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From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 6:23 PM
To: 'Calvert, Scott'
Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV)
Subject: RE: WSJ reporter getting in touch re: emergency manager law/program

Hi Scott,

The emergency managers – there are now none in a Michigan city – work closely with the Treasury Department. They have a regular schedule of reporting information to the Treasury Department and would meet when the need arose. The state Treasurer regularly meets with the Governor and provides updates.

In the cases of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Public Schools, Governor has meet directly with the emergency manager, or the emergency manager would be included as a part of larger meeting with the Governor and members of the administration focused on Detroit's challenges.

The Governor was not part of the discussion about the switch to Flint River water. It's important to note that Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards and other experts have said that the problems did not arise from the change of the water source, but that the new source was not treated with the corrosion control materials.

That transition is the subject of a study by the Governor's Flint Water Task Force, and it would be inappropriate to get a head of the task force's work. The group's report is expected next month.

Dave

PS: Here's a graphic of the emergency managers in Michigan. There are none in a Michigan city now. Three school districts have emergency managers, though one is expected to change at the end of the month.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/FinancialEmergenciesGraph_509182_7.pdf

From: Calvert, Scott [mailto:scott.calvert@wsj.com]
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Subject: Re: WSJ reporter getting in touch re: emergency manager law/program

Hi Dave,

Terry and I did speak after I got your email, and he was very helpful from the treasury department's perspective. I'd still like to talk to you or someone on the governor's staff, given that emergency managers are appointed by the governor and serve at his pleasure. I'm interested in knowing how Gov. Snyder ensures EMs do the job he appointed them to do, and in the case of Flint, whether he was consulted or informed before the switch to river water in April 2014.

My number is 443-955-9390.

Thanks,
Scott

On Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 3:17 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Scott,

I'm going to introduce you by way of email to Terry Stanton, the communications director at the Department of Treasury, which has oversight over emergency managers. Terry is super helpful and a really nice guy.

Dave

From: Calvert, Scott [<mailto:scott.calvert@wsj.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 3:12 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>
Subject: WSJ reporter getting in touch re: emergency manager law/program

Hi Dave,

I just left a voicemail message and am following up with a quick email. I'm a Wall Street Journal reporter and would like to speak to you for a story I've been asked to do on Michigan's emergency manager law and program. One thing I'm trying to better understand is how the governor and treasurer and their respective staffs monitor, oversee, etc., the work that the emergency managers do.

Can you please give me a call ASAP at [443-955-9390](tel:443-955-9390)?

Thanks,

Scott Calvert

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