
From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 1:17 PM
To: 'Ronald Fonger'
Subject: RE: state money for detroit water

Ok, Ron, here's our update and response.

Our understanding of the original plan and agreement to re-connect with GLWA-DWSD called for monthly payments from the city. Unbeknownst to the state, the city entered into an arrangement with GLWA-DWSD for one upfront sum and payment.

We want to help ensure that there are absolutely no complications or interruptions in Flint residents receiving water from GWLA-DWSD, so we are taking steps to immediately wire the remaining money to the city now that we are aware of, and have confirmed, this final arrangement. They should have all of the state funds within a business day or two.

Thanks for checking in and flagging this.

Best,
SW

From: Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 12:20 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: state money for detroit water

Yes I'll wait.
Appreciate the update

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Ronald Fonger
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We're close to having details tracked down. Hoping you can hold off another ½ hour or so. Should have ironed out by then.

From: Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 11:56 AM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: state money for detroit water

Hi Sara. Any ETA? I need to write something pretty soon but definitely prefer to include your perspective on this.

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 10:00 AM
To: Ronald Fonger
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Ron – for your background only right now, this doesn't match my understanding of how this was supposed to work and happen. Checking into now and will get back to you asap.

From: Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]
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Subject: state money for detroit water

Sara:

I was at a City Council meeting last night when Flint City Administrator Natasha Henderson said the state has only wired Flint \$2 million of the \$6 million approved by the state Legislature.

She said the city has been told it will receive an additional \$2 million in January and another \$2 million in April.

Henderson said she's asked that the money be sent immediately because the city was required to pay Detroit the entire \$12 million upfront, before the water was reconnected, and its water and sewer fund balance has dropped significantly as a result.

Several council members also spoke about this, and Council President Josh Freeman called the payment plan "beyond ridiculous" given the city's financial position.

Is there someone who can talk to us about this?

Thanks,

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