



CITY OF NEWPORT  
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Newport, OR 97365

April 22, 2021

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Co-Chairs Rayfield, Johnson, and Steiner Hayward  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means

**FROM:** City of Newport, Oregon

**SUBJECT:** Support Materials - Big Creek Dams Replacement Project

**DATE:** April 24, 2021

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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.

# **Newport's Big Creek Dams Community Support Letters**

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## Big Creek Dams Improvement Project



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

### 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.

### 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

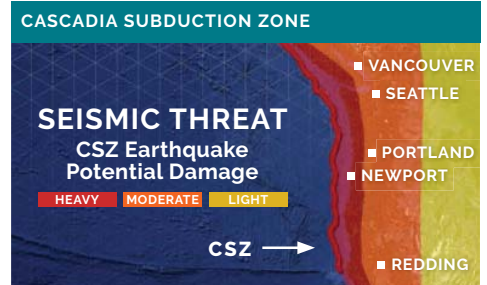
The soils below either dam could liquefy during a seismic event (3.0 or greater on the Richter Scale), causing significant damage to and/or failure of the dams. As of 2013, **two of the top three most-critical, high-hazard dam projects** in the State of Oregon according to Oregon's Dam Safety Engineer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



CRUSTAL FAULT	MAXIMUM MAGNITUDE	DISTANCE AWAY
Yaquina Faults	6.1	1.9 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

# 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

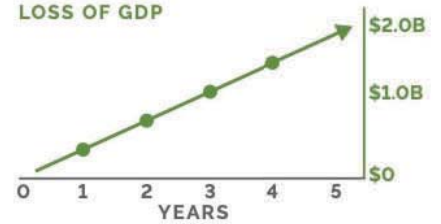
Crucial infrastructure, property and land would be at risk of being heavily disturbed or destroyed.



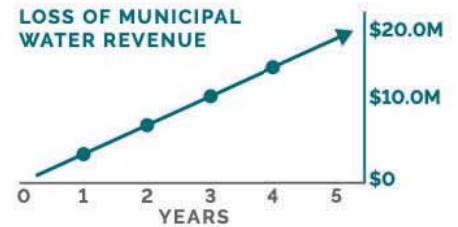
### Economic

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

LOSS OF GDP



LOSS OF MUNICIPAL WATER REVENUE



## 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
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$ 67 – 83 M</b>

### 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
<b>Total Project Duration</b>		<b>6 – 8 Years</b>	<b>Present – 2025</b>

- 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

# **Community Support Letters**



**Hatfield Marine Science Center**

Robert Cowen, Director

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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 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.

Cities like Newport rely on a dependable, abundant water supply to power community and economic development. Unfortunately, Oregon's State Engineer recently rated Newport's Upper Big Creek and the Lower Big Creek dams as unsafe and at risk of spontaneous failure.

If the Upper Big Creek and the Lower Big Creek Dams fail due to seismic vulnerability or seepage, loss of life would most definitely occur, water supply would be impaired, bridges and landslides would block access to roads, and the City would be isolated for long periods of time adversely affecting the population, regional economy, and environment. Simply put, without investment in this project, the future of our community would be in jeopardy.

To address this situation, Newport will need to secure around \$70 million in local, state, and federal resources to construct the dam, which will protect life, provide economic stability, and allow our community to flourish.

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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We urge you to fund the Big Creek Dam Replacement Project, and we encourage you to reach out to hear more about our support for this project.

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

Sincerely,

Superintendent, Lincoln County School District



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

April 7, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader  
United States Representative  
2431 Rayburn House Office Building  
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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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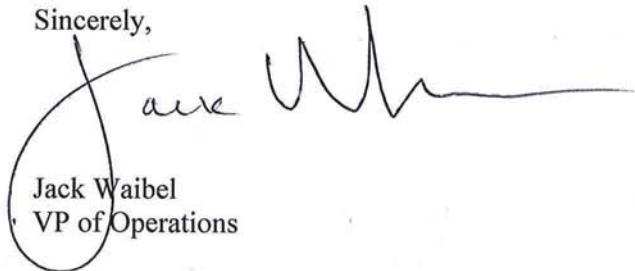
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We urge you to fund community projects like the Big Creek Dam Replacement Project, and we encourage you to reach out to hear more about our support for this project. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have.

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

Sincerely,



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  
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April 7, 2021

The Honorable Kurt Schrader  
United States Representative  
2431 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Schrader:

On behalf of the Port of Newport, 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,

Paula J. Miranda, General Manager



**GREATER NEWPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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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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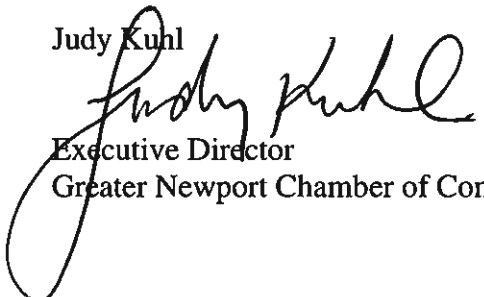
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Sincerely,

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,

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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,

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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  
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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



Media Coverage

Name	Source	Date	Link
Gomberg 'wishlists' funding for eight county projects	Newport News Times	04/07/21	<a href="https://www.newportnewstimes.com/news/gomberg-wishlists-funding-for-eight-county-projects/article_a263155e-973e-11eb-a2a9-ab2960b386d1.html">https://www.newportnewstimes.com/news/gomberg-wishlists-funding-for-eight-county-projects/article_a263155e-973e-11eb-a2a9-ab2960b386d1.html</a>
The Good, the Bad, and the Uncertain	Lincoln City Homepage	04/05/21	<a href="https://lincolncityhomepage.com/the-good-the-bad-and-the-uncertain/">https://lincolncityhomepage.com/the-good-the-bad-and-the-uncertain/</a>
Newport asks state for Big Creek dam funding	Newport News Times	03/09/21	Available Upon Request
Making a move on the Big Creek Dams	Lincoln County Daily News	02/28/21	<a href="https://www.newsincolncounty.com/archives/261189">https://www.newsincolncounty.com/archives/261189</a>
Brown trying to resurrect projects killed by COVID-19 fallout	Mail Tribune	12/10/20	<a href="https://mailtribune.com/news/state-news/brown-trying-to-resurrect-projects-killed-by-covid-19-fallout">https://mailtribune.com/news/state-news/brown-trying-to-resurrect-projects-killed-by-covid-19-fallout</a>
Newport plots future of its water supply	Newport News Times	11/03/20	Available Upon Request
Water knows no city limits	Newport News Times	10/27/20	Available Upon Request
Newport mayor will once again travel to Washington, D.C.	Newport News Times	03/10/20	Available Upon Request
4 lawmaker priorities in WRDA legislation	E&E Daily	02/28/20	Available Upon Request
Mayor says upgrade to Big Creek dams critical	Newport News Times	01/02/20	Available Upon Request
Taking a look back at 2019	Newport News Times	12/30/19	Available Upon Request
Study finds dams in Oregon and across the country in need of repair	Fox 12 Oregon	11/19/19	<a href="https://www.kptv.com/news/study-finds-dams-in-oregon-and-across-the-country-in/video_23b5c9e1-da62-5259-8e81-0ccb5144a59c.html">https://www.kptv.com/news/study-finds-dams-in-oregon-and-across-the-country-in/video_23b5c9e1-da62-5259-8e81-0ccb5144a59c.html</a>
Oregon dams among more than 1,600 at risk nationally, AP investigation finds	The Oregonian/OregonLive	11/13/19	<a href="https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2019/11/oregon-dams-among-more-than-1600-at-risk-nationally-ap-investigation-finds.html?utm_campaign=theoregonian_sf&amp;utm_source=facebook&amp;utm_medium=social">https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2019/11/oregon-dams-among-more-than-1600-at-risk-nationally-ap-investigation-finds.html?utm_campaign=theoregonian_sf&amp;utm_source=facebook&amp;utm_medium=social</a>
Aging U.S. dams pose risk to thousands	The Bulletin	11/11/19	<a href="https://www.bendbulletin.com/nation/aging-u-s-dams-pose-risk-to-thousands/article_28999838-5d6b-56e0-8e45-5201bcfad10f.html">https://www.bendbulletin.com/nation/aging-u-s-dams-pose-risk-to-thousands/article_28999838-5d6b-56e0-8e45-5201bcfad10f.html</a>
Mayor headed to Washington	Newport News Times	11/05/19	Available Upon Request
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