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Subject: DS Stuff

Here is the latest updates I have for everyone.

- RMG Central staff will have new phone numbers soon for their move into their permanent space on 4S in con hall. Fax numbers will change too. Lansing district will have new numbers when we move to 1S in October. (We will probably hold off until the final fax numbers are in to order Lansing District business cards).
- Cell phones for district staff – Due to the phone changeout in Con Hall Lansing District Engineers (Mike, Bethel, and Mark) have agreed and been assigned iPhones instead of replacement desk phones, based on their time spent in the field. These staff will be the pilot case to see if there is enough benefits to outweigh the additional cost.
- Brad Wurfel Media Training. ODWMA may schedule some dates to go through media training with Brad. If you haven't done this before (or recently) it is a good training for dealing with both newspaper and TV reporters.
- ODWMA Training School – Liane is considering a training for recent employees similar to the AQD Tuesday school. It's a combo QOL/DEQ/Division orientation program.
- Highland Park – There are ongoing discussions to have DWSD takeover Highland Park.
- DWSD Authority - There are multiple proposals currently under review to convert DWSD into a separate Authority.
- DWSD Bankruptcy – Impacts unknown at this point but DWSD owes \$470+ million in SRF (sewer) loans and \$21 million DWRF (water) loans. DWSD has paid 2013 annual fee, 2014 fee will be mailed at end of this year.
- ODWMA Inservice Training – RAM Center 8/4 and 8/5 2014. (2/3 wanted July date, but this ended up the closest available) Probably run 10:00 Monday – 3:00 Tuesday. Can stay at RAM or State Campground. The committee is set but hasn't met yet. Please contribute ideas for the training.
- Development Opportunity – Enforcement is looking for senior staff to be Chair/Moderator for various hearings. These would be for other division programs that you don't work in (to be impartial you can't mediate your own program). It would include some writeup work for each hearing you participate in. Let me know if you want to be included in the list. Contact Sue Maul if you want more info.
- Paul Sisson discussed the recent incident in Traverse City with a splash pad contaminated with sewage. Based on the information available at the time of the review the correct decisions were made, there was no political pressure to issue the permit, we were trying to provide good customer service. Director Wyant met with Paul and Liane and had a good discussion about the review process. Liane wants everyone to know that you should never feel pressured to compromise a review. Telling someone that a project is not currently approvable is perfectly ok when answering inquiries from the legislature and front office.

- GW Contamination Assistance – Field staff may be asked to assist with GW Contamination Investigation projects to collect time sensitive samples, and verify construction work. Many staff in this program retired and the couple of remaining staff need help to get these time sensitive items complete.
- Source Water Assessments – MGMT should have all provisional delineations in DW GIS now. If we have newer wells without a source water assessment or wells that should have an updated source water assessment, please check with Jean Shekter and Jason Berndt as a new form may now be available and they can help complete part of the assessment for you.
- MHP old records – non-drinking water records for MHP's that were held when the program folded into the PWSS program will be given to WRD if appropriate or disposed of as LARA should have copies of these records. We will retain any DW records for MHP's in accordance with our retention schedule. I will work on separating out the large pdf files.
- All Hazards Emergency Response Checklist – Richard provided a document from EPA he got at the ASDWA meeting that provides a list of questions to ask when someone calls about various emergency situations.
<http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/emerplan/upload/epa817f13004.pdf>
- Charlotte GWUDI Report – Charlotte submitted their report on the year long study to determine whether they are a GWUDI. They will remain a groundwater (D) system, but must take action to plug one of their older wells. Bethel is working on the response letter.
- Flint WTP is trying to conduct a test run that includes operation of their softening equipment. Mike, Liane, and I plan to check out the operation next week. We were contacted by Mlive regarding some proposed plant improvements, and consideration for use of Flint River in the interim until KWA is available. However all parties continue to work toward continued supply from DWSD during the interim period.
- Lansing and Jackson Districts have scheduled field visits with the Director. ODWMA will showcase the Monroe WTP in Jackson District and the proposed Alma and St. Louis consolidation project in Lansing District.
- Participation is encouraged for all of the following activities:
DEQ Short Course Instructors
AWWA Annual Conference
AWWA Regional Meetings
- We now have a Data Coder in Lansing Central, she is being trained and will be helping out in the Lansing District initially.
- Lansing District is now scheduled to move into swing space in Con Hall on 8/16-8/19.
- If you have issues for the management meetings (ODWMA All or FOS) please let me know and I will carry them forward.

On a personal note, please excuse my absences over the next few weeks. I am supposed to close on the sale of my house in Grand Rapids next week and will hopefully be closing on a home in DeWitt by mid-August. We look forward to finally getting settled in Lansing and preparing the boys for their new school.

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