
From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:56 PM
To: 'Jason Lorenz'; Dayne Walling
Subject: RE: FW: Draft run of show and release

Thanks much to you both.

Below is latest version of release that works to incorporate and marry all of yours and Mott's comments, along with others. Believe we got all addressed.

Please review and make sure all good from your end.

We can do any final, major tweaks in the morning.

Holler if anything else needed at all between now and tomorrow morning. See you soon and thanks for all your help!

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Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best protection for public health in Flint

State, Mott Foundation, city form partnership to fund switch until KWA is ready

FLINT, Mich. – Flint families and children will be better protected by reconnecting with the Great Lakes Water Authority as the source of the city's drinking water until the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline is completed, Gov. Rick Snyder said.

Snyder said Thursday that he will request the state Legislature to provide half, or \$6 million, of the \$12 million needed to reconnect with the authority through next summer, when the KWA is expected to be completed. The Flint city government will provide \$2 million and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has committed \$4 million.

"All Flint residents need clean, safe drinking water," Snyder said. "The technical experts helping the city on its water advisory all agree this move back to the Great Lakes Water Authority provides the best public health protection for children and families. This effort today is the result of people coming together to solve a problem. I appreciate Detroit's willingness to reconnect with Flint, the Mott Foundation's generous commitment, and the dedication of all parties to come together to protect Flint families and children."

Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection and to assist with health and infrastructure issues. Flint's move to the Great Lakes Water Authority is expected to cost about \$1.3 million per month until the Karegnondi Water Authority is completed next summer.

"It's heartening to know so many people are working at so many levels to bring safe, clean water back to Flint," Mott Foundation President Ridgway White said. "We believe that reconnecting the city's water supply is the right and necessary thing to do, and we're glad we could help the state and the city make it happen."

The move to Detroit water is expected to carry public health benefits. As large bodies of water, the Great Lakes are naturally prone to fewer problems from large rain events and other runoff issues that can sometimes be present in shallower rivers. Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority water already has additional corrosion control, using phosphates to help coat the insides of pipes and limit lead from leaching into the water.

However, reconnecting with the authority will not completely resolve the city's problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control. Additionally, some households in the city could experience lead in their drinking water until all lead pipes and plumbing are replaced.

"Reconnecting to Detroit is the fastest way to deliver clean, safe water to Flint and stabilize the infrastructure system," Flint Mayor Dayne Walling said. "I appreciate the state, the Mott Foundation, Detroit, and the county's participation in a solution for Flint's water problems. The health and safety of Flint's families, children and seniors is my top priority and reconnecting to Detroit is a major step that the city could not take alone given budget constraints."

To best protect public health, Snyder said state and local authorities will continue to carry out steps outlined on Oct. 2 in a comprehensive action plan, including continued testing, the use of faucet filters and providing residents with accurate information about steps to eliminate lead exposure. The Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services today also committed an additional \$3.5 million for water filters, free lead testing through the state laboratory for Flint water customers, and hiring additional staff to conduct health exposure monitoring for lead in drinking water.

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Looks great, Sara. Tomorrow will surely be interesting.

On Oct 7, 2015 9:43 PM, "Dayne Walling" <dwalling@cityofflint.com> wrote:

Thank you. Please do use Jason as the City public information officer and press contact. Release looks great!

Couple things and my quote

This sentence is not accurate: Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection after a Wednesday meeting of Flint's Technical Advisory Committee.

I made my request to the Governor and COS on 10/2 and the Governor asked me about a funding arrangement prior to the advisory committee meeting.

I think you could use a more general line such as: Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection and to assist with health and infrastructure issues.

Then my quote:

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Finally, I have heard debate among the technical staff about the term optimized corrosion control. In particular, I understand that optimization actually takes place over time and Flint's system may not be optimized with the dosage of phosphate based corrosion control currently in the Detroit system, which is at a maintenance level. INstead of: Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority has already fully optimized its corrosion control Could say: Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority water already has additional corrosion control

Nice working with you too and see you tomorrow
Dayne

On Wed, Oct 7, 2015 at 7:53 PM, Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov> wrote:

Greetings Mayor and Jason –

Here is proposed run of show for tomorrow, along with the draft release. Again, per earlier conversations, highly confidential and not for sharing as dependent on final details getting worked out at tomorrow's 9 a.m. meeting.

On the release, please note in particular the placeholder for the Mayor's quote.

Please review and let us know of any edits or concerns you may have. We look forward to your feedback. If there's a chance you can get us the quote sometime yet this evening, that'd be fantastic.

Also, we'd like to put a city media contact here as well. Assuming that's Jason. Just wanted to verify which contact info should we use?

Thanks again. Glad to be working and collaborating with the city on this very challenging issue.

Best regards,

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Run of show & comment topics below:

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Pre-Brief with all speakers

10:00 AM – 10:01 AM Harvey Hollins kicks off press conference; introduces Governor

10:01 AM – 10:05 AM Governor gives remarks

10:05 AM – 10:06 AM Harvey Hollins introduces Mayor Dayne Walling

10:06 AM – 10:10 AM Mayor Walling gives remarks

10:10 AM – 10:11 AM Harvey Hollins introduces DEQ Director Dan Wyant

10:11 AM – 10:15 AM Director Wyant gives remarks

10:15 AM – 10:16 AM Harvey Hollins introduces DHHS Director Nick Lyon
10:16 AM – 10:17 AM Director Nick Lyon introduces Dr. Eden Wells
10:17 AM – 10:20 AM Dr. Eden Wells remarks
10:20 AM – 10:21 AM Harvey Hollins introduces Ridgway White of Mott Foundation
10:21 AM – 10:25 AM Ridgway White gives remarks
10:25 AM – 10:35 AM Q&A from the podium
10:35 AM Event concludes; Governor departs

Nature of comments:

RDS – Collaboration led to solution, outline of solution

Mayor Walling – Importance of solution to Flint

Dan Wyant – Overview of steps on transition from Flint River to DWSD, school testing results

Nick Lyon – DHHS involvement

Dr. Eden Wells – Testing of water going forward, use of filters approved by NSF

Ridgway White – Importance of collaboration/commitment to Flint

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