back to the 1970s – that did not go ahead

## **Virtual Open House**

- Available on the project website from July 25 to August 5, 2013.

## **Purpose of the Virtual Open House**

In addition to the in-person open house, the project team hosted an online open house that allowed people to learn about the project and provide feedback at their convenience.

The online open house replicated the in-person open house by providing the same information that was displayed at the public event and offered similar feedback options and survey questions as the event comment form. The online open house also provided overview videos that explained each of the project elements, as well as a welcome video featuring Portland Water Bureau Administrator David Shaff.

## **Community Participation**

Twenty-nine stakeholders completed the online open house.

## **Notification and Outreach**

Targeted outreach was done to encourage participation of nearby neighbors in the online open house. This included:

- Canvassing at several events including the Hillside Movie Night and two Concerts in the Park (at Washington Park)
- Distributing flyers to businesses around NW Burnside, NW 21<sup>st</sup>, NW 23<sup>rd</sup> and Goose Hollow, as well as the Northwest Farmers Market and churches in the area
- An email reminder to the interested parties list, and an email to encourage Community Sounding Board members to forward the online open house link to their constituents

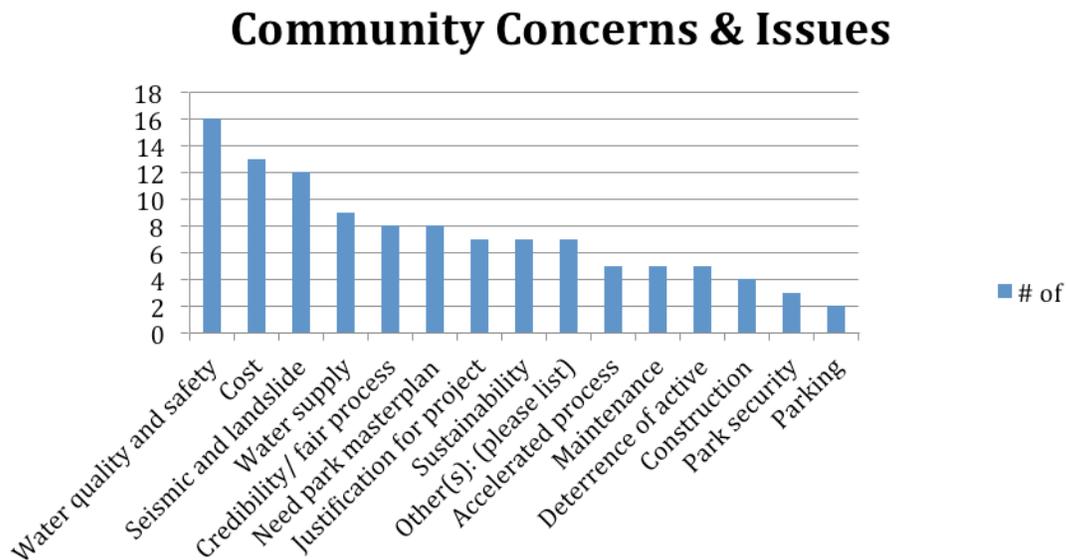
In total, about 350–400 flyers were distributed, and the project team spoke with hundreds of people.

## **Online Open House Responses**

The following is a summary of the participant responses. For a more detailed list of all of the participant responses, refer to Appendix B.

**Question 1: We have heard about various issues and concerns from community members related to changes to the reservoir sites. Which concerns do you share?**

This survey question provided participants with a list of answer options that were identified through stakeholder interviews and from feedback from the Community Sounding Board. The question also allowed participants to provide additional issues and concerns. As the following chart shows, water quality and safety was the number one concern for participants, closely followed by cost.



Participants who chose the “Other” answer option mostly expressed concern over losing historic character and aesthetic impacts of the project as well as increased cost to rate payers.

**Question 2: Why did you choose the issues you did?**

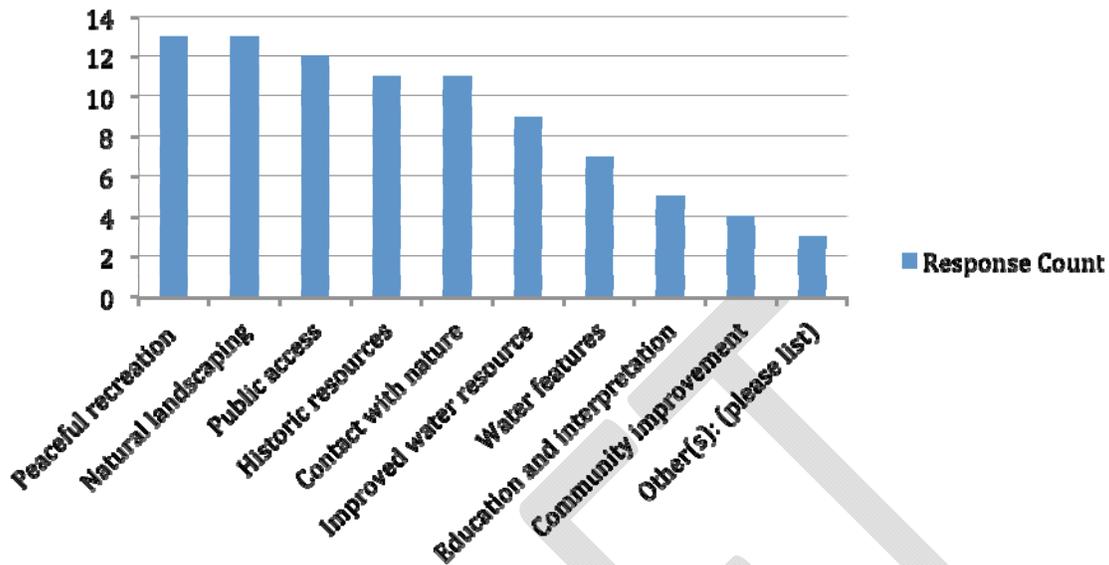
Several respondents expressed support of the project in order to preserve local quality of water and to create new opportunities to access the section of the park where the reservoirs are located, which is currently not accessible to the public.

In addition, there were several concerns about the cost-effectiveness of the project and use of tax income to fund the project. There were also a couple of comments that expressed concerns with degrading water quality and the importance of preserving Bull Run water. Many participants disagree with the Federal requirement to cover the reservoirs. In addition, some concerns were voiced that stakeholder feedback may be ignored or disregarded in the considerations of the final project designs.

**Question 3: What community features or uses do you hope to have at the completion of the project?**

Participants selected peaceful recreation as the top community feature or opportunity for the reservoirs sites at the completion of the project. One participant added that there is a need for active recreation options in the area. Tied with the desire for peaceful recreation was the desire for natural landscaping. Public access was also among the top desires.

## Desired Community Features



### Question 4: Why did you choose the above features?

Most responses to this question related to the types of activity that may be encouraged by a new design of the reservoir sites. Some participants were in favor of active recreation facilities, such as a basketball court, while others would like to maintain the current peaceful environment of the park and urged the project team to stay away from active or noisy recreation options. Other comments included a desire to maintain the park feel and elegance of the existing features. Additionally, some respondents commented on the importance of maintaining water quality and supply.

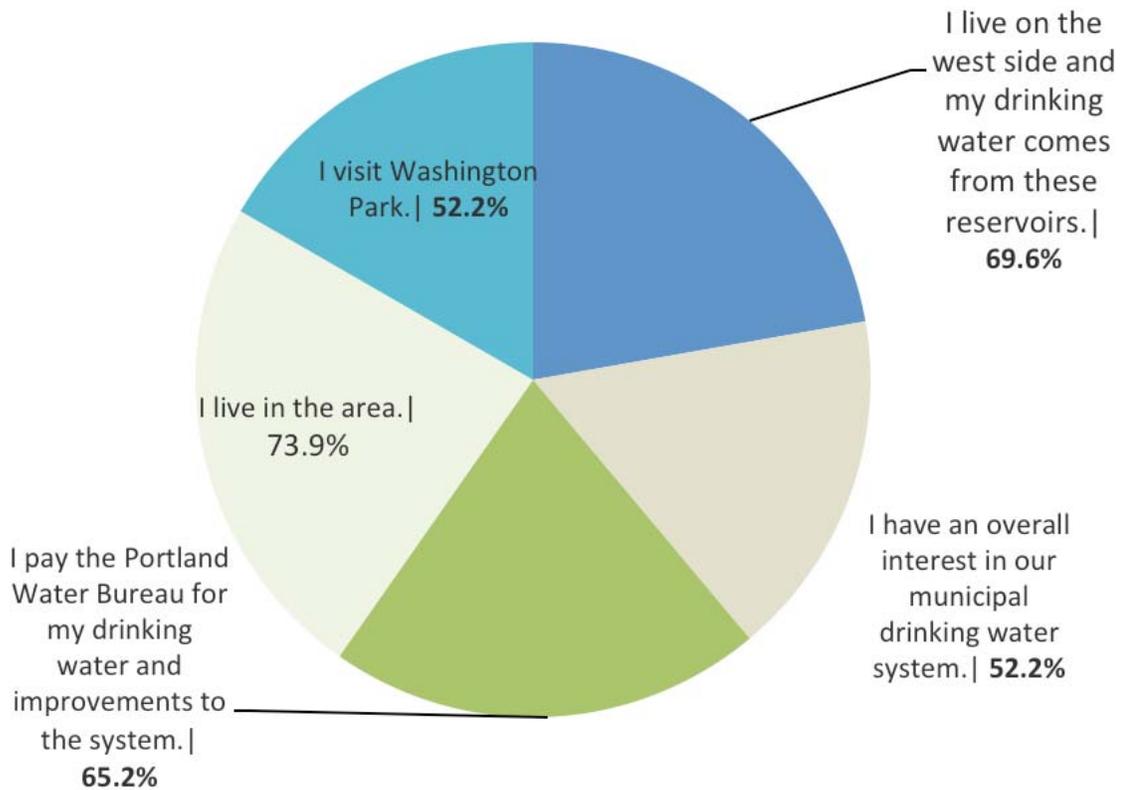
### Question 5: Is there anything else you would like to share with the Community Sounding Board or project team?

This question prompted a number of additional ideas and concerns:

- The need to create a forum or opportunity for stakeholders to weigh in on reservoir designs
- Similar public outreach efforts in the past have not been properly considered by the Water Bureau
- Use patterns or scenic resources in Washington Park should not be changed without a park master plan
- No new parking should be added to the park
- Park users in favor of this project may not be as vocal in the process but should be considered a “silent majority”
- Request for a dog park
- Requests for more information about the LT2 ruling

### Question 6: Why are you interested in the Washington Park Reservoirs?

Overall, the five most common reasons for why people are interested in the Washington Park Reservoirs are fairly equal to each other. The top reason is that participants live in the area, followed by that respondents live on the west side and their drinking water comes from these reservoirs. The following chart shows the rest of the reasons and how they compare to one another.

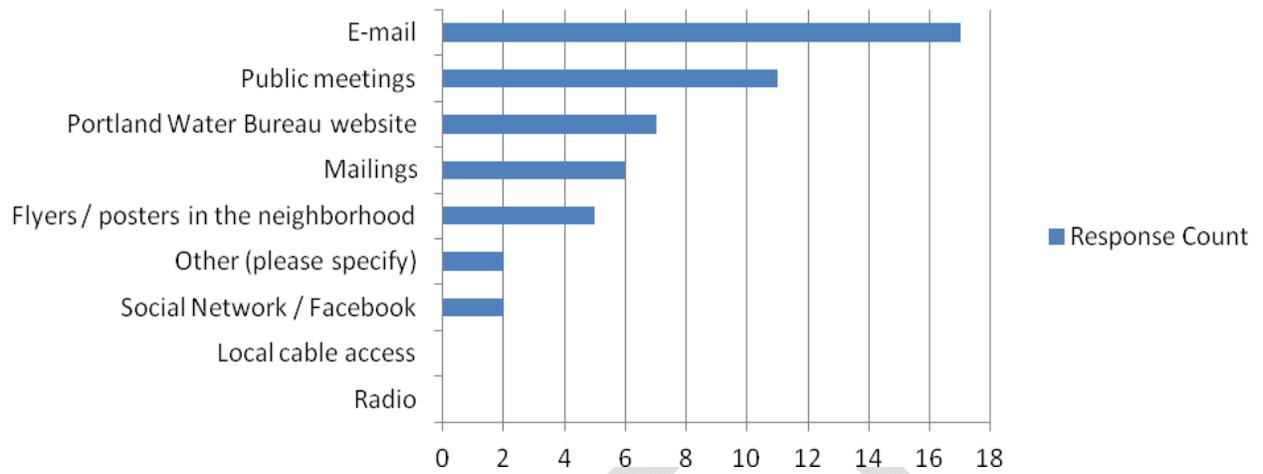


In addition to the answer options, participants were encouraged to share other reasons for their interest in the reservoirs. One participant shared that they would like to see active recreation at Washington Park and another participant hope the legacy of the Portland settlers and their ingenuity in designing the city’s water system will be acknowledged.

**Question 7: What is the most effective way for us to provide information to you about this project?**

It is vital to this process that stakeholders are well informed and are able to participate in this project process. Responses to this question revealed that the best method of communication is through email. The second most effective way is through public meetings. Additionally, one comment added that meetings where their questions can be answered would be the most effective way to receive project information.

## Most Effective Ways to Communicate about Project



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## Appendix A:

### Open House Comment Form Responses – All Open Ended Responses

#### Questions:

1. Why are you interested in the reservoirs?
2. What qualities or characteristics would you like to see in the design of the reservoirs?
3. What community uses or features do you hope to have at the completion of the project?
4. Do you have any concerns or are there any issues that the project team should be aware of?
5. Is there anything else you would like to share with the CSB or project team?

#### Comment Form 1:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system
2. Maintain the historic character. All of these corporate park projects are occurring to comply with a law (LT2) that does not have any scientific basis to apply the regulation to Portland!
3. Don't waste our money! Hold off the project or cancel it entirely. This is useless and unnecessary!
4. LT2 Should not apply!
5. Don't sell us out! Have courage and do what's right. Don't fix what is not BROKE!

#### Comment Form 2:

1. I live on the west side and my drinking water comes from these reservoirs.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A

#### Comment Form 3:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system (100+ a month!); I live in the area; I visit Washington Park; Other: This is not necessary. Seek a deferral and waiver like New York!
2. Return Open Reservoirs!
3. N/A
4. Waiver
5. Waiver

#### Comment Form 4:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I visit Washington Park
2. Historic Character; Preservation of parapet walls/fences; Preservation of grand staircases; gate houses; dam, light fixtures (historic like)
3. Reflecting Pond on top
4. I hope the Water Bureau staff/consultants visit the Portland Archives and Records Center for historical documentation (transactions, American Society of Civil Engineers and Papers, ASCE). Fascinating reading and original facts are contained in them.
5. City Council was told November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1969 to cover all open distribution reservoirs due to bird feces – nearly 44 years ago. City Council passed a resolution 12/27/1972 to cover/bury all 6 reservoirs by 1985; 1 every biennium. However City Council reneged on their promise by rescinding that resolution 12/29/1976.

Comment Form 5:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I live in the area; I visit Washington Park
2. Please keep them “as is” until 2016 when the EPA decides further on the LT2 role.
3. A fully functional historic open air reservoir, will all of the natural habitat that exists currently.
4. How do you suppose you’ll pay for all your projects? How will you control radon? Why has the PWB stopped testing for radon? What about other concerns with closed water systems; chloroform, microorganisms, chemicals, nitrification, carcinogens, gases, salmonella, ecoli, mercury poisoning, DEBT??!
5. Please ask for a waiver!! Find a solution to keep open air reservoirs. Get a public vote! – The lack of transparency in the PWB. – Concern about the quality of our water! Bull Run, will it continue to be protected? Will you be selling it to private corporations? Who is Joe Glicker?

Comment Form 6:

1. I live on the west side and my drinking water comes from these reservoirs; I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I live in the area; I would like to visit Washington Park
2. Maintaining historic character, improved access, low cost/maintenance design, high quality building – no shoddy like Hanford.
3. N/A
4. Wonder what the cost differential between rebuilding existing vs. new underground. So I can determine what percentage of predicted 41% rate hike we might have expected anyway.

5. I am mystified why water rates have increased so much over the past decade if the system is as ingeniously and sustainably designed as we think. Who is Joe Glicker?

Comment Form 7:

1. I live on the west side and my drinking water comes from these reservoirs; I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I live in the area; I visit Washington Park
2. As close as possible (within affordability) that the reservoirs keep the historic appearance.
3. Passive activities
4. Minimum impact to the neighborhood that surrounds the park/project including low diesel emission during construction.
5. Thanks for the outreach efforts.

Comment Form 8:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I visit Washington park; Other: I am very concerned about how these decisions were made politically vs. for public benefit.
2. I would like the city to ask that the original timeline for all work in this project be delayed until EPA reviews this rule in 2016. This is common sense – both fiscally and intellectually! Why would we spend \$300million + without exploring this option?
3. I hope to have working open reservoirs that supply drinking water to Portlanders.
4. I am concerned about the chance in water quality from a completely closed water system vs. an open system. I am concerned about the future of our entire wayer system – from Bull Run to the city of Portland.
5. The political machinations in this entire process – from OHA members to political appointees to the choice of contractors are a huge concern to me. Any rational person looking at this would have suspicions and concerns that our water system is being manipulated for the benefit of other that Portland citizens.

Comment Form 9:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. I find it laughable that PWB was not prepared to answer questions regarding financing of this project at tonight's open house.

Comment Form 10:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I live in the area; I visit Washington Park; Other: I moved here because of Washington Park!
2. They don't need to be covered! Low cost: Our water rates are already the third highest!! Our water should be the cheapest – it comes from Bull Run! You are going to destroy a wildlife habitat! Why can't you retrofit the current reservoirs to be earthquake and landslide safe? Open reservoirs are the cleanest/safest. The recent E-Coli scare was a hoax!
3. That the project never happens. You need to preserve the natural environment around the tanks as close to 100% as possible! Respect the environment, the natural ecology and the wildlife in the area. People will be very upset if you close off the trails in the area. If we hear that wildlife is being harmed, you will be held accountable!
4. RADON in Portland homes (covered tanks don't allow natural occurring gases to escape). People are going to start dying and getting sick. Covered reservoirs are susceptible to e-coli and salmonella poisoning – people here in Portland have never been sick or killed by water. We have the best filtration already and it is federally illegal to harm the ecosystem of Bull Run. DO NOT bulldoze Bull Run!
5. Please send the list that Tim Hall Discussed! You are disturbing a perfect natural filtration water system that works!

Comment Form 11:

1. N/A
2. DO NOT COVER THE RESERVOIR!
3. N/A
4. Radon, e-coli, salmonella, animals getting into the tank.
5. N/A

Comment Form 12:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; Other: Concerned about the water quality if the reservoirs are covered.
2. I would like the reservoirs to remain intact. I am concerned about the cover. Reservoirs produce radon which is a carcinogen.
3. Wild life habitat, water feature, public access – Only and only if the reservoirs are saved from decommissioning.
4. Same as No. 4
5. I would like an open dialogue with David Schaff, the chief financial officer, Tim Hall and an engineer to discuss questions to covering and decommissioning the Mt. Tabor and Washington Park reservoirs.

Comment Form 13:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I live in the area; I visit Washington Park
2. I am disappointed in the “leadership” of the city in throwing in the towel on trying to achieve a waiver or deferral.
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A

Comment Form 14:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system.
2. I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; Other: Please stop all work on this project until LT2 rule can be rechallenged.
3. Stop until L2 Rule is revisited – allow citizen no corporations/contractors to make final recommendations.
4. N/A
5. We believe project was designed as a result of inside influence and not represent citizen interests of highest quality water, with retained aesthetic and historic benefits.
6. Please stop the process and allow citizen supervision of the process instead of corporate contractor supervision.

Comment Form 15:

1. I live on the west side and my drinking water comes from these reservoirs; I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I live in the area; I visit Washington Park; Other: I was born here and don't want the water changed
2. Restore them, don't replace them
3. None
4. Don't touch them
5. Stop the development

Comment Form 16:

1. I have an overall interest in our municipal drinking water system; I pay the Portland Water Bureau for my drinking water and improvements to the system; I live in the area; I visit Washington Park
2. I would like the city to stop the wasteful spending on this project and instead devote the money to labor hours to fight for the citizens of Portland to retain the current, proven healthy open reservoir system
3. No additional features are needed – what we need is the scientifically proven, safe open reservoirs that we already have.

4. Why did this meeting choose to have no PWB representative who could give the public info about the cost of the project (including the cost of implementing the design and building it)? No one who could give info about how this all will be funded?
5. This is a waste of tax dollars and many people oppose this and will continue to oppose afterward. Progress and hold the decision-makers responsible for all spending and policy decisions.

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## Appendix B:

### Online Open House Survey Question Responses – All Open Ended Responses

#### **Question 1: We have heard about various issues and concerns from community members related to changes to the reservoir sites. Which concerns do you share?**

The following list includes all of the responses to the “Other” answer option:

- Visual
- Historic preservation
- Historic significance, aesthetic appeal
- Concern that there is the potential for creating another "attraction" within Washington Park that will further challenge the surrounding neighborhood given the limited parking within the north end of the park. While I would like to see the areas opened up to public access for the purpose of walking/hiking, I would not support a destination feature.
- Native tree plantings, long-term project need for the area
- Our elected officials need to keep up the fight to gain a waiver on the LT2 ruling to stop this runaway spending that will keep Portland's water bills skyrocketing due to the debt service taken on. Portland's water system is the opposite of the covered system where a sewage leak caused an outbreak of harmful cryptosporidium. Science must dictate policy, not the other way around. Portland has never had a problem with cryptosporidium, and the cookie-cutter ruling does not apply here. Seismic upgrades are one thing, but covering the reservoirs is quite another.
- You are raising our water rates for this which is not needed. I cannot even afford to water my garden. And you want to destroy our reservoirs so we can drink your slop. I have lived here 57 years and this sounds like somebody is making some money off of contracts, WE have chm2 Hill and Joe Glicker for destroying our reservoirs. And you people never had town hall meeting about this before you started this waste of my tax dollars.

#### **Question 2: Why did you choose the issues you did?**

The following list includes all of the responses to this question:

- Water quality and safety preserved through a cost effective plan/design that is easy/cost effective to maintain should be the key features of a public works project.
- If we don't pay attention to needed upgrades for seismic and landslide issues, the entire drinking water system for the west side is at risk. The other items may be important, but these issues should rank as first-tier primary importance.
- Recreational thrill skateboarding has become very disruptive to the neighborhood. The skateboarders use the water bureau access road to get back to the Goose Hollow MAX station.
- Ten years ago a team from the water bureau set up a meeting at the children's museum to get neighborhood input on the project. The only issue up for debate was what color the covers should be. You put a white plastic liner in the reservoir that never looked good and quickly got stained. I have trouble believing that you care about what the neighbors want. I think you're going to make a show of getting public input and then do whatever you want.
- I'm old and I don't like to see things change quickly. This area of the park is extremely special to me and those of us who love Oregon history and the Lewis and Clark saga. The less visual change to the "feel" of the system, the better, in my opinion. Cutting trees to gain the original view is fine, but use architectural glass block, please. And, those current membranes? The make the water look terrible to drink. Concrete was better.

- Water rates are already high. I don't trust that the Federal mandate is going to stick and question whether we still have a chance to challenge the mandate successfully.
- Covering the reservoirs will only enhance our neighborhood and open areas that have been inaccessible for decades.
- Washington Park already exceeds its capacity to handle vehicle traffic and associated parking in the summer, with significant impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. Adding a major new attractor will exacerbate this problem.
- I support this project to upgrade our area's infrastructure. This is also a highly trafficked green space for use by Portland residents, and so recreation is also important. I am surprised to see "deterrence of active recreation (e.g. skateboarding)" listed as an option; I suppose that's a very local issue for the residents nearby. I live downtown, and while I don't skateboard, it seems like a harmless activity for young people to engage in that generally shouldn't be ecologically harmful./ Contradistinguishing that point, I do not think parking should be a main concern. This project is for water collection and distribution, firstly; secondly, a green space used by light pedestrian use (jogging, hiking, etc). We should not encourage any additional parking (I would support all parking being removed from the area). To encourage mass transit use, an improved walking path could be built from the Goose Hollow MAX stop to the entryway of Forest Park. That would be much more desirable than any additional parking.
- I don't agree with the Federal regulation to cover our water reservoir. I don't feel it needs to be covered and so don't agree to pay the money to do so.
- It is no secret anymore that the Portland Water Bureau plans to ultimately combine Portland's system into a regional system which would mingle the water from the fluoridated areas of the west side along with river water severely downgrading our water quality. We, the residents of Portland, are against this. We voted down fluoride. We want our pure Bull Run water to stay that way. No fluoride, no "toilet-to-tap", no Willamette River water and "no" to the 11 more chemicals that would have to be added as a result.
- This "Improvement Project" planning is premature. Sure, our mayor and 3 of our commissioners have given up on the fight for exemption from EPA LT2, but their constituents, We the People, the community stakeholders HAVE NOT. For example, Friends of the Reservoirs' June 21 response to the Oregon Health Authority is a powerful document: [www.friendsofreservoirs.org/resources/OHADeferralJune2013.pdf](http://www.friendsofreservoirs.org/resources/OHADeferralJune2013.pdf) / It raises many questions that need to be answered. Considering that the City's latest capitulation to OHA was dated June 3, PLUS the fact that the EPA has already granted deferrals to Rochester and NYC, and the EPA's final decision on rule changes and exemptions for specific cases won't be until 2016, why is the City standing down? Previous requests were denied as well, but that didn't stop the fight then, nor should it now. The OHA's response is not reasonable and there are many indications of revolving door conflict of interest. / LT2 is also supposed to take into consideration RISKS, not just benefits, and I have yet to see any level of government respond to the scientific issues that have been raised by Scott Fernandez (<http://bullrunwaiver.org>) and other credentialed experts.
- Sick of the back door deals and city corruption....PUD NOW
- They are important in providing safe drinking water.

**Question 3: What community features or uses do you hope to have at the completion of the project?**

The following list includes all of the responses to the "Other" answer option:

- Active recreation. There are NO PUBLIC BALLFIELDS, SOCCER FIELDS, BASKETBALL COURTS for miles around. No skateparks, no recreation opportunities unless you belong to the MAC club or go to Lincoln High School. What an awesome opportunity to draw people into a centrally

located, natural area for recreation. Reflecting pool? For the geriatric set? That's crazy. It will be a homeless person bathtub/wash pool.

- Open reservoirs. Our water resource is perfect the way it is it doesn't need "improvement". Please refer to the science at [www.bullrunwaiver.org](http://www.bullrunwaiver.org)
- My open reservoirs.

#### **Question 4: Why did you choose the above features?**

The following list includes all of the responses to this question:

- The land belongs to the people and should be used for healthy pursuits. Claim this land for the active, the energetic and the engaged. Make the Goose Hollow MAX stop the place future famous athletes reference. The park is a showplace of natural beauty - tie it to the immediate and local athletic requirements. Make pick up basketball at "the Res" a nationally known hot spot.
- Protecting our water supply and quality is the most important consideration; a reflecting pool may be possible depending on the increased load to the site and the cost.
- Maintain a park atmosphere.
- I often hear tourists admiring reservoir #3 when I'm on the #63 bus as it motors by. I suppose that experience is one I would hope to maintain -- the reservoir is not just about drinking water, but that it offers us water so gracefully and elegantly. The reservoir is its own ambassador to the city. I hope that doesn't change.
- Washington Park, particularly the north part, with the Rose Garden and Japanese Garden, is primarily meant to be a peaceful, scenic place, not a venue for noisy events, races, and the like.
- I want water to be protected from earthquake.
- I am interested in saving our pristine water source from Bull Run and not having it diluted and downgraded.
- Radon is bad for me and my family - Cancer deaths on the rise.
- It's important to have parks that we can enjoy.

#### **Question 5: Is there anything else you would like to share with the Community Sounding Board or project team? (Optional)**

- A large dog park (for throwing balls) would be much appreciated - and well used!
- Ten years ago a team from the water bureau set up a meeting at the children's museum to get neighborhood input on the project. The only issue up for debate was what color the covers should be. You put a white plastic liner in the reservoir that never looked good and quickly got stained. I have trouble believing that you care about what the neighbors want. I think you're going to make a show of getting public input and then do whatever you want.
- Not at the moment.
- Have public forums for best use of covered reservoirs. We have one chance and should not blow it.
- Major decisions that change use patterns or scenic resources in Washington Park shouldn't be made until the Park has a new master plan to guide these decisions.
- Please be assured that there is a "silent majority" of hikers, picnickers, and other casual visitors to the park who live in the area. At many public meetings that I attend, there are always a few hecklers who want to A) derail important infrastructure projects, or B) people who will complain about parking. Please give these minority views a weight proportional to their numbers, in contrast with the vast majority of people who do not have time to visit neighborhood visioning meetings but who access the park by walking and/or taking public

transportation there. Please do not waste any more precious space on parking in the Washington Park area.

- I was told by water bureau employees at an open house event a couple of year ago that the LT2 ruling that is mandated by the EPA is ultimately dictated by Homeland Security. Looking into the real reason why that is the case is important so that people know the truth. No more smoke and mirrors.
- You people are scamming us.

**Question 6: Why are you interested in the Washington Park Reservoirs? (Check all that apply)**

- I really care about this substantial project on a significant piece of prime real estate and hope to God to avoid a useless reflecting pool when the area is screaming for active infrastructure.
- I admire the courage and foresight of our predecessors' wisdom in designing a system which has served us so well. It is important to me that we acknowledge and preserve their legacy, for ourselves and the next several generations too.
- I oppose the regional plan that would downgrade Portland's water supply.

**Question 7: What is the most effective way for us to provide information to you about this project? (Check all that apply)**

- Meetings where the public can testify and get their questions answered.