

On Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 10:53 AM, Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) <StantonT@michigan.gov> wrote:

There is no statutory requirement for orders to be sent to the state. They are posted on the local unit's website and should be there unless removed, etc.

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Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 7:28 AM

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Subject: Re: WSJ reporter getting in touch re: emergency manager law/program

I don't know if Ed Kurtz made the call but it looks like he issued an order in June 2013 calling for the water plant to be readied so the river could serve as the temporary water source while the pipeline was being built. Can you track the order down? Darnell Earley quotes from it in the op-ed he wrote for the Detroit News last fall, but the order isn't on the Flint website that Terry pointed me to

(<https://www.cityofflint.com/finance/financial-reports/>). I'm copying Terry on this in case he can help.

Thanks. Scott

Here's the relevant line from the op-ed:

A subsequent order Kurtz signed on June 26, 2013, speaks specifically to "... upgrading of the Flint Water Plant to ready it to treat water from the Flint River to serve as the primary drinking water source for approximately two years and then converting to KWA delivered lake water."

On Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 7:11 PM, Calvert, Scott <scott.calvert@wsj.com> wrote:

Thanks, Dave.

When was the decision made to switch to the Flint River, and which emergency manager made that decision? In June 2013 Ed Kurtz reported to the treasurer that "high consideration" was being given to

using the river, and in April 2014 Darnell Earley reported that the city was proceeding with a transition to the river as temporary water source. So the decision would have been made between those two dates, either by Mike Brown or Mr. Earley. I don't see any documents on Flint's website noting when and by whom the decision was made. Can you let me know?

Best,

Scott

On Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 6:22 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

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.