

On Mon, Dec 21, 2015 at 1:00 PM, Arthur Delaney <[arthur@huffingtonpost.com](mailto:arthur@huffingtonpost.com)> wrote:

Dave, sorry for my slowness in acknowledging this email. I agree that that sentence would be unfair by itself. The next sentence says "local officials toasted the decision." I realize the city voted to switch to the KWA. My sense from local reporting is that the interim switch to the Flint River was not exactly a local call, even if the river had previously served as a backup. Like I said, I do not ever want to give readers the impression that the governor was SOLELY responsible for the water switch. I think those two sentences together are fair, though in the future I can try to include local and state entities in a single sentence.

On Thu, Dec 17, 2015 at 10:44 AM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Arthur, I was just sending you an email.

From your story:

*The trouble started in 2014 when emergency managers appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) decided to try saving money by switching Flint's water supply from the Detroit system to the Flint River.*

Arthur, this is greatly inaccurate. The city and county governments have been working – for years – to create a new water authority so the Flint area would stop using water from Detroit. There was a 7-1 Flint City Council vote to make the switch to the new source in Lake Huron, which the emergency manager affirmed to support the local wishes.

The Flint River has always been a been the backup source. The original plan from the city was to use Detroit water or a mix of Detroit and Flint River water during construction of the new pipeline. There wasn't an arbitrary decision to "try saving money."

This column from the emergency manager at the time explains the decision behind the switch in great detail.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2015/10/26/opinion-flint-water-disaster/74657458/>

Do you have the press release from the task force that includes the governor's response letter? I'll forward it to you.

Dave

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