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Suzanne and Larry

The weekly call notes on Flint

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Subject: RE: Flint Weekly Call Notes

Per Randy's feedback, some minor revisions

Flint
Weekly Phone Call
01/27/16

Present:
N. Henderson (Flint)
Council President Nelson (Flint)
P. Dostine (Treasury)
E. Cline (Treasury)
A. Heimann (Treasury)
R. Byrne (Treasury)
T. Chubb (Flint)

Not Present:
Mayor Weaver (Flint)
F. Headen (Treasury)
W. Lamphier (Treasury)

1. Water Update:

EPA ORDER/WATER TESTING:

- Released recently, was exhaustive (200 pages). Requires the city to do significant water testing daily.
- **City feels that it does not have the capacity to complete all of what the EPA has in its order**, will be meeting with them Thursday January 28th, 2016, and will address that with them. Will ask the EPA to consider hiring a contractor to help with water testing.
- City is currently taking 400 samples a day to Lansing for the state to test (twice daily).
- Lead levels are "way down", only a few areas in the city are still over the maximum threshold.
- Unclear when the community will feel safe drinking the water after this.

- Governor has a committee on safe drinking water that includes Mark Edwards (Virginia Tech) that will make a public announcement that it is safe to drink the water again.

BLOOD LEAD LEVEL TESTING

- Hurley Medical Center and Mott Children's are testing blood lead levels, it is unclear whether or not this will be a coordinated effort, or sporadic.

SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND

- Representative from the federal component of this loan program will be visiting along with other EPA officials on January 28th, 2016.
- N. Henderson had made it clear that the city could not repay any of the money that they are requesting in this loan fund, and hopes that the fund administrators would consider a 100% forgivable loan.
- **Intend to submit their executive summary by February 1st, 2016**
- City's application asks for \$25M a year for five years to remove/replace priority water infrastructure. Will specifically address where water has been sitting for longer periods of time, and right sizing the system as a whole. *Per previous call, Rowe Engineering is helping them with this application*

DWSD WATER CONSUMPTION

- The city is consuming almost precisely how much water it estimated that it would be
- The city's water consumption rate has not decreased at all, even after the lead issue, people appear to still be consuming about the same amount of water as they did before.

MML SEARCH

- Hopes that the MML will have the position posted this morning
- The city had it posted for the last week, and have so far received 11 resumes

WATER DISTRIBUTION/RELIEF EFFORTS

- City is trying to find some different locations for the EOC to distribute water and filters, because of traffic, several of the fire stations are not good locations for this effort, and continued use of those facilities might diminish the city's capacity to respond to fires.
- City suspects that the need for bottled water will decrease in the next few months
- The city suggests that they would prefer donations and contributions to be financial, instead of sending more bottled water. Donations can be made to the Greater Flint Community Foundation through their website.

2. Litigation issues

FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT

- **City is submitting another letter to the treasury to ask to be reimbursed for additional legal fees. The city suggests that the number of lawsuits that they will be defending against will be increasing significantly.**

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- A revision was issued on January 11th, 2016 that negated much of the financial impacts of the original lawsuit
- City will be able to collect past due bills going all the way back to July 2012
- Rate hikes between September, 2011 and July 2012 are still an issue, because the city raised rates in a manner that was inconsistent with city charter. T. Chubb suggests that after a motion that he recently filed, he might be able to get that piece dismissed as well.
- Val Washington (attorney for plaintiff) has a meeting scheduled with the city to discuss a settlement, T. Chubb believes that it is because V. Washington feels that he no longer has a case.