

Overton and the Rev. Alfred Harris said they thought the arrangement was odd, but did not want to jeopardize receiving the water filters, which Flint residents waited in line for and which were given away in just three hours.

"If the water was OK, why would the governor work with someone to provide the filters?" Harris said Tuesday. "I think the state working with the private donor is an admission (that) the people needed some help."

"Our objective was to help the people. (Now) everybody is trying to cover their behinds," Harris said.

Flint took over treatment of its water supply from the city of Detroit in April 2014 and switched its water source from Lake Huron to the Flint River.

In the 17 months since, the city has struggled to keep bacteria out of city water, was found in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act because of TTHM levels, and last week declared a health advisory after a study showed elevated blood lead levels in children since the transition.

Murray said the governor's office simply "did not want to draw attention to (the state's role in the filter donation), respecting the wishes of the donor."

"Our focus is on helping the people in Flint. We are grateful to the pastors for working with us on this," Murray said in an email.

The Snyder spokesman said Flint water "does meet state and federal safety standards" but said the filters also are a benefit to customers with water quality issues such as discoloration and odor.

"We are talking with other businesses and groups that might be able to expand the (filter) effort," Murray's email says.

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Attached is Dan W's handout from the meeting this afternoon with the Governor's office et al. At this juncture DEQ appears to be the lead (with DCH).

You will note this culminates with a press event this Friday in Flint where various listed 'next steps' will be announced.

For us/Treasury in terms of our more immediate 'homework' assignment...

We are checking whether distressed community \$s can be used to purchase home filters. And we trying to confirm whether the state revolving fund (drinking water side) legislation could be amended to permit replacement of lead piping say from the curb to the residence, etc [#9]. Dan implied it was already permissible under Fed guidelines/rules.