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Subject: Re: Karegnondi Water Supply-Farmers

I wasn't directly involved at the time but I believe Genesee County had initially including some possible nonpotable water uses when they were preparing their water withdrawal permit application. I believe they removed all mention of it in order to avoid some higher levels of scrutiny and possibly having additional requirements imposed to justify their request and receive a large quantity water withdrawal permit.

I would think Brant may have the best knowledge on this complication and the implications. I believe the county obtained their withdrawal permit without using the public water supply option (by Act 399 construction permit) to avoid having to prepare construction plans. It costs a few thousand dollars but it also did not expire in 18 months as do PWS withdrawal permits if they haven't begun using the water. Therefore, WRD issued the permit and should be the lead in any discussion of a possible change in the intent of this permit.

Interestingly, I don't know what restrictions or considerations the state would have if a public water system were to serve agricultural "customers" with finished water. But because this withdrawal permit application was contemplating providing nonpotable water for a separate sector, it came under review.

I would include Brant and maybe you, me and/or Steve. Or have a pre-meeting and then decide who should represent the Office.

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Your thoughts on whether and/or who should attend for ODWMA?

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Liane and Bill,

I received a call from Jason Wadaga of Kindsvatter and Associates---they represent Genessee County Drain Commissioners. They are getting a lot of questions from farmers on how to tap into the new water system since they are getting disconnected from Detroit's.

He's requesting a meeting with DEQ/MDARD (Mike DiBernardo will be there for MDARD) to talk about the process and any environmental regulations that they should be aware of if/when they tap in.

Can you guys let me know who from your staff (not sure if WRD and ODWMA both need to be included) would be most appropriate to handle this? I'll ask Jason to reach out to them directly.

Thanks,

Sarah

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