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Subject: FW: Genesee Co water supply project TODAY's FLINT JOURNAL
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Governor --

Just wanted you to be aware of a potential issue -- Genesee Co. water supply -- that you may get asked about today from Flint media.

Recent news articles below and one attached from earlier this year that talks about then Emergency Manager's Mike Brown's comments. Also, attached is brief history and timeline from DEQ and a quick summary below from Treasury as they'll be meeting with Flint and Detroit officials tomorrow.

Bottom line: this has been an ongoing issue and sets up potential conflict between these two communities. Many Flint and Genesee Co. officials say it will save the city and region much money; Detroit says it won't be cost-effective and is very much opposed. Treasury will be getting the details tomorrow of the proposed pipeline plan and doesn't have an opinion yet. Because of the EM situation and particulars, it requires state approval for Flint to participate. Without Flint's participation, rest of area likely can't cover. Though sounds like EM Kurtz is now leaning toward moving in the pipeline direction. Treasury recommends a very high level response at this time. We agree.

Please let us know if there's anything else you may need or want on this front.

Officials from Flint, Genesee County, Detroit to meet with state treasury on region's water future, officials say (Oct. 31)

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/10/officials_from_genesee_county.html

Building an intake is one of four giant steps toward building water pipeline (Oct. 28)

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/10/pipeline_timeline_heres_what_t.html

Genesee County approves borrowing \$35 million to build Lake Huron water pipeline intake

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/10/genesee_county_puts_up_35_mill.html

From: Buhs, Caleb (Treasury)
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The article is correct, we will be meeting with both proponents and opponents of the potential pipeline project. There isn't much to say at this point, Treasury does not have an opinion yet, as we will be getting the full briefing tomorrow.

Here is what we know:

-A group is proposing a water pipeline from Lake Huron to the Flint Metro area, which would eliminate the need to purchase water from Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD).

-The design and cost estimates have yet to be completed.

-The City of Flint has contributed about \$25-30k towards the costs of the studies.

-DWSD is opposed to the plan for the obvious reason that they would lose customers. DWSD officials have pointed out that a study was done in the 90's that concluded that a project of this nature would not be cost effective.

-This would allow Flint to control their own water costs and quality and provide opportunities for industrial growth.

Since Treasury officials have not been briefed on all the information yet, I would keep the statement from the Governor rather high-level, something like:

Treasury officials are meeting tomorrow to get the details of the proposed pipeline plan. Until the ultimate costs are known and the various studies have been conducted, the benefits to the citizens of Flint and Genesee County cannot be determined.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Caleb

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Per our quick conversation earlier, Caleb. Any update you can provide ASAP from Treasury role and perspective will be great.

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