

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
APRIL 30, 2008
(CLOSED SESSION)

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Administration. Matter of the reservoir covers. Joe, did you pass that letter out? I just gave it to you to Mr. Barker Hamil.

MR. BELLA: I made a slight change in my cover letter. I added the second paragraph, okay. The second paragraph, at George's suggestion, and I put that in our cover letter. I think it's a good one --

MR. HANLEY: The middle paragraph is to remind these people that we're not a, you know, a

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bottomless pit of money here. Our users are going to have to pay for this and they should step up and help out, frankly. I'm kind of doing it in a nice way but I don't want them to ever forget that. And I don't want to concede to anybody because the federal and state government have a responsibility to help out here.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Exactly.

MR. HANLEY: We don't just service people in Paterson, Passaic and Clifton. We serve much of northwest New Jersey and much of the state benefits from the infrastructure and the capital that the founding fathers and mothers of these three cities built decades ago and they shouldn't have to keep paying, particularly when the people here are the working class of this, you know. I could go on.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Three combined cities, a lot of votes.

MR. HANLEY: We had to effectively assert them.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Just to add to Counselor Hanley, the letter, which is a good

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letter --

MR. HANLEY: It's Joe's letter, I just added.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: One of the reasons we did this in order to alert the ruling bodies, federal and local, that we're trying to comply with the regulation. We're actually taking some

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action. Basically we're taking the first step saying we have these things planned to conform with the reservoir covers initiative and --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: You have to give them some kind of dates and deadlines.

By the way, thanks a lot, Joe, job well done.

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