

SWNI Board Motion Form

Moved by direction of.....

Name Laurie Cawthon **Committee:** Watershed Committee

Motion:

The Watershed Committee is requesting the SWNI Board send a letter to the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), the Portland Utilities Board (PUB), and Portland City Council asking that they amend the City's current stormwater plan to track cumulative impacts of development, tailor structural solutions for local geology, and fund additional stormwater capital improvement projects (CIP) specifically in Southwest Portland, that reduce flooding through conveyance systems.

Second: _____

(note: No second is required if motion is moved by committee action)

If action requested is a letter please note the following:

To whom letter should be addressed:

Michael Jordan,
Director, Bureau of Environmental Services,
1120 SW 5th Avenue, Room 1000, Portland, OR, 97204

Main talking points to include in letter:

1. The expansion of impervious surfaces, associated with existing and future development has become a major threat to Southwest Portland's watershed due to undeveloped conveyance systems.
2. Existing conveyance systems are not adequate to protect SW Portland's watershed and pose a serious threat of flooding and erosion to properties, homes and other structures.
3. The current stormwater manual guidelines are not adequate for SW Portland, as its existing conveyance systems are inadequate to prevent downstream impacts (such as flooding) as a byproduct of upstream development.
4. An holistic approach to the stormwater system plan for Southwest Portland is needed to guide the case-by-case review process that is currently in place.
5. Review of new development needs a comprehensive approach that considers the impact of the loss of natural buffers and water storage resulting from draining/filling marshes and reduced evapotranspiration with fewer trees.

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