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I am providing my comments below based on my memory of events that transpired over two years ago. I have not reviewed the reports, emails, memos relating to these events and my recollections would likely change after refreshing my memory with the relevant documents.

First, it is important to understand Flint's decision to join the KWA was a separate and distinct decision from using the Flint River. After we signed off on Flint joining the KWA, Flint was to negotiate with the DWSD regarding using their water during the construction of the KWA. If they were unable to negotiate a fair deal, I recall their back up plan was to use the Flint River. I don't recall Treasury being involved in the negotiations with DWSD or being advised that the negotiations broke down and Flint switched to the Flint River.

Treasury held two and possibly three lengthy meetings to go over the Tucker Young report with the Flint leaders, KWA consultants and DEQ representatives to discuss concerns about the report.

I never received any pressure from the Governor's office to decide one way or the other on approving the KWA. We followed the process described above and made a decision based upon what we thought was in the best interests of Flint. The decision to support KWA was influenced by our conclusion that there was no financial risk to Flint for the project and the DEQ's conclusion that it was more economical for Flint to join KWA (again a separate and distinct decision from using the Flint River). The fact is that this conclusion was what the local officials wanted.

I don't recall specific conversations on the dates and times you referenced. I do know there were many discussions regarding this topic between Treasury, DEQ and the Governor's office and the facts and circumstances re: KWA led to a clear consensus that the state should not block Flint's desire to join the KWA.

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