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Sent: 7/11/2011 3:06:49 PM
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Subject: RE: Meeting with Director

Our most knowledgeable staff member on the Flint and Genesee County water supply issues is Mike Prysby in the Lansing District. He has knowledge of the history surrounding the various alternatives that have been considered and has access to the files where the various reports and studies are kept. Mike should know the need for this project and the relative merits. You might want to give him a call if you have any questions.

As I recall, when Flint restored their water treatment plant (using a DWRP loan) to provide the city with the redundancy we requested, there was some discussion with Genesee County about their possible inclusion, but I think hydraulic limitations prevents the County from relying entirely upon the city to supply enough water during an interruption in supply from Detroit. For this reason, the capacity of the Flint water treatment plant was not increased much beyond what was considered necessary to supply the city during an emergency. So Genesee County does need to enhance their reliability, although they or their customers do maintain some standby wells and they can obtain some water from Flint.

One of the main points mentioned by this consultant was the impact of power outages, failed pump stations and water main breaks on the Detroit system. Mike may know for sure, but I think that some of the more recent events have been due to failures within the County's system of pipelines and pump stations. That's not to say it hasn't happened to DWSD, but there have only been a couple of pipeline interruptions on the DWSD portion of the pipeline that I can recall in the last 10 years, and I am only aware of a limited number of power outages such as the 2003 Blackout that affected the entire service area including Genesee County. While we agree they need to provide increased reliability, I am not sure that all the pressure loss events and ensuing impacts to which they allude are the responsibility of DWSD.

Let me or Mike know if you need any assistance.

From: Butler, Sonya (DNRE)
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 9:06 AM
To: Monosmith, Carrie (DNRE); Benzie, Richard (DNRE)
Subject: FW: Meeting with Director

FYI:

I have a meeting this afternoon (1:30 PM) with the Director and Liane to discuss the project below. The meeting was scheduled 2 weeks ago; however, I didn't receive details about it until Friday.

From: Brad Comment [mailto:brad@KindsvatterAssociates.com]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 9:35 AM
To: Butler, Sonya (DNRE)
Subject: Meeting with Director

Sonya,

I apologize that I am now getting you information regarding our meeting with Director Wyant on Monday with my client, the Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright. The purpose of our meeting will be to discuss projects on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for both Genesee County but also Karegnondi Water Authority.

Part of the discussion will be the hope of having The MDEQ endorsing the project and approving DWRF and other funding, because the project will, at long last, provide a water supply that will truly be reliable. One of the greatest problems for this area is that when the water supply from Detroit is interrupted, this area will experience water restrictions, boil water notices and the complete shutdown of our restaurants, hospitals and many area businesses.

My primary contact for information has been unavailable for the last two weeks, and I apologize for any inconvenience. If I am able to obtain any other information I will be happy to share it with you. I have attached a PowerPoint with general talking points as well as an Executive Summary from an Engineering Report which further discusses the project in comparison to the current system this region has for water.

Thank you for your patience.

Bradley Comment

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