

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

MARCH 14, 2007

(CLOSED SESSION)

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21 MR. HANLEY: Oh, very quickly. I think
22 this was placed on as a general topic but just
23 very quickly, I'll report.

24 Joe Bella and I were in Washington last
25 week for the Metropolitan Water Association. Big

1 city water companies. But the real reason we were
2 there was to lobby. Maybe we don't do that, but
3 something similar to that, advocate on behalf of
4 the Commission with Senators Lautenberg and
5 Menendez and Congressman Pascrell to see if we can
6 get some money for, you know, covering the
7 finished water reservoirs.

8 And we have the request in, which is now
9 required since they don't do earmarks anymore.
10 And we have no promises except that they're going
11 to attempt to advocate and you'll notice that
12 Congressman Pascrell is already successful in
13 getting the combined sewer problem, which actually
14 benefits us indirectly.

15 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Is that for his
16 district?

17 MR. HANLEY: No, it's more a large -- it's
18 more the country.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Passaic Valley Sewage
20 Commission is a recipient of a hundred million
21 dollars coming.

22 MR. HANLEY: Every old city in New Jersey
23 probably has, you know, has combined sewers. It's
24 a real environmental problem. This is the first
25 time I'm aware of it.

1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: It's all done and
2 signed by the President?

3 COMMISSIONER DEVITA: No.

4 MR. HANLEY: No, I don't think it got to
5 the Senate.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It doesn't get to the
7 Senate.

8 MR. HANLEY: The Senate is not --

9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Bush plans he's going
10 to veto it.

11 MR. HANLEY: I didn't know that but it
12 doesn't shock me. It's going to start in the
13 right direction. Every old city has its problem.

14 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Every city just about
15 in Passaic Valley Sewer --

16 MR. HANLEY: I mean throughout the country.

17 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'm talking about us.

18 MR. HANLEY: That's the overall strategy is
19 California can benefit.

20 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Get everybody to jump
21 on the bandwagon and when it rained hard last
22 week, the storm water combined by sewer water,
23 cost us two million gallons a day over the amount.

24 MR. HANLEY: There are other issues, but,
25 anyway.

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