

## Questions/Comments sent to City of Flint Regarding Water Source Recommendation from May 31- June 12, 2017

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Hello,

I have a few questions:

- Will the cost of continuing to get water from Detroit still be around \$269 million? What is the timeframe for that cost, annual?
- What if any costs and repairs have to be made to the Flint water treatment plant? If there are repairs to be made how will that be paid?
- Will the water bills remain the same if we continue with Detroit water?
- Why is the mayor recommending staying with this water source?
- Can we get more information concerning the different water sources?
- Wasn't there a commitment already made by previous administration to enter in the KWA water source?
- The back-up water supply will come from Genesee Co., how will that be filtered if the water plant isn't up to code and running?

(A response was sent informing sender of additional information and answers to FAQs posted on COF website)

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My take on the long term source for Flint's water supply, like the situation, may be complex. I do not believe that a 30-year contract with the Great Lakes Water Authority is necessarily in the best interests for the City of Flint and its residents. I do not believe GLWA's "guarantees" about water rates. I disregard GLWA's "absorption" of Flint's bond obligations to KWA because SOMEONE will have to pay for them and I can almost guarantee it will be the water users in Flint. We will pay one way or another.

Frankly, I do not trust the Mayor, or her advisors to make this decision. I do not trust the Governor to make this decision. Remember, the Governor is who gave us this calamity in the first place. The mere fact that the two of them recommend staying with GLWA for the long term not only gives me pause, but sends me scurrying to the other side of the argument.

The fact that the City of Flint, who would be the largest customer of GLWA, would NOT have a seat on the GLWA board is not only troubling, it would be disastrous. The board votes to raise rates and Flint has no voice? Doesn't sound like a good idea to me.

IF GLWA were to agree to repair and replace Flint's aging water infrastructure as part of the bargain I might be swayed. As I don't believe *that* is ever going to happen just *what* is the advantage to Flint?

I could be convinced that a 3 – 5 year, short term contract with GLWA until Flint's water treatment problems are solved would be amenable. But locking Flint in for 30 years? No, I cannot condone that action.

Additionally, "raw" water coming from Lake Huron would be an inducement for industry (who often prefer treating their own water for their purposes) to move to Flint bringing needed jobs.

In a perfect world the decision could be easy. In a complex world it becomes far more difficult. I'm not in favor of being held hostage by *someone else* who controls the water supply. I would much prefer (even if it costs a little more in the short term) to control my own destiny. I believe that KWA will, ultimately, be the long term solution.

It is not wise to save a few pennies now and lose dollars down the road.

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I've never been so frustrated in my life. When it comes to the lives of citizens and the causes that endured it be a cost to them at all. People do not respond because they know the system is going to do what they want anyway. Why pull us in it? We have suffered enough and are still suffering the consequences. Be careful how you treat people because God is watching.

(A response was sent to sending acknowledging her concerns and informing her additional information posted on COF website)

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I don't feel I can give an honest answer as to whether GLWA is the one we should stay with without more information as to our other choices, I am understanding that GLWA has dealings with Veolia and I do not want us to have any dealings with them. City needs to give more information on the other choices.

(A response was sent to sender informing her additional information posted on COF website)

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You have asked for input as to where we should get our water from. My opinion is to stay with Detroit since they have the experience, expertise, and knowledge of chemistry. We don't need to be switching sources and struggling to find workers and scientists of the caliber that Detroit has. It obviously failed the last time they tried that.

If the city could learn to work with the county, that might work, but no more switching! I barely trust what's going on now. Will the county hire experience or train on the job to cheaply hired inexperienced staff? Same with the City water plant, no one knew what to do! Please, stick with what we know works. Detroit.

I still don't understand why we had to go through all that trauma to end up where we began only with the sound of crinkling water bottles in my dreams. I think there is something shady about KWA and if the fracking companies want that raw water, let them pay for it.

Thank you and please be wise this time.

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I think its silly to ask where the ppl of Flint want water its obvious, where its cheapest and clean!! j!!!!!!!

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From everything I have learned and read. There is no other safer water source than the KWA. It is a new line without all the all the problem that the aging Detroit water system has. It will bring

revenue our great city badly needs. We need to be in charge of our own water supply. We have our own water treatment plant that can do what the city needs. The Detroit system is tainted and wants to rob Flint and the residents blind. KWA is all that needs to be on the table. Anyone else will not be good for Flint period!!!

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I live on Begole Street in Flint. I have been following the water issues since the beginning. I have mixed feelings about the water source options.

I'm afraid that a 30yr contract with Detroit (GLWA) is going to put us in a bad position for the next 30yrs. That's too long to commit to one source. I also don't like the idea of KWA. That idea was drafted by some money hungry officials from the county and city.

Flint needs an independent firm to look at both of these options and make a decision. Any contracts should be looked at by an independent law firm before anything is signed. There has been too much deception for far too long.

The residents of Flint have a right to clean and safe water that can be consumed. We also need that to be at a reasonable cost.

Right now none of that is happening. I'm asking that my 6Th Ward Councilman Herbert Winfrey do his due diligence on our behalf and fully vet these options for a new water and safe water and affordable source for this city.

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I would like to express my appreciation that city council requested to extend the time period needed to get public opinion and make an educated and informed decision on Flint's source of water for the next several decades.

I have attended meetings and read about the options and feel that the mayor's recommendation to stay with Detroit and sign a 30 year contract is a mistake. I want Flint to be represented in the water board and they never have been in the past when we were getting water from Detroit.

There wasn't any representation of Flint and Genesee County interests in past decisions while all other counties were represented. I feel that Flint needs to put the resources forth and invest in our futures and go with KWA where we would have a say and be a part of future decisions. If that means, we need to cooperate with the county to use their treatment plant for our water, or getting the needed experienced staff to get our plant running--- then that is in our best interests long term. We are worth it and I hope that we don't make a short sighted decision based on pressure from state and local entities. We need to do what is right and best for all Flint residents.

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I would like to express my support for using the Karegnondi Water Authority.

For the future of Flint as an independent and growing community, it is important that we are not tied to the fate and whims of the leaders of Detroit and the GLWA. Investing in the KWA and the ability of the city of Flint to treat our own water will put us on a firmer footing to move into the future as a world class city.

For too long, our city has been short sighted and looking only to the easiest, quickest solution. KWA may not be the cheapest right now, but I believe it will prove to have the most value in the long run.

Thank you for your time in reading my comments. I hope they will be recorded and passed on to the appropriate decision makers.

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We definitely support staying with the plan already in place to use the water from the Karegnondi Water Authority. This is a long term solution and not something negotiated with a thirty year time line. Thirty years in the life of a city is nothing.

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Flint water treatment plant with KWA water, Genesee County back-up: \$303 million  
Putting the Flint water plant back into operation using KWA water ranks as the second-most economical water supply option, according to Young's analysis.  
The option calls for Genesee County to provide back-up water to the city in case of emergency and would cost an estimated minimum of \$303 million.  
The option calls for the county to supply the city with treated water in the short-term, requiring two changes in water supply.  
I think this is our best option for our future. I am afraid that in a few years GLWA will raise prices continually like in the past.

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Why should we the citizens of Flint pay another city to treat water when have our own treatment plant, seems like government just wastes money, We citizens aren't even getting to choose where we want our water to come from.

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As a flint resident I feel the city should stick with getting water from Detroit. A switch to KWA should be rejected.

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My husband and I moved to Flint from Burton a little over a year ago. We wanted to be a positive effect on this community - the community in which we love to call home. However, we quickly learned that our water consumption in Flint would cost us almost three times as much than it did living in Burton. We've also recently learned that Flint residents pay the highest water rates in the country for water we cannot safely consume. We pay an additional \$600+ a year to have a filtration system in our home to have safe, consumable water.

With that being said, our opinion on who should provide our water would lean toward the GLWA as it has been stated this would be the safest and least expensive of our options. We do not mind paying for our water consumption, but we feel the rates in Flint are out of control. If the GLWA connection will help the city provide affordable water to its residents in a safe manner, this is the way we should go.

Thank you for listening to a couple of new Flint residents and our opinions on our City's situation.

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We should get our water, as originally planned, from KWA. Do the investment now for water treatment. That way we control our destiny, including water rates.

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Why a 30 year contract? Why not go with something shorter term to buy some time? In the meantime you do a feasibility study to determine the next move. You have to stay with Detroit water now until the pipes are fixed, clean water is flowing, and you begin to get trust back. Then, you see if it makes sense to take advantage of the GIANT pipeline running through your backyard.

I also think you need to find a way to push for water distribution until the pipes are replaced. I know that's a bit out of your hands.

Finally, stop threatening water shutoff until people have clean water. It looks terrible politically for you.

Just my two cents.

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I believe we need to drill water wells and defend our right to do so. I give glory to God for the possibility. His promises are true. This inability to see is not new. The resistance by the constabularies is profound. HUD was established to abate lead, asbestos, urban blight, and substandard plumbing. Look it up encyclopedia Americana. I am weary of fighting evil. I can lift his righteousness and say he show's us what is good.

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First off, I do not feel that email is the way to determine and make such a huge decision on the future of this city's water as this reaches only a few of the residents and does not give all a way to voice their opinions.

Second, there are more ways and many more places within this city to hold town hall meetings other than the north end churches. There are four sections in this City - East, West, South and North that have places where meetings can be held in order to reach all residents. We also have the USPS that can be used to send out questionnaires to All residents explaining and providing more information on this .

The Mayor has again used her race, her narrow mind and her tunnel vision to reach out to only a few residents.

This City committed to the KWA prior to her taking office and now she feels she has the capability to make a decision for the future of the residents of this community by taking the easy way out and remaining with the current water source? Really, Who's decision is this, the Mayors or Gilcrests? How much additional will this cost us to back out of our prior commitments? The reason for the KWA was to save the residents continued rate increases in water but remaining will we continue to see our rates sky rocketing.

Mayor get off your bum, do your job and reach out to the entire community. We need more information plain and simple.

(A response was sent to this person informing her of the various efforts made to inform the public about the recommendation and the additional information posted on the COF website)

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i think if the city is to truly look forward, we should continue the original plan of dropping detroit, they have too many of their own problems, and if you remember, they were continuously raising prices. hook up to the new karegnondi water authority, and let our processing plant do it's job. i don't know who is encouraging the mayor, but every suggestion she makes involves helping detroit somehow. shady. the reason you're not getting feedback is many do not have computers and feel no one is listening anyway. i encourage city council to keep alert as to the mayors suggestions, she does not have my interest in mind. oh, yes, please pay attention to where all this water money from the government is going, it will come back to haunt us when they return for an audit.

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I live at -----. I have lived at this address for 44 years. My first water bill was about \$14.00 for a three month period. Now I am paying between \$60.00 and \$120.00 per month. Once we started with Detroit our bills took off. There is no reason to continue with them. I and my wife are retired and would like to continue to live in Flint. We, the city of Flint made a good and legal contract for the new water system. What individuals are benefiting, personally from this

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I consider myself a working resident of the City of Flint. While I reside outside, I work inside and paid my percentage income tax so have a vested interest. Since I move here in 1968, I've seen Flint being controlled economically by decisions made outside of the city chambers. General Motors plant closings being the main culprit. In the past five years, the connection to the Detroit water system has proven to be another burden Flint has been dealt. Decisions made in Detroit are and will continue to be made to benefit Detroit. Flint has an opportunity to make a stand for itself now for and its future. The KWA effort has been a productive project and is now at our doorstep. It is time for Flint to step up and be the pro-active city it has been trying to be since General Motors left it to fend for itself. We have the workers and we have the basic structures to keep Flint water self-sufficient. Put our money where it will serve us best. Proceeding with the KWA is the right choice. Consider this a step in a resurgence that is long overdue. Thirty years from now when Flint is well on its way to restoration it would be great to look back and say you were here and made the KWA decision that helped lead the way.

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I do not like the idea of using the Great Lakes Water source from Detroit. It is shortsighted to not have a complete rundown on what this could end up costing in the last ten years of the contract. It is irresponsible to not consider what the future generation will have to pay. We have the highest rates in the country and this can only get worse. I think more consideration should be given to using the county plant for the processing of our water or make getting a priority of getting qualified people into our

plant. I think you should also check to see if Stanley or Gilcrest have any consulting fees going for GLWC. Our mayor cant seem to make any decisions her own and we didn't vote for her two "advisors". Please go back and see if one of those other options do not make life so pricy for the future generations.

I have lived in Flint since 1964 and the last 15 years have been so hectic in city politics. Stop the politics and think of the people who live here. Keep at this until all the info is made public.

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Why must we reward Detroit with a 30 year contract?

Their high prices started this mess. We pay the highest water rate in the US.

Now my family is contaminated with irreversible lead poisoning.

I do not want their water for 30 years or 30 seconds.

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I don't feel that it would be wise to obligate the citizens of Flint to a 30-year contract when there is no guarantee of rate caps. At this point, I would lean towards going with KWA when it's ready or a much shorter contract but, at this point, I don't have enough information. Why not find a way to educate and involve more citizens in the process? Think about mailings to everyone. It would make more sense to do this than sending out water reports that very few read or understand. Town hall meetings and The Flint Journal isn't enough. A flyer that "honestly" compares the two options would be nice that includes a phone number where people can make their choice simply by selecting one of the two options.

(A response was sent to this person informing her of the various efforts made to inform the public about the recommendation and the additional information posted on the COF website)

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You have not shown how this would affect my bill. Plane language please. If I presently have a bill of \$80.00/month. How much would I be paying with each system now and in the NEAR future?

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I am a Flint Resident at -----

I am NOT in favor of the Mayor's recommendation. I do not think Flint should sell its rights to the KWA pipeline...but stay with Detroit water for the SHORT TERM....while coming up with a solid plan for the future.

With the Mayor's proposal, Flint loses its water plant and rights for self-government....we will be held hostage to other's who don't have Flint's concern at the top of their list.

The rate increase of 4% is too high and will further the "get out of Flint" walk-aways.

Let's work on a real long-term solution together.

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Would like to know what projected water bills would be from all sources before deciding

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Please do not leave the Detroit water system ever again. Any argument about how the KWA is going to bring in businesses to utilize "Flint water" is a (lead) pipe dream. No business is going

to risk their brand by touting or having a news story published about how their products are "made with Flint water." That ship sailed for Flint when state and local officials botched the job in 2014. Those are the breaks. There is no going back or fixing that now. It's sort of like lead poisoning in that way. It's permanent. Which is why asking the residents of Flint to put that crime against their friends and families aside to put their public health and safety at risk (again) is simply insulting. Hell, it's downright abusive to subject a traumatized population with threats that it could all happen again. And this question, this possibility, is indeed being interpreted as that kind of threat. Sorry, KWA boosters. Your dreams of Flint as a hub of the water economy were dashed by your blind boosterism and its erroneous, malicious, and fraudulent demonization of the DWSD. Tough luck, developers. No KWA ever. Stay with DWSD/GWLA forever. Haven't we earned the right to that sense of security and peace of mind?

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There is not a lot of information out there of the pros and cons as to either KWA or GLWA. I request an extension of this situation until more information is available. If we have no time, then I will say: Go with the KWA.

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I think we need to stick with the Detroit Water. But we also need to change the pipes because the pipes has the lead in them.

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As a resident of Flint since 1984, I have lived through many changes and challenges in this city that I have grown to love.

though I am retired from UM-Flint and spend part of the winter in California, my house and my community is here.

My concerns about the recent decision to stay with Detroit water are these:

- \* regardless of the quality and extent of efforts made to educate city residents about the science, finances, and politics of the current water situation, the community does not seem satisfied that all information has been shared;
- \* in exchange for GLWA buying out Flint's contract with KWA, the city is locked in as a GLWA customer for the indefinite future, but we have no seat yet on their board---when will that come?
- \* what are the guarantees of affordable water if rates exceed the City finance estimate of 4% annual increase? What about a cap on rate increases tied to the rate of inflation?
- \* what happens to the old Flint water plant? Now is the only time Flint could leverage funds to rebuild it---Flint residents will not be able to afford rebuilding it later.

These concerns can be addressed by open and informative discussion by the Flint City Council. Council members must communicate with their Wards above and beyond their usual

contact---not just at Council meetings.

Only satisfaction with a responsible decision-making process and confidence in continued information from will help residents trust their decisions.

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1. I want clean, safe water.
  2. I want it directly from my UNFILTERED tap.
  3. I want you to drop the price by two-thirds.
  4. I do not care from whence it comes.
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I'm an AmeriCorps service member at Neithercut Elementary, but I was born and raised in the City of Flint.

I have a few questions for you, and my opinion on this new resolution:

If the City of Flint stays with GLWA in the long run (which I'm sure they will) what happens if the city decides to cut ties with GLWA, and use GCDC as their new long term water supply; after the new water plant is up to date, and there is a new line connecting Flint to GCDC water plant? Would the city be obligated to pay both KWA and GLWA? Lastly, are there in terms in conditions to getting back the 72inch transmission line for the City of Flint?

I believe we should stay with GLWA, and find a way to use the new GCDC water plant as a source of reliable revenue stream for all surrounding cities, especially for the City of Flint. Only after the KWA obligation is paid in full though.

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Thank you for extending the public comment period. I'd like to add an addendum to my previous public comment.

I highly recommend resources and training programs from the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) for how to organize authentic and effective community engagement. Any government official who engages with the public in any capacity should build IAP2 workshops into their professional development planning.

Attached is their often-sought tool, the IAP2 spectrum of public participation. A key component of the spectrum is the promise to the public, which inherently underpins any community engagement strategy whether its organizers recognize it or not. In other words, the message that you convey to the public and the engagement method you choose set up an expectation for how the public's input will be used, including for public comment periods. I have received IAP2 training myself and believe it can help the City of Flint and other government agencies rebuild public trust in government institutions, if its lessons and insights are applied consistently going forward.

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I believe the city of Flint should use the water from the KWA. I think that the upgrades to the Flint water plant will provide the city of Flint and it's residents safe drinking water. Once the EPA testing approves the water quality. I understand that the water can be sold to some other municipality, but if the city of Flint isn't using the water can the potential customers have confidence the buying water from the KWA?

Now, I don't know how much the city of Flint is on the hook for payment of the bonds issued to the KWA. Who would be responsible for that debt?

Could the city of Flint possible have a competitive price advantage if other municipalities what to buy water from the city of Flint and the KWA?  
Nevertheless, I think the city should use what it has paid for already.

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