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Re: WATR v. City of Portland MCCC Case No. 1112-15957

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- 2. Portland Loo Projects and maintenance.
- 3. Purchase of and renovation of Rose Festival building.
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- 5. Dodge Park master plan and park projects.

6. Construction, staffing and operation of a so-called "Water House." DWT 19046056v1 0094650-000002

- 7. Development and maintenance of hydro parks.
- 8. Powell Butte II project non-water related park amenities (new caretaker residence, amphitheater, etc.).
- 9. Green Streets and other transfer payments to BES and other agencies.
- 10. Park Bureau decorative fountain modifications and maintenance.
- 11. Costs associated with Rose Festival ships.
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- --Additional programs not yet specified in the complaint:
- 13. Columbia Southshore land lease Carollo UV validation facility agreements.
- 14. Mount Tabor Maintenance Yard Land Exchange
- 15. Update of 1983 publication of "Water Portland's Precious Heritage"
- 16. Bear Creek House renovations and related sponsorship of events at Bear Creek.
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- 18. Bull Run tour and advocacy program including bus purchase, staff including new bus driver position.
- 19. Domestic travel, meal and lodging expense by commissioners and city staff and consultants.
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- 25. Hurricane Katrina expense of \$1,976,259.00 which was incurred by "volunteering" staff of the Water Bureau while keeping them on payroll. Also specify amounts reimbursed from FEMA and length of time between expenditures and reimbursements. Specify fund(s) to which reimbursements were deposited.
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