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MEMO

DATE: May 18, 2021

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Spencer Nebel, City Manager

SUBJECT: Status Report for the Three-Week Period Ending Friday, May 14, 2021

Over this period of time, it has been good to try to catch up on a number of backlogged items due to the budget process. With the proposed budget out, efforts have shifted to responding to the questions and potential changes that were requested by individual Budget Committee members during the initial budget work session. The Budget Committee will be reconciling the budget at the Tuesday, May 18 meeting, approving a budget at the May 25 meeting and submitting the budget to city Council for adoption. I appreciate everyone's role in developing this financial plan for the next fiscal year.

Highlights of activities over the last three weeks include the following:

- Participated in the Oregon Coast Aquarium Board meeting. Things are beginning to look a bit more normal around the aquarium as standards have been relaxed regarding visitation to these types of attractions. The new admissions annex is up and running. This is located to the left as you approach the aquarium facility, and allows tickets and other activities to occur outside the lobby area. The capital plan continues to make significant progress, with a recent \$5 million gift being made to the aquarium from private sources to help realize the capital plan. The aquarium is also working with legislature to restore the \$5 million appropriation that was part of the same lottery bond funding that the City was slated to receive for the Big Creek Dam. The aquarium has received over \$16 million in commitments to date. Through generous operating donations, and significantly reducing operations and expenses, the aquarium has been able to muscle, and has experienced a good spring with sufficient revenues coming in during the last couple of months to offset their operational expenses. Overall, through good management, the aquarium has done remarkably well in weathering the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Councilors Parker and Jacobi, Derrick Tokos, Chris Janigo, and I, met with PUD to discuss the street lighting program that would be coordinated by a third party such as Ameresco. PUD has concerns regarding the payback that would be necessary to support this type of project, and would like to gain a better understanding of how replacement of light fixtures with dark sky fixtures would work from a lighting

standpoint, if existing pole locations are utilized. Furthermore, the PUD is hesitant to establish separate rate structures for Newport from what is used throughout the region served by PUD, to carve out this type of work in one of the cities they serve. I will be setting up a meeting internally with Ameresco to discuss pathways forward on this matter prior to meeting with the PUD to continue this discussion.

- Lance Vanderbeck, Derrick Tokos, David Allen, and I, met to discuss the letter of intent to lease 10.8 acres of airport property outside the fence for future development. This proposal was presented to the Airport Committee and presented to the City Council, with both bodies authorizing us to proceed with the development of a lease agreement with McWatkins, LLC, (Mark Watson, Principal). We will be bringing back an agreement for Council review in June.
- Held a bi-monthly meeting with Peggy Hawker to review various issues that she is working on.
- Had a meeting with PUD regarding use of the conduit the City owns under Yaquina Bay. Over the years, there were a number of verbal arrangements made between the City and the PUD regarding use of fiber optic cables throughout the city. At the time the under-bay crossing was done for the new wastewater treatment plant, the City also installed a series of conduits under the bay. PUD would like to utilize one of the conduits to remove their fiber optic crossing from the Yaquina Bay bridge. We have spent a significant amount of time sorting out the history of the relationship between the PUD and the City regarding shared fiber optic use. We will follow up administratively on this issue to reconstruct some of the past understandings.
- Participated in a meeting in Portland, Oregon, the morning of Tuesday, April 27. ICMA Executive Director and representatives from ICMA were in Portland to determine whether the 2021 October ICMA Annual Conference will be an in-person event. ICMA has held the annual conference one other time in Portland in 1999. ICMA has indicated that they are planning to move forward with the conference in October. There is still some wiggle room in this commitment. A final call will be made in June.
- Met with Wayne Belmont from Lincoln County, Brett Fox, David Allen, and Derrick Tokos to discuss the 2nd Street vacation. The substance of this meeting was conveyed to the City Council as part of the report and recommendation that Council acted on at the May 3 Council meeting.
- Met with David Allen, Mike Murzynsky, and Linda Wertman to continue efforts to refine the purchasing policy that we would like to put in place beginning of the new fiscal year. This policy will include a number of changes that were outlined in the Finance Work Group requirement for purchase orders for purchases in excess of \$5,000. We are meeting on a bi-monthly basis to work our way through the development of this policy.
- Along with members of the City Council, Peggy Hawker, Mike Murzynsky, Steve Baugher, and I, participated in the first Budget Committee meeting. On Tuesday, April 27. We managed to get through the entire review of the budget with 85 hit and wish list items that required responses for the second budget meeting being held Tuesday, May 18.
- Met with Bill Barton who is interested in trying to find a way to help address homelessness issues in the City of Newport. At this point, Mr. Barton is trying to

understand the extent of the problem, and what is being done locally to address these issues. I shared the report with him from the Homelessness Task Force, and told him where we stand with the recommendation. He has since met with Grace Wins Haven, and has arranged to do a ride-a-long with Jovita, one of our Community Services Officers, and is meeting with others to determine how he may be able to help. I appreciate his interest in this matter.

- Jason Malloy and I met with homeowners on Pacific Street regarding the issues they have on their property of homeless individuals establishing camps on their property. Their home is on a bluff above the beach. Several weeks ago, during one of the dry, windy spells, a camp set fire to the surrounding brush and trees below their home. While they have been tolerant of this activity, this was something that was of great concern to them. We reviewed the areas where the camps had occurred (and where the fire occurred). They understand that there is not much we can do to secure the beach side of their property. Chief Malloy suggests that they consider installing game cameras, and if people are illegally trespassing on their property, to call the police. They are going to explore this option. Jason emphasized that they need to feel free to call the police when people are trespassing on their property.
- Met with several employees from public works regarding an incident that occurred among the three employees of this department. A subsequent meeting was set up between two employees who have had some differences with each other to try to resolve this matter. The incident will be reviewed and investigated separately from this process.
- Held a bi-monthly meeting with Laura to discuss various issues at the library.
- Met with Chris Janigo, Peggy Hawker, Mike Cavanaugh, and Jim Guenther to prepare for a deposition regarding an individual who slipped and fell on the Ocean to Bay Trail in 2019.
- I was Peggy Hawker's guest on "Newport Today" to discuss the report of the Finance Work Group on Thursday, April 29.
- Participated in a DNC meeting to discuss the transient room tax increase and to discuss possible reorganization of the way DNC functions. I have asked the Committee to consider a different structure that could include the City contracting with the Chamber, or other organization, to provide DNC marketing for Newport. Any changes in the structure would come through a recommendation from the Committee to the City Council. If changes are recommended by the Committee, a work session would be set up to discuss how those changes might be implemented.
- Followed up with the ICMA regarding the visit to Portland.
- I participated in an OCCMA Conference Host Committee meeting to reinitiate our planning efforts for the conference.
- Participated in a lengthy deposition, deposed on behalf of the City of Newport, and personally, as well, regarding the slip and fall occurring on the Ocean to Bay Trail. The deposition lasted for almost three hours. They also deposed Jim Guenther for additional testimony.
- Met with the bureau group manager for HDR regarding HDR's support for the Big Creek Dam. The new manager wanted to establish a direct relationship with the

City regarding the dam project. During our discussion, I indicated that we may utilize a different company to evaluate the existing earthen dam to address the issues outlined by the State dam engineer regarding leaks in the spillway. He indicated he was comfortable with the City moving in that direction. I told him we have been happy with the work that they have done on the replacement dam project, and that the City anticipates continuing to work with them. Once we have a new City engineer in place, we will follow up with him to continue moving this process forward.

- Conducted follow-up interviews with two of the candidates for City engineer. I hope to have this process completed within the next couple of weeks.
- Prepared agenda items for the May 3 City Council meeting.
- Held a routine Department Head meeting.
- Met with Paul Schuytema of the Lincoln County Economic Development Alliance regarding renewal of the City's enterprise zones. This is something that is administered by the County. Existing zones are expiring, and enterprise zones provide tax abatement opportunities for manufacturing developments that occur in the City. We plan to have a recommendation for the Council's consideration at the June 7 Council meeting.
- Participated in a joint work session with City Council and the Planning Commission to discuss the transportation plan. This was followed by an executive session to discuss elective bargaining positions relating to the negotiations with the Newport Police Association.
- Participated in the regular May 3 Council meeting.
- I was on vacation on Tuesday, May 4, through Thursday, May 6, to get work done around the house. (With budget time, there has been a lot of things neglected at home!)
- Held bi-monthly meetings with Richard Dutton to discuss IT issues, and Mike Cavanaugh to discuss Parks and Recreation issues.
- Provided testimony supporting a request for \$14 million for the Big Creek Dam Project to the Subcommittee on Capital Construction. The Committee included the Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the House, and other key senators, and representatives, who were hearing testimony on Senate Bill 5534. I appreciate the efforts of Representative Gomberg to increase the State's participation from the original \$4 million to potentially \$14 million. It seems that the legislators are all very familiar with this project. We will see how the funding shakes out moving forward. The original \$4 million was intended to assist with design and permitting. The \$10 million would be to complete that process plus funds to utilize for building the access roads and other preliminary work necessary to prepare for building a new dam.
- Met with David Allen, Derrick Tokos, Chris Janigo, and Clare Paul, to prepare for the next meeting with PUD on the franchise development.
- Participated in the tail end of the Short-term Rental Work Group meeting. (this overlapped with the Big Creek Dam testimony). A discussion was held regarding comments that could be construed to be attacking individuals (whether citizens with complaints about short-term rentals, or short-term rental owners concerned

about citizens complaining about them). Hopefully, that discussion helped clear the air over those concerns.

- Met with new OCCA Executive Director, Jason Holland, to discuss the relationship between the City and OCCA. I believe that Jason is well-positioned to continue moving OCCA in a positive direction. I think he is also well-suited to reinstate their capital campaign and oversee on behalf of OCCA the relationship between OCCA and the City that will be necessary to complete the public improvements to the PAC with funds raised for that purpose. He has spent some time catching up with City business, including becoming familiar with the City's 2040 Vision. He is also very complimentary regarding the statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion that the Council has previously passed. Based on my initial meeting, I feel confident that Jason is going to do a great job for both OCCA and the City
- Met with Chris Janigo, David Allen, Brian Gardner, and Jason Holland regarding the agreement to proceed with architectural services for the PAC. The funding for these services will be provided to the City by OCCA from funds raised to date. A new agreement was reviewed for this project by Council at the May 17 Council meeting. The amount of funds raised in this revised agreement is less than what was originally committed to by OCCA, when the City first made the pledge for \$600,000 of assistance. It will be important for Council to confirm they are willing to continue with this commitment, which would be on a smaller scale than what was initially expected. My recommendation is that Council move forward with the agreement.
- David Allen, Derrick Tokos, Chris Janigo, Clare Paul, and I, met with PUD representatives to negotiate a new franchise agreement between the City and the PUD. PUD has several concerns over some of the elements that we want to include in a new franchise agreement. We reviewed this with the City Council at the May 17 work session.
- Barb James, Jason Malloy, David Allen, and I, participated in a conference call with Mark Wolf to prepare for our next negotiations session with the Newport Police Association.
- Held individual bi-monthly meetings with Jason Malloy, Rob Murphy, and Lance Vanderbeck to discuss individual department issues.
- David Allen, Barb James, Rob Murphy, and I, met to discuss the status of negotiations with the IAFF. These negotiations have basically been stalled, with IAFF opting not to schedule future meetings since the last meeting scheduled in November. I am proposing that we settle the current fiscal year with a one-year agreement that would provide a 2% cost of living adjustment, and continue negotiations on a contract that would be put into place for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2021. This would allow us to close out issues relating to the current fiscal year, and move forward with a contract for the next three years.
- Held a bi-monthly meeting with Laura to discuss library issues.
- Met with Mike Cavanaugh and David Allen to clean up the contractual relationship we have with Coimage Health for a program with the 60+ Activity Center. This is a program that has been provided with direct funding from the Friends of the 60+ Center with health records of participants being kept by the City. We need to clean up this process. It is our intent to move forward with a memorandum of understanding and an agreement with the Friends, as well as the provider of these

services who were hired by the Friends directly, to address the HIPPA concerns we have relating to the medical records kept as part of this program. In the future, we are going to recommend that this position be hired as a part-time staff position which will give us the adequate legal control we need to maintain safe keeping of the records that fall under HIPPA.

- Mayor Sawyer, Chris Janigo, and I, participated in a meeting with our lobbyist, Jenny Dresler, and Senator Anderson regarding Big Creek Dam. Senator Anderson wanted to have a few more specifics of how the additional \$10 million would be used by the City for this project. We indicated it would be used to complete design, permitting, and to begin building the auxiliary items such as access roads (which is critical even for the current operations to respond to any type of dam failure since the existing road would likely be unusable if the dam begins to fail). He seemed satisfied with this answer, and indicated that we have done our homework, since literally everyone in the legislature seems to be aware of Big Creek Dam.
- Prepared agenda items for the May 17 City Council meeting.
- Participated in a conference call of the OCCMA Host Committee co-chairs to figure out the next steps based on ICMA's intent to move forward with the conference in Portland.
- Held a bi-monthly meeting with Mike Murzynsky.
- Met with Chris Janigo, Clare Paul, and Steve Stewart to discuss the process to move forward with the upper dam work. The State is requiring us to evaluate the leaks and voids existing around the spillway. This issue was discussed initially with HDR, as well as Jacobs Engineering in Corvallis (formally C2HM Hill), who has extensive experience with earthen dams in Oregon. Jacobs Engineering designed the original dam, plus heightened the dam, as well. In evaluating the proposals, it is our conclusion that we should work with Jacobs Engineering with the evaluation of the dam, due to their direct involvement of the construction, and the extension of the dam, as well as their experience of earthen dams in Oregon. City Council approved this recommendation at the May 17 Council meeting.
- David Allen, Derrick Tokos, Richard Dutton, and I, met to continue piecing the history together of the under-bay crossing which added conduits for fiber optics, in light of the request from the PUD to utilize one of these conduits. In addition, there were a number of "handshake" deals where the City has enjoyed shared use of some of the PUD's fiber optic lines, which were never been documented by any agreements. We have opted to start with determining the value of utilization of the under-bay conduits, then review any offsets applicable, based on previous accommodations by the PUD for use of the under-bay conduit. We will be following up with the PUD after we obtain additional information and understanding of the relationship of the City with the PUD relating to fiber optics.
- Met with Jason Malloy regarding a complaint from residents who are dealing with various issues relating to the homelessness population in Newport. I will be meeting with the couple later this week.

Upcoming Events:

- The second Budget Committee meeting is set for May 18 at 5 PM.
- The third Budget Committee meeting is May 25 at 6 PM.
- I will be taking May 27 and May 28 as vacation days to catch up with home projects.
- Monday, May 31, City Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- As a reminder, there are no Council meetings scheduled for the first Monday in July.
- City Hall will be closed Monday, July 5, in celebration of the July 4th holiday.
- July 6-9, I plan to attend the OCCMA Summer Conference in Bend (in -person or virtually)
- Tuesday, July 20 through August 10 I will be taking vacation time to drive to Michigan. During this time, Peggy Hawker will be serving as acting city manager. Council has excused my attendance from the August 2 City Council meeting.
- Monday, September 6, City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day.
- October 3-6, I plan to attend the ICMA Annual Conference in Portland, OR.
- October 21-23 is the 96th League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference in Bend.
- Thursday, November 11, City Hall will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.
- Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 City Hall will be closed due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Thursday, December 23 City Hall will be closed half-day due to the Christmas holiday, and all day on Friday, December 24.
- Friday, December 31, City Hall will be closed in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Attachments:

- Attached is the testimony I provided to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means subcommittee on Capital Construction for the Big Creek Dam replacement on Friday, May 14.
- Attached is the packet of letters that was sent to co-chairs Girod and Holvey supporting financial assistance from the State for the Big Creek Dam Project.
- Attached is a report on transient room revenues collected through March of this year. Please note the significant recovery in room tax from March of last year when COVID-19 began shutting things down. This fiscal year, July and August remain below recent collections, with September, October, November, and December, either being the highest or second highest months of room tax collection over the past several years. So far in 2021, January was the highest ever, February was down a bit from 2019-2020, which was the previous highest year ever, and March exceeded the highest March collections by almost \$100,000. If these trends continue through the fiscal year, it is likely that our room tax collections will be at or above the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. I believe that the coast has benefitted by people taking shorter trips closer to home. This has resulted in a good recovery of room tax revenues following last fiscal year, which was impacted significantly by travel closures due to COVID-19.
- Attached is a summary from Dig Deep Research showing a history of the activities they have conducted and the results the City has realized from their efforts.

- Attached is a letter and copy of a \$24,936 check for dividends received by the City from SAIF. This represents a dividend equal to 17.56% of the standard premium paid by the City for worker's comp insurance.

I hope everyone has a great week.

Respectfully Submitted,



Spencer R. Nebel, City Manager

cc: Department Heads

Spencer Nebel

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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction.

Date/Time: May 7, 2021, 1:00pm

Q3. *What is your name? (First Last):

Spencer Nebel

Q12. How do you want to be addressed:

- Mr

Q4. City of residence OR affiliated organization(s):

City of Newport

Q13. Project or Program on which you will be speaking:

Big Creek Dams Replacement Project

Q7.

Email address:

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Q8. *Phone number? (###) ###-####

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Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey,

My name is Spencer Nebel, and I am the City Manager for the City of Newport. I'm here today to request your consideration of \$14 million for the Big Creek Dams Replacement Project.

First, I want to thank you for authorizing our project for \$4 million in the 2019 session.

Ten years ago, city engineers discovered real threats to our City's sole source of water which is stored behind the Upper and Lower Big Creek Dams. They found that the foundation material that the Big Creek Dams were built on is unstable and could fail in the event of a moderate earthquake.

To make matters more urgent, the State recently discovered advanced seepage issues in the upper dam and downgraded the safety rating to "unsafe" due to the risk of catastrophic failure.

Newport has applied for several state and federal grants, and invested nearly \$6 million of our own money, but we lost our \$4 million lottery bond allocation that was passed by the legislature in 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding continues to be a challenge.

I want to thank Representative David Gomberg for his advocacy for our project and for submitting the request for \$14 million, not only for design and permitting but also for the construction of our replacement dam. The total project cost is estimated between \$70-80 million dollars, which our small city cannot afford on our own. State assistance would go a long way to increase the pace of the dam replacement project and help the City mitigate the imminent safety risk to our community.

We thank Senator Anderson and Representative Gomberg for their interest and support of our project. On behalf of the City of Newport, I respectfully ask for your consideration of our request for \$14 million in lottery bonding in SB 5534. This \$14 million request includes the \$4 million that was previously authorized to allow the City to move forward with dam design and environmental permitting on the timeline directed by the state in order to secure the City's only water supply and reduce the risk to residents who live within the inundation zone.

Thank you for your consideration of our request this afternoon.



CITY OF NEWPORT
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May 6, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Capital
Construction

FROM: City of Newport, Oregon

SUBJECT: Support Materials - Big Creek Dams Replacement Project

DATE: May 6, 2021

Currently, the City of Newport, Oregon has two dams recently rated as unsafe and at risk of spontaneous failure. They are the Upper Big Creek Dam and the Lower Big Creek Dam. Should either of these dams fail, the result could be catastrophic for the local community, and dam engineers have cautioned that loss of life would most definitely happen. There is very little warning when dams fail, and about a dozen homes are within the flood zone. A park where children play sits just below the lower dam. Roads carry people just beyond that. While the loss of life would be devastating, it would be followed by economic devastation due to the loss of water supply.

To address this situation, a roller-compacted concrete dam would be built between the upper and lower reservoirs. This dam would be higher than the existing dams and would hold the volumes currently stored in the lower and upper reservoirs combined. However, the project would take three to four years to construct at a cost of \$68 to \$83 million. This price tag is too large for a community of Newport's size, and the City is looking at all available local, state, and federal funding sources to mitigate the risk to the local community.

Over the years, we have worked alongside our community partners to generate support for this project as we work to identify potential state and federal funding. We recently submitted an appropriations request to our federal delegation, including community letters of support. In this document, we have included those letters of support, addressed to Congressman Kurt Schrader, from community groups, business interests, and economic development groups, and many others as well as a plethora of news articles about the Big Creek Dams.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mayor Dean Sawyer (D.Sawyer@NewportOregon.gov) or City Manager Spencer Nebel (S.Nebel@newportoregon.gov) with any questions.

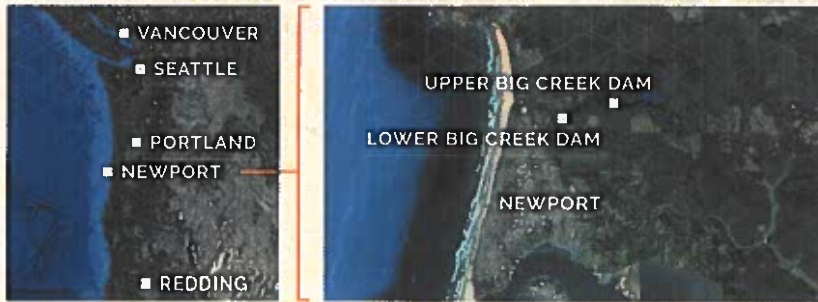
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CITY of NEWPORT



Big Creek Dams Improvement Project



The Big Creek Dams are located in the City of Newport, on Oregon's Central Coast.

Background Information

Construction

- Earthen dams
- 1951: Big Creek Dam #1 (Lower Dam)
- 1969: Big Creek Dam #2 (Upper Dam)

Reservoir (Water Storage) Capacity

1200 acre-feet of water
(390 million liquid gallons)

Water Usage

- Winter (year-round residents):
2.5 million gallons/day
- Summer (peak tourist season):
5 million gallons/day

Water Supply At Capacity

- The Big Creek Reservoirs are Newport's sole water supply
- Reservoirs support today's residential and tourist needs, but are functioning at maximum capacity, restricting Newport's future growth and negatively impacting its economy
- Current water supply is not sized to accommodate future demand or growth
- Reservoirs are unable to store sufficient water to avoid critically-low water levels during peak demand times

Current Situation

Seismically Unstable Water Infrastructure

The soils below either dam could liquefy during a seismic event (3.0 or greater on the Richter Scale), causing significant damage to and/or failure of the dams. As of 2013, two of the top three most-critical, high-hazard dam projects in the State of Oregon according to Oregon's Dam Safety Engineer are the Upper Big Creek Dam and the Lower Big Creek Dam.

Seismic Threats

1. Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ)
2. Crustal Faults within 62 miles (100km) of the Big Creek Dams
3. A significant tsunami is likely to follow any seismic activity of 7.0 magnitude or above

IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS
1 IN 3 CHANCE OF A BIG CASCADIA EARTHQUAKE
1 IN 10 CHANCE OF A M9+ CASCADIA EARTHQUAKE

Oregon State University professor Chris Goldfinger
The New Yorker July 20, 2015

STATEMENT OF NEED

If the dams fail due to seismic vulnerability:

- Newport's sole water supply will be impaired for years
- Bridge failures and landslides will block access roads
- The City will be isolated for long periods of time adversely affecting the population, regional economy and environment

SOLUTION

To obtain the funding to design and construct a Big Creek replacement dam.



CRUSTAL FAULT	MAXIMUM MAGNITUDE	DISTANCE AWAY
Yaquina Faults	6.1	19 mi
Waldport Fault	6.4	13.0 mi
Stonewall Anticline	6.8	21.7 mi
Daisy Bank Fault	7.3	28.0 mi
Alvin Canyon Fault	7.2	32.3 mi
Wecoma Fault	7.3	32.3 mi
Turner and Mill Creek Faults	6.6	48.5 mi
Happy Camp Fault	6.6	51.6 mi

Parameters for Faults within 62 miles (100 km) of the Big Creek Dams, USGS 2014

For more information contact the City of Newport's Public Works Dept. : 541.574.3366 : SaveOurSupplyNewport.com

SAVE OUR SUPPLY



Potential Impacts of not replacing the Big Creek Dams

Community & Human

- More than 10,000 year-round residents (in Newport's 6000 households) and 2.5 million tourists could be without a public water supply for at least one year
- Almost 7,500 jobs would be significantly impacted or lost, reducing income for citizens in the region
- There is potential for loss of life
- The City's health care facilities and many businesses may be unable to operate without water
- Seniors and families may not be able to remain in their homes long-term

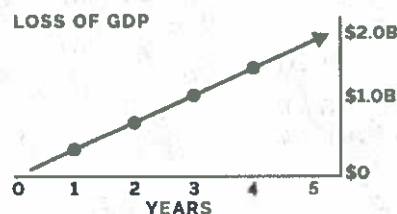
Environmental

Crucial infrastructure, property and land would be at risk of being heavily disturbed or destroyed.



Economic

The economic impact of a water supply loss will only continue to grow over time.



Project Projections

Estimated Costs

The City has an opportunity to combine local, state and federal resources to complete the dam project, while minimizing the tax burden on Newport citizens.

EXPENSE	COST RANGE
Dam solution implementation (construction of new dam and decommissioning existing dams)	\$ 33 - 40 M
New access roads, ecological restoration, other necessary amenities and infrastructure	\$ 8 - 10 M
Watershed restoration at Big Creek	\$ 2 - 6 M
Design and construction contingencies	\$ 24 - 27 M
Total Costs	\$ 67 - 83 M

Estimated Timeline

PHASE	DESCRIPTION	DURATION	TARGET TIMELINE
1	Design Concepts for New Dam	2 Years	2019 - 2020
2	Design, Permitting, Bid Period	2 Years	2021 - 2023
3	Construction	3 Years	2023 - 2025
Total Project Duration		6 - 8 Years	Present-2025

- Partial or complete disruption to the City's water supply will negatively affect the operation of local industries such as tourism, fish processing, brewing & distilling, and oceanographic research & education
- Businesses and citizens will relocate to other communities

NEXT STEPS

Significant research, environmental permitting and design work is needed before construction of the project can begin. Without state and federal support, the City cannot complete the work.

- Continue replacement option research
- Pursue funding
- Replace the dams

For more information contact the City of Newport's Public Works Dept. : 541.574.3366 : SaveOurSupplyNewport.com

Community Support Letters



Oregon State University
Hatfield

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April 5, 2021

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United States Representative
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schrader:

On behalf of the Hatfield Marine Science Center, I write in support of the City of Newport's efforts to replace the Upper Big Creek and Lower Big Creek dams to ensure a reliable water supply for the community.

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We urge you to fund community projects like the Big Creek Dam Replacement Project, and we encourage you to reach out to hear more about our support for this project. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration, we look forward to seeing the completion of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert K. Cowen".

Robert K. Cowen
Director & Professor
OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center



LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent

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April 5, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States Representative
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schrader:

On behalf of the Lincoln County School District, I write in support of the City of Newport's efforts to replace the Upper Big Creek and Lower Big Creek dams to ensure a reliable water supply for the community.

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Sincerely,

Superintendent, Lincoln County School District



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

April 7, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States Representative
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Washington, DC 20515

Re: Upper Big Creek and Lower Big Creek Dam Funding

Dear Congressman Schrader,

I write on behalf of the Pacific Seafood Group, an Oregon-based family-owned company that has grown from its humble origins in 1941 to become one of the largest seafood companies in North America.

Our partners at the City of Newport have informed us of the impending failure of the Upper Big Creek and Lower Big Creek dams (the "Big Creek Dams"), and the need to secure up to \$70 million to replace them.

The Big Creek Dams Replacement Project is of pivotal importance to the Newport community. As you may be aware, Oregon's State Engineer recently found the Big Creek Dams to be "unsafe" and at risk of spontaneous failure. Spontaneous failure would have severe consequences up to and including loss of life. Economic consequences would be similarly extreme, as the loss of the water supply would interrupt seafood processing in one of Oregon's largest seafood ports.

Pacific Seafood appreciates the City's proactive efforts to address the known problems with the Big Creek Dams. Similarly, we appreciate your ongoing leadership in this area and thank you for your continued support of our coastal communities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Dal Ponte".

Anthony J. Dal Ponte
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April 5th, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States Representative
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schrader:

On behalf of the Rogue ales and Spirits, I write in support of the City of Newport's efforts to replace the Upper Big Creek and Lower Big Creek dams to ensure a reliable water supply for the community.

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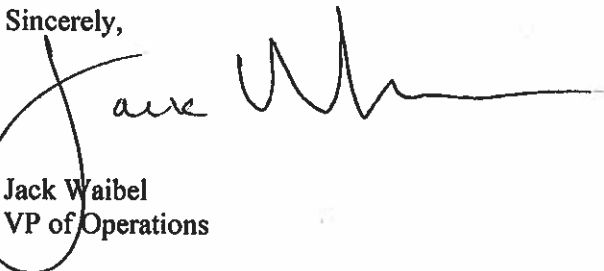
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Thank you for your time and consideration, we look forward to seeing the completion of this project.

Sincerely,



Jack Waibel
VP of Operations



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April 12, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States Representative
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Newport's Big Creek Dam Replacement Project

Dear Congressman Schrader:

On behalf of the Beverly Beach Water District Board of Commissioners, I am writing in support of the City of Newport's efforts to replace the Upper and Lower Big Creek Dams, to ensure a reliable water supply for the City of Newport and financial security for the Mid-Coast region.

The Big Creek Dams and reservoirs serve as the primary source of water for the City of Newport and as an emergency water source for the Seal Rock Water District. Newport is the financial epicenter for the Mid-Coast regional population of 40,000 residents, serving as the primary location of employment for workers from Yachats, Waldport, Toledo, and Lincoln City. In addition to employing the bulk of the residents within the Beverly Beach Water District, the Newport Water Department has been critical in providing mutual aid when our district has experienced water emergencies.

As a citizen of Beverly Beach area, and as the President of the Board of Commissioners for the Beverly Beach Water District, I am strongly in support of resolving the risk to the Big Creek Dams. Given our coastal location, having a resilient water supply in the aftermath of a seismic emergency is absolutely critical. Indeed, any circumstances that interrupt the availability of potable water not only will affect the health and welfare of Newport residents, but also the livelihoods of nearby communities, including residents in the Beverly Beach area.

Small districts like ours cannot easily repay the support we receive from organizations like the City of Newport, but we can write in support of the most important economic and safety project the City of Newport has ever undertaken. I therefore urge you to proactively advocate for legislation and funding to support this critically important project to the Mid-Coast region.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this time-sensitive matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy Gross
President, Beverly Beach Water District
Tegross144@gmail.com
541-961-7489



April 7, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States Representative
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schrader:

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Thank you for your time and consideration, we look forward to seeing the completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Paula J. Miranda, General Manager



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April 5th, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States Representative
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schrader:

On behalf of the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, I write in support of the City of Newport's efforts to replace the Upper Big Creek and Lower Big Creek dams to ensure a reliable water supply for the community.

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Sincerely,

Judy Kuhl


Executive Director
Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce



*Stimulating economic growth
in the greater
Yaquina Bay region*

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States Representative
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schrader:

On behalf of the Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation, I write in support of the City of Newport's efforts to replace the Upper Big Creek and Lower Big Creek dams to ensure a reliable water supply for the community.

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Thank you for your time and consideration, we look forward to seeing the completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Anne Armstrong
President, Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation
2020-2021

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States Representative
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schrader:

On behalf of the Newport Fishermen's Wives, I write in support of the City of Newport's efforts to replace the Upper Big Creek and Lower Big Creek dams to ensure a reliable water supply for the community.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lindsay Cole". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsay Cole
President of Newport Fishermen's Wives



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Seal Rock Water District

Date: April 24, 2018

To: Regional Solutions / Office of the Governor
ATTN: Jason Lewis-Berry, Director
900 Court Street Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301

From: Seal Rock Water District
1037 NW Grebe Street
P.O. Box 190
Seal Rock, OR 97376

Dear Mr. Lewis-Berry,

On behalf of the Seal Rock Water District (SRWD) I am writing in support of the City of Newport's proposed project to remediate Big Creek Dams in Newport, Oregon. As a partner agency in the Mid-Coast Water Basin, SRWD has developed a strong relationship with the City of Newport to assist with regional water needs. As water resources and infrastructure are becoming increasingly stressed, our work together has become even more vital.

Over the past several years, SRWD has witnessed increasing concern over the seismic stability of the Big Creek Dams. In 2015, when the region experienced a severe drought, our concern escalated as we began to better understand the complexity of water infrastructure and supply constraints emerging in the region. Events such as this that stress our water supply call even greater attention to our need to explore innovative water supply solutions to sustain our communities and meet the growing demand in the Mid-Coast region.

As a collaborating partner, the City of Newport has been a great leader in seeking innovative solutions to our emerging water needs. We are writing this letter of support for the City of Newport's efforts to remediate Big Creek Dam. We are confident that such an effort will be critical to the sustainability of the jobs and quality of life in the region.

Thank you for your concern – and attention to – the immediate needs of the Mid-Coast. We are pleased to support this important effort to ensure a strong future for our region.

Sincerely,

A. Denlinger

Adam Denlinger, GM
Seal Rock Water District

cc: SRWD Board of Commissioners
Joy King, SRWD Office Manager
City of Newport, File



Media Articles

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omberg 'wishlists' funding for eight county projects	Newport News Times	04/07/21	https://www.newportnewstimes.com/news/gomberg-wishlists-funding-for-eight-county-projects/article_a263155e-973e-11eb-a2a9-ab2960b386d1.html
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ewport asks state for Big Creek dam funding	Newport News Times	03/09/21	Available Upon Request
laking a move on the Big Creek Dams	Lincoln County Daily News	02/28/21	https://www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/261189
rown trying to resurrect projects killed by COVID-19 fallout	Mail Tribune	12/10/20	https://mailtribune.com/news/state-news/brown-trying-to-resurrect-projects-killed-by-covid-19-fallout
ewport plots future of its water supply	Newport News Times	11/03/20	Available Upon Request
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ewport mayor will once again travel to Washington, D.C.	Newport News Times	03/10/20	Available Upon Request
lawmaker priorities in WRDA legislation	E&E Daily	02/28/20	Available Upon Request
layor says upgrade to Big Creek dams critical	Newport News Times	01/02/20	Available Upon Request
aking a look back at 2019	Newport News Times	12/30/19	Available Upon Request
tudy finds dams in Oregon and across the country in need of repair	Fox 12 Oregon	11/19/19	https://www.kptv.com/news/study-finds-dams-in-oregon-and-across-the-country-in/video_23b5c9e1-da62-5259-8e81-0ccb5144a59c.html
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ax Rebates and More: Tax Rebates are Growing!	Tillamook County Pioneer	08/31/19	https://www.tillamookcountypioneer.net/tax-rebates-and-more-tax-rebates-are-growing/
lany Of Oregon's Dams In Dangerous Condition	KXL FM 101 News	08/24/19	Available Upon Request
he stuff nightmares are made of': Many of Oregon's dams in dangerous condition	KVAL	08/21/19	https://kval.com/news/local/the-stuff-nightmares-are-made-of-many-of-oregons-dams-in-dangerous-condition

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With dams at risk, Lincoln County pushes back planned veto	Portland Tribune	08/16/19	https://pamplinmedia.com/pt/9-news/435914-346925-with-dams-at-risk-lincoln-county-pushes-back-planned-veto
How Newport officials changed Gov. Brown's mind on dam repair veto	The Blue Mountain Eagle	08/15/19	https://www.bluemountaineagle.com/capital_bureau/how-newport-officials-changed-gov-brown-s-mind-on-dam/article_a2c4bfdc-bf83-11e9-98e5-17d7f51a782d.html
Gov. Brown backs off veto after Newport community and officials go to bat for dam project	Salem Reporter	08/14/19	https://www.salemreporter.com/posts/1166/gov-brown-backs-off-veto-after-newport-community-and-officials-go-to-bat-for-dam-project
After a veto threat, Newport fought for dam money	The Astorian	08/14/19	https://www.dailyastorian.com/news/after-a-veto-threat-newport-fought-for-dam-money/article_525786dc-bedf-11e9-9d75-3ff9d3caa8bc.html
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Governor Approves Newport Dam Money	The Corvallis Advocate	08/12/19	https://www.corvallisadvocate.com/2019/governor-approves-newport-dam-money/
Governor does an about face – She now favors Newport's plan for a new dam on Big Creek	News Lincoln County	08/09/19	https://www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/231082
Oregon Governor Preserves Dam Money, Legislation Bill At Veto Deadline	Oregon Public Broadcasting	08/09/19	https://www.opb.org/news/article/oregon-governor-2019-vetos-legislation-dam-newport/#.XU3YxyLRGhU.mailto
Gov. Brown rethinks veto	Newport News Times	08/09/19	Available Upon Request
Brown plan to veto Big Creek Dams Bill	Newport News Times	08/06/19	Available Upon Request
Editorial: Address dams now - not later	Newport News Times	08/06/19	Available Upon Request
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Governor Brown on the edge of vetoing any further funding...	News Lincoln County	08/04/19	https://www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/230814
Governor's proposed vetoes include...	Willamette Week	08/04/19	https://www.wweek.com/news/2019/08/05/governors-proposed-vetoes-include-a-bill-enviros-hate-and-money-for-a-dam-study-in-district-of-dem-who-voted-against-cap-and-trade-bill/

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tate lawmaking, local impacts	Newport News Times	07/08/19	Available Upon Request
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ublic Can Get a First-Hand Look At Newport's igh-Hazard Dams	KLCC - NPR (Oregon)	06/02/19	https://www.klcc.org/post/public-can-get-first-hand-look-newport-s-high-hazard-dams
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regon's 90-year-old dam safety laws are getting	Statesman Journal	03/05/19	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2019/03/06/oregons-safety-laws-review-overhaul/3056945002/
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ffordable Housing...Grants for new Big Creek am, and Gathering Pavilion at the Airport	News Lincoln County	04/01/18	http://www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/199595
eservoir upgrades urgent	Newport News Times	10/02/17	Available Upon Request
regon lawmakers push for increased dam safety	Statesman Journal	04/02/17	https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2017/04/03/oregon-lawmakers-push-increased-dam-safety/100005308/
ulti-use trail system proposed for Big Creek area	Newport News Times	03/15/17	Available Upon Request

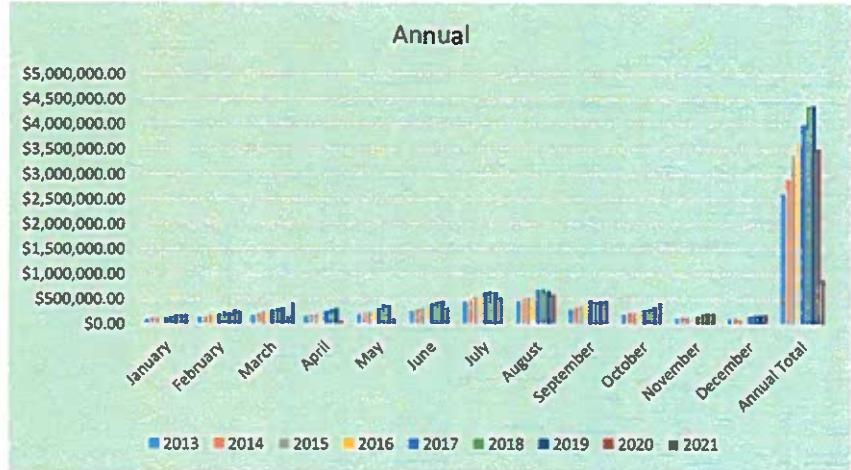
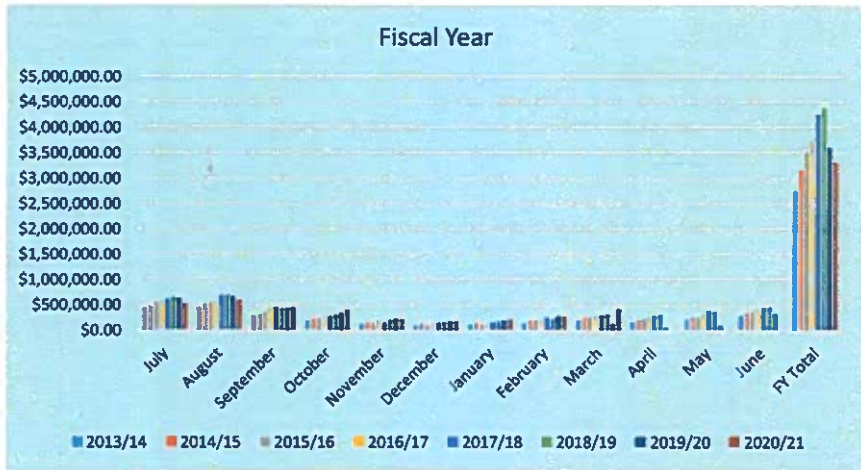
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wo Of Oregon's Unsafe Dams Are In Newport	KLCC - NPR (Oregon)	02/14/17	https://www.klcc.org/post/two-oregons-unsafe-dams-are-newport
Oregon dams in 'unsatisfactory' condition	Statesman Journal	02/12/17	Available Upon Request
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xploratory drilling	Newport News Times	01/18/17	Available Upon Request
ewport Facing Major Financial Hurdles to replace Big Creek Dams	Eugene Daily News	07/27/15	http://eugenedailynews.com/2015/07/newport-facing-major-financial-hurdles-to-replace-big-creek-dams/
ewport Dams Evaluated In New Seismic Report	KLCC - NPR (Oregon)	07/20/15	https://www.klcc.org/post/newport-dams-evaluated-new-seismic-report
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**City of Newport
Transient Room Tax Revenues**

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2013	\$83,184.51	\$141,633.06	\$178,064.51	\$154,503.00	\$195,365.45	\$259,548.39	\$444,169.46	\$456,729.65	\$295,883.53	\$191,428.48	\$123,685.96	\$96,186.95	\$2,620,382.95
2014	\$112,858.62	\$139,593.00	\$202,016.86	\$166,678.21	\$231,989.22	\$289,428.34	\$465,457.39	\$511,604.77	\$319,624.95	\$220,367.99	\$138,583.98	\$119,764.20	\$2,917,967.53
2015	\$139,629.92	\$197,010.76	\$256,344.88	\$203,965.32	\$262,295.84	\$338,007.86	\$561,202.62	\$560,764.51	\$372,344.48	\$246,641.74	\$156,947.04	\$121,037.92	\$3,416,192.89
2016	\$135,107.00	\$217,380.90	\$266,903.06	\$243,529.85	\$274,872.43	\$381,796.25	\$574,251.28	\$558,401.36	\$429,246.54	\$274,706.47	\$177,668.76	\$131,917.15	\$3,665,781.05
2017	\$125,038.18	\$202,268.77	\$278,868.82	\$263,339.76	\$316,756.56	\$409,197.10	\$623,424.13	\$694,943.01	\$466,563.08	\$289,383.24	\$167,058.46	\$164,140.62	\$4,000,981.73
2018	\$162,767.32	\$253,574.49	\$306,388.31	\$290,310.54	\$393,963.42	\$445,221.83	\$649,635.76	\$701,808.77	\$443,728.10	\$315,673.07	\$219,716.35	\$180,153.73	\$4,362,941.69
2019	\$184,418.23	\$219,605.46	\$332,683.75	\$309,447.07	\$372,003.25	\$460,188.96	\$625,091.06	\$661,240.59	\$447,666.07	\$344,950.90	\$242,660.16	\$183,004.13	\$4,382,959.63
2020	\$194,455.16	\$277,305.68	\$149,324.49	\$54,021.26	\$111,348.26	\$324,712.14	\$525,026.88	\$588,422.82	\$461,794.72	\$417,188.47	\$227,533.90	\$185,573.76	\$3,516,707.54
2021	\$211,627.14	\$266,683.12	\$430,646.57										\$908,956.83

Fiscal Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	FY Total
2012/13	358,654.09	397,793.57	291,276.65	176,983.38	103,783.64	85,311.51	\$83,184.51	\$141,633.06	\$178,064.51	\$154,503.00	\$195,365.45	\$259,548.39	\$2,426,101.76
2013/14	\$444,169.46	\$456,729.65	\$295,883.53	\$191,428.48	\$123,685.96	\$96,186.95	\$112,858.62	\$139,593.00	\$202,016.86	\$166,678.21	\$231,989.22	\$289,428.34	\$2,750,354.28
2014/15	\$465,457.39	\$511,604.77	\$319,624.95	\$220,367.99	\$138,583.98	\$119,764.20	\$139,629.92	\$197,010.76	\$256,344.88	\$203,965.32	\$262,295.84	\$338,007.86	\$3,172,657.86
2015/16	\$561,202.62	\$560,764.51	\$372,344.48	\$246,641.74	\$156,947.04	\$121,037.92	\$135,107.00	\$217,380.90	\$266,903.06	\$243,529.85	\$274,872.43	\$381,796.25	\$3,538,527.80
2016/17	\$574,251.28	\$558,401.36	\$429,246.54	\$274,706.47	\$177,668.76	\$131,917.15	\$125,038.18	\$202,268.77	\$278,868.82	\$263,339.76	\$316,756.56	\$409,197.10	\$3,741,660.75
2017/18	\$623,424.13	\$694,943.01	\$466,563.08	\$289,383.24	\$167,058.46	\$164,140.62	\$162,767.32	\$253,574.49	\$306,388.31	\$290,310.54	\$393,963.42	\$445,221.83	\$4,257,738.45
2018/19	\$649,635.76	\$701,808.77	\$443,728.10	\$315,673.07	\$219,716.35	\$180,153.73	\$184,418.23	\$219,605.46	\$332,683.75	\$309,447.07	\$372,003.25	\$460,188.96	\$4,389,062.50
2019/20	\$625,091.06	\$661,240.59	\$447,666.07	\$344,950.90	\$242,660.16	\$183,004.13	\$194,455.16	\$277,305.68	\$149,324.49	\$54,021.26	\$111,348.26	\$324,712.14	\$3,615,779.90
2020/21	\$525,026.88	\$588,422.82	\$461,794.72	\$417,188.47	\$227,533.90	\$185,573.76	\$211,627.14	\$266,683.12	\$430,646.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,314,497.38



The following statistics reflect the City of Newport's return on investment since receiving grants consulting services with Dig Deep (2012 to 2021).



SECURED
\$27.5M
IN LOW-INTEREST
FINANCING



CULTIVATED RELATIONSHIPS
with

24 FUNDING
AGENCIES



108
LETTERS of
SUPPORT
from community
parters and
legislative officials

SECURED GRANTS
TOTALING
\$3.6M



SAVED
\$6.1M

— in —
INTEREST
PAYMENTS

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On average, the City has received an annual
return on investment of **6:1**



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October 06, 2020

PayneWest Ins of Newport
Paynewest Insurance Inc
541-265-7768

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CITY OF NEWPORT
169 SW COAST HWY
NEWPORT, OR 97365-3806

SAIF policy: 872454

Dear policyholder:

There isn't much you can say about these times that hasn't already been said. The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted employers, workers, and just about every facet of life. We know many of you are struggling to adjust right now, and, as your workers' compensation carrier, we want to do what we can to support you.

This letter has important information you need to know. Please read it carefully, and don't hesitate to call us at 800.285.8525 if you have questions or concerns.

Your dividend is here.

Like many of you, SAIF is beginning to see the effects of the economic downturn on our finances. Nonetheless, after careful consideration of our capital levels, SAIF is proud to declare a \$100 million policyholder dividend. This dividend is possible because of our overall financial results, including investment returns and favorable trends in claims costs. Oregon employers like you also play a role by preventing on-the-job injuries.

With this dividend, policyholders receive a share of their premium for policies whose annual term ended in 2019. **You are receiving 17.56 percent of your standard premium.**

As a not-for-profit with a public mission to make workers' comp available and affordable, paying dividends is an important part of the value we offer Oregon employers. SAIF is the only insurance carrier in Oregon that has regularly returned dividends to policyholders, paying more than \$2.3 billion to Oregon businesses since 1990.

We are taking care of workers exposed to COVID-19 on the job.

As Oregon's leader in workers' compensation, SAIF has established an effective and efficient process for managing COVID-19 claims. In these situations, we work closely and confidentially with policyholders and workers to ensure there was a work-related exposure, and if the claim is accepted, to get appropriate diagnostic testing and treatment.

A COVID-19 diagnosis is not necessarily work-related, and employees should only file a claim when they are seeking treatment or medical advice for exposures or conditions they believe resulted from work.

You can find more details about our approach to COVID-19 claims on our website at saif.com/covid19.

We can help with policy changes and payment questions.

We're available to answer your questions and help address financial uncertainty by making sure you are paying the correct premium. We can help make sure you are reporting payroll accurately, so you aren't paying too much, or too little, for workers' compensation.

If you need assistance with payroll reporting, or are unable to make a payment for any reason, please contact your agent or SAIF as soon as possible. We may have options available to assist you with maintaining the coverage you need.

SAIF is open for business.

We have remained fully operational during this time, with more than 96% of our employees telecommuting and a small but dedicated group of on-site employees ensuring we don't miss a beat in serving you.

We want to thank you for being a SAIF customer and helping us keep rates low by preventing on-the-job injuries. If you have questions about your dividend, please log in to your account on **saif.com**, or contact your agent or SAIF representative.

Sincerely,



Kerry Barnett
President and CEO



PayneWest Ins of Newport
Paynewest Insurance Inc
541-265-7768

CITY OF NEWPORT
169 SW COAST HWY
NEWPORT, OR 97365-3806

SAIF Policy 872454
Check No. 013215025
Amount \$24,936.00
Issue Date 10/06/2020

When Oregon businesses and nonprofits work together to prevent on-the-job injuries and illnesses—particularly during these challenging times—everyone benefits. Thanks, in part, to your efforts, and in consideration of SAIF's capital levels, we are proud to declare a \$100 million dividend for our policyholders.

The attached check reflects the full amount of your dividend, which is **17.56 percent of standard premium** for your policy whose annual term ended in 2019.

Please see the enclosed letter for more information. If you have questions, log in to your account on saif.com, or contact your agent or SAIF representative.

It is unlawful in Oregon for an insurer to promise to pay policyholder dividends for any unexpired portion of the policy term or to misrepresent the conditions for dividend payment. Dividends will be due and payable only for a policy period that has expired, and only if declared by and under conditions prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Insurer. Furthermore, it is an unlawful rebate and a violation of the Oregon Insurance Code for an insured or a representative of an insured knowingly to accept a dividend pursuant to a promise to pay policyholder dividends if the promise is made before the policy is issued or if the promise is made for any unexpired portion of a policy period.

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Please keep the upper portion for your own records

FOLD ON PERFORATION LINE BELOW  BEFORE DETACHING.

DO NOT ACCEPT THIS CHECK UNLESS YOU CAN SEE A TRUE WATERMARK OF CHAIN-LINKED SHAPES WHEN HELD TO THE LIGHT.



400 High St SE
Salem, OR 97312
503.373.8000

Dividend

To The
State Treasurer
Salem, Oregon
96-10
1232

Check No. 013215025

Date
10/06/2020

Pay TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS

Amount

\$ **24,936.00

CITY OF NEWPORT

(Void After 2 Years From Date Of Issue)


Authorized Signature

Pay
To
The
Order
Of

PAYABLE THROUGH US BANK

THE FACE OF THIS CHECK HAS A COLORED BACKGROUND ** EXPLANATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY FEATURES INDICATED ON REVERSE SIDE