

April 18, 2015

Rep. Brian Clem
Chair
House Committee on Rural Communities, Land use and Water
Oregon House of Representatives
State Capital
Salem, Oregon

RE: Mirror Pond, Bend, Oregon

Dear Rep. Clem:

This letter is to encourage your thoughtful approval of a matter before your committee to assist in preserving iconic Mirror Pond in the center of Bend, Oregon. The solution is by far, the best compromise developed after years of debate on how to solve the aging Pacific Power Dam and maintain the water level of Mirror Pond for generations to come.

This current plan has been approved after a yearlong process by a citizens ad hoc committee, the Bend Parks and Recreation Board and the Bend City Council. Now is our opportunity to move forward with the assistance of Pacific Power to not only rebuild a 100 year old dam, but provide for fish passage, create a green space and improve the overall health of the Deschutes River.

Mirror Pond is our "signature hole" and should be conserved for our children and visitors for years to come.

Thank You.



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Former Mayor of the City of Bend