

## Pete Walter

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**From:** Paul Edgar <pauloedgar@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2020 2:50 PM  
**To:** Pete Walter; Laura Terway; Kattie Riggs  
**Subject:** Re: LEG-19-00006: Natural Resources Overlay District Map Amendment - Addition of Canemah Wetland to the Natural Resources Overlay District. Please publish this for the record

Yes!

On 2/7/2020 2:26 PM, Pete Walter wrote:

> Paul,  
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> Please confirm if you want this email added to the record.  
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> Thanks,  
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> Pete  
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> Pete Walter, AICP, Senior Planner  
> Oregon City Community Development Department  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Paul Edgar <pauloedgar@q.com>  
> Sent: Friday, February 7, 2020 12:00 PM  
> To: Pete Walter <pwalter@orccity.org>; Laura Terway <lterway@orccity.org>; Kattie Riggs <kriggs@orccity.org>  
> Subject: LEG-19-00006: Natural Resources Overlay District Map Amendment - Addition of Canemah Wetland to the Natural Resources Overlay District. Please publish this for the record  
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> I don't know what I can talk with all of you about this site, without compromising anyone's ability to vote on this Legislative action before the Planning Commission.  
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> But I would suggest that City Planners, City Engineers, Planning Commission and everyone with a need to know, come to Canemah and let me show you where all of this water comes from.  
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> There are reasons there is a Canemah Wetland at 5th Avenue and Miller Street and it is because there are springs in the hillside above that feed the Historic Canemah Waterworks.  
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> When you see the Canemah Waterworks you will get a picture of a whole basin, that was part of a Natural Wetland and Wetland Vegetative Corridor.  
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> I want to draw your attention to published Agenda item 3C, line item 7a and the pictures provided in the Karen Blaha submittal on page 3. The top picture shows this large crease in the landscape where 'Waters of State' flows out of this adjudicated Wetland into what has been a Wetland Vegetative Corridor. You need to see/witness the current amount of water that flows out of the Historic Canemah Waterworks, down a hillside into the Canemah Wetlands, and down again into what is now a damned up basin, with a limited capacity pipe that was illegally constructed, without any permits, that crosses multiple City of Oregon City Right-of-Ways (with No required ROW Permits), that has destroyed much of this Natural Wetland Vegetative Corridor and what it should be doing in responsible allowing water to re-charge

our ecology without flushing this water into our storm water drain systems. This picture will also provide you with a accurate ability to see how much soil has been illegally moved around, in the burying of much of the Natural Wetland Vegetative Corridor that has existed at this place.

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> It is my understanding that the people at 606 4th Avenue have in the last few years replaced some of the entry level pipe (the new green

> pipe) with new larger pipe, to make it look like the piping has greater water carrying capacity then it does. In the last approximate 10 years, this damned up basin has got so deep in a extreme water event, to where the water flooded over Miller Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. With Climate Change, we are all seeing and experiencing more and more extreme water/storm events.

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> Paul Edgar, Friend of Canemah

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