

Dick's Fork Replacement Tank

Co-Chairs and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. For the record, my name is **Franklin Sherkow** and I am here on behalf of the **Southwest Lincoln County Water PUD**.

We are seeking to replace an **existing 200,000-gallon concrete reservoir tank that was built in 1974**. This tank has reached the end of its useful life and is vulnerable to seismic events.

A **larger, steel, seismically resilient 500,000-gallon tank** will support fire flows and water demands for the north end of our water district and the southern portion of the City of Waldport for current and future needs, including further development of the **Waldport Industrial Park**.

We are **working with Rep. Gomberg** on this project.

Our district currently has **1,350 customers**, with an estimated **peak of 6,000 users** during the summer months.

Should our existing tank fail, **we fear disruptions in service** could prove disastrous. ***Thank you.***