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**NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD TOWN HALL MEETING
ON THE POTENTIAL BIG CREEK DAMS REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AT THE NEWPORT WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The Newport City Council will hold a Town Hall Meeting for residents, business owners, and other interested persons on Monday, April 29, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., at the Newport Water Treatment Plant. The Water Treatment Plant is located at 2810 NE Big Creek Road, Newport, Oregon.

The agenda for this meeting includes an overview of the current status of the dams, of which Keith Mills, Oregon Dam Safety Engineer, states “The Upper Big Creek Dam and the Lower Big Creek Dam are two of the top three most critical, high-hazard dams in the State of Oregon.”

Tim Gross, Newport Public Works Director, will make a PowerPoint presentation on the city’s water supply, the vulnerability of the dams, potential solutions, estimated costs, possible funding sources, and a replacement timeline.

Following the Town Hall meeting, city staff will provide tours of the city’s state-of-the-art water treatment facility.

The City Council periodically schedules Town Hall Meetings on months that contain a fifth Monday. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet Council in an informal setting.

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