

-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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Officials from Flint, Genesee County, Detroit to meet with state treasury on region's water future, officials say



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GENESEE COUNTY, MI -- In a meeting of all the major stakeholders, the city of Flint is expected to make its case to the state Thursday that joining a regional effort to build a **new pipeline from Lake Huron** is the best option for Flint's future water.

The meeting is expected to include representatives from Flint emergency financial manager Ed Kurtz's administration as well as the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Treasury department, Flint officials said this week.

"The state is looking to bring all the parties to one place to look at the numbers," said Howard Croft, Flint's director of infrastructure. "All the pros and cons and all the people involved will be in the room."

Flint and Genesee County have been getting water from Detroit under a 30-year contract that is now expired, and are looking to break away because of continuing price increases.

Officials with the Flint emergency manager's office have been exploring several options for water since the city was taken over by the state in December. The options included treated Flint River water as well as blending Detroit water with Flint River water.

Now, Flint authorities say joining with Genesee County officials on **building a new pipeline from Lake Huron** is the best bet in order to stabilize Flint water rates over the long term.

The pipeline would service a wider region that could also include Lapeer, Sanilac County and Lapeer County, called the Karegnondi Water Authority.

"We're comfortable with the work we've done. We believe the numbers bear out," Croft said. "This is taking it to the next level, taking it to the state and saying these are our options."