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To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)
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Subject: Re: Flint

Dick,

Yes, totally agree. Harvey & Wayne have already made some good headway on this topic. They've been working to free up the flexibility for the new Mayor to appoint some of her own senior staff.

The new Mayor was also in here today to meet with MSP and DEQ -- so Harvey might be able to share more on the progress.

On Dec 3, 2015, at 4:44 PM, Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <muchmored@michigan.gov> wrote:

Absolutely. I think that is Jarrod's recommendation to the Gov also but he'll have to confirm that. It's worth noting that Wayne Workman met with Natasha Henderson (the city manager we put in and a less than stellar choice) and told her that she needs to find an accommodation with the Mayor or she's out. By the way, Wayne Workman announced his retirement yesterday effective Feb. 1, so the guy who is the most knowledgeable and most talented Treasury bureaucrat we have (alongside of whizbang Tom Saxton) is quitting. That is a heck of a hole to fill, so we need to encourage Tom to stay (he's wavering).

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I know just enough about the Flint situation to be dangerous so if the following doesn't make sense let me know. I have talked to both Senator Ananich and Representative Neely. They like the Governor and appreciate his efforts in Flint. However, they believe because of the combination of the water issue, the "take over" issue, and the approach that Darnell and/or the city manager is taking that it has created a great deal of animosity in Flint. I asked Rep. Neely if the Governor could only do one thing what would you have him do to improve the situation. He said to give the new mayor the ability to appoint some of her own executive staff (legal counsel, etc) that aren't involved with the finances (much like we did in Detroit). Is this something we should consider?

Dick