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From: Byrne, Randall (Treasury)
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 8:27 AM
To: Workman, Wayne (TREASURY)
Subject: RE: Flint Water Advisory Committee meeting

Wayne:

I don't know if he was there or not. I have not met him.

Randy,

From: Workman, Wayne (TREASURY)
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 8:23 AM
To: Byrne, Randall (Treasury)
Cc: Koryzno, Edward (Treasury)
Subject: Re: Flint Water Advisory Committee meeting

Was Harvey Hollins there?

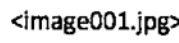
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On Mar 6, 2015, at 8:21 AM, "Byrne, Randall (Treasury)" <ByrneR1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Wayne and Ed:

I attended the Flint water advisory committee meeting in Flint yesterday. There were approximately 40 committee members and about 50 citizens in attendance. The meeting was facilitated by the Community Resolution Center. Veolia gave a presentation on the current status of TTHM issue. The next part of the meeting was devoted to answering questions that attendees posted on the walls in the room. The meeting broke down at that point. Jerry Ambrose was attempting to answer a question when the crowd began shouting and was generally unruly. The facilitators did a poor job of controlling the audience. The Flint PD escorted one person from the room. The major issues of course are the water quality, reconnecting to the DWSD, and the cost of the water. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Randy,

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Pleyte, Beth (Treasury)

From: Hollins, Harvey (GOV)
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Workman, Wayne (TREASURY); Saxton, Thomas (Treasury); Clayton, Stacie (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Tap Filters

Stacie,
Brad sent this to part of the group on the call yesterday. I added Tom and Wayne from treasury. If I missed anyone else, please forward this to them.

Best,
Harvey

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <WurfelB@michigan.gov>
Date: March 5, 2015 at 4:26:25 PM EST
To: "Hollins, Harvey (GOV)" <hollinsh@michigan.gov>, "Wyant, Dan (DEQ)" <WyantD@michigan.gov>, "Agen, Jarrod (GOV)" <AgenJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: "Baird, Richard (GOV)" <bairdr@michigan.gov>, "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: Tap Filters

Harvey,
Since group call Tuesday I have been working out how the filter idea might take shape.

To reiterate some key points so we're all clear:

1. DEQ does not inspect individuals' homes in a situation like this. It's the city's system, their operators handle all complaints and maintenance. In fact, our folks alerted me that the city's got union rules in place forbidding any contractor from touching the system.
2. DEQ's role is limited to ensuring the plant is operating to state standards and the water it produces meets potability standards. The aesthetic issues drawing concern from residents – color, odor, taste – stem from a variety of things. Age of the system and prolonged lack of upkeep is the leading factor. But in some areas, another contributing factor is changes in water flow – source used to come from the south, now comes from the north, so some pipes are flowing in reverse, stirring up whatever was settled for a long time. In some sections, large pipes that historically served large communities are now serving a much smaller customer base, contributing to water stagnating in the system. In some areas, household connections are old and worn, so two neighbors may be having dramatically different experiences. My point is, the challenge takes many forms and there's no single solution that will bring sweeping change. The two consultants hired by the city have, as I understand it, both reinforced this idea in their assessments, so that's good.
3. The fix for this will be years in the making, truly. Even if full funding were available, 'big dig' projects can't all happen at once. The city needs to get an assessment of its infrastructure so it can prioritize its needs, and I understand they're working on that. In the near term, maintenance this spring / summer –