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Subject: Backgrounder on Tuesday Flint water event
Attachments: Briefing Flint grant announcement.docx

Team,

Here is background on the planned Tuesday event in Flint regarding the \$2 million Distressed Cities grant and other issues connected to the water issue.

There are plans for two press releases on Tuesday. The first will detail the two Flint grants and will be released by the governor's communications office. The other release, which would detail the other grants, would follow from Treasury with a quote from the governor.

Mayor Walling has agreed to speak at the event, with Harvey Hollins and Dan Wyant representing the governor's office. Sen. Ananich has asked to speak, and it has been suggested that Rep. Neeley would speak and it might be better to add him to the program. Others, such as Deputy Director Workman and Emergency Manager Ambrose, would be present and available.

The attached document includes details about the planned event, as well as background on the grants from Treasury and on the entire water issue from DEQ as well as Mayor Walling's Facebook post about the governor and links to the stories in the media about the issue.

We have a room reserved and are working with the communications team in Flint to have microphones and other items needed for the event.

Please let me know if there is any information you think should also be included, or anything that should be changed. Once everyone has had the opportunity to review, we can forward to the governor.

Thank you, everyone, for your assistance. I know there are lots of moving pieces and many people involved.

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Briefing: Grant announcement in Flint

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, 3-4 p.m.

Haskell Community Center, 2201 Forest Hills Ave. Flint

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Purpose

The state government is providing support for the Flint government as it addresses issues with its water system. The state on Tuesday is announcing that Flint is receiving two grants totaling \$2 million related to water system improvements through the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships grant program. DEQ Director Dan Wyant will address ongoing efforts with his agency to test Flint water and explain why the city is facing some of its problems. Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich, D-Flint, will discuss his appreciation for the ongoing support for the city and its residents.

Attending

- Harvey Hollins, director of the Michigan Office of Urban Initiatives
- Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Wayne Workman, deputy treasurer, Michigan Department of Treasury
- Jerry Ambrose, Flint emergency manager
- Dayne Walling, Flint mayor
- State Sen. Jim Ananich
- State Rep. Sheldon Neeley
- State Rep. Phil Phelps

Agenda

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| 3:00 PM – 3:05 PM: | Harvey Hollins announces that Flint has received two grants totaling \$2 million. |
| 3:05 PM – 3:10 PM: | Dan Wyant discusses the state's ongoing role in monitoring Flint's water and any assistance that has been provided and will continue to be provided. |
| 3:10 PM – 3:15 PM: | Mayor Dayne Walling remarks about appreciation for state assistance. |
| 3:15 PM – 3:20 PM: | Sen. Jim Ananich remarks about appreciation for state assistance. |
| 3:20 PM – 3:25 PM: | |
| 3:25 PM – 3:35 PM: | Harvey Hollins closing remarks, opens floor to media questions. |
| 3:35 PM | Event ends, though this might be optimistic. |

Background

- The quality of Flint water has been a high-profile concern in recent weeks, with residents complaining about the color, taste and smell of tap water since a switch to Flint River water as a temporary source as a pipeline is built to Lake Huron as a water source starting in 2016.
 - Residents have attended meetings with jugs of brownish water.
 - U.S. Kildee has worked with labor and community groups to distribute bottled water.