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PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
JUNE 25, 2008
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MR. BELLA: Reservoir covers, nothing to report different at this moment. At some point here I would like to put a little white paper together and start getting that moving. We're still waiting to hear from the state, by the way.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Commissioners, since we were away at the convention, which was really, really interesting. Commissioner Vannoy and I went to several public officials workshops and this is like on everybody's radar in terms of the reservoir covers and it's very serious EPA. This is -- the way I was thinking, once the new administration comes in, new rules, I'm always of the mindset who is selling these covers and I'm a

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little suspicious. But in this case it's not.

And I met with Joe and we were talking because I think one of the things that has to happen here is that we're going to have to do a

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feasibility study. What our actual cost. We're -- I wouldn't say actual, because you don't know, but to get an idea of what our costs are going to be and what we can do and the highest and best use for these reservoirs and storage tanks, UV treatments and whatever it is.

And what I want to propose that we start thinking about putting, I guess, specifications, Joe, together. Because we're going to probably have to go out within the next two months for an RFQ to get a feasibility study done on our reservoirs. What our costs are going to be. We keep hearing the number 80 million, 80 million, but we don't know exactly what is the best fit of what's going to be done.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: We don't know what they want.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Do we have a timetable?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: They want us to take care of our treated water facilities. We call it reservoir covers.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: That's what I'm saying. We don't know exactly how --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Exactly. A

feasibility study will tell us, okay, for example, the Levine, which is our smallest reservoir. They'll probably say here you can do a storage tank or whatever it is. And then of course there's a part of a historical area.

So -- but until we don't have a feasibility study done, we don't know exactly what it is that we're going to have to do with -- Joe, I mean, chime in.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Didn't you submit a timetable of architect dates, this date to us?

MR. BELLA: We didn't nail it down specifically, but as it turns out, the letter that we sent to the state that the Commission approved brings out to 2018. Now, and, you know, we sort of said about -- we sort of tried to hit general dates. We try not to --

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Approximate dates we're going to do each of these studies.

MR. BELLA: Studies, feasibility analysis. And then we would get the first one done and approximately thereafter.

And, again, you know, that's, you know, up in the air until the state has, you know --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Responds to us,

right. Meanwhile, we should be looking at doing a feasibility study.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Will your

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consultants be advertising or promoting this cover
thing?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Excuse me? Did I
hear you correctly? Did you say what?

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Will your
consultants, PR people --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: When you say "you",
you mean our, we, our Passaic Valley Water
Commission --

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: If you want to go on
semantics, I meant our.

Our consultants, are doing -- when the
consultants are, the PR people are describing the
nature of our business, will they also be
including this as the future of all utilities?

I had a meeting with someone from the
Highlands Commission. He was very upset that he
never heard of anything of this type being put
into this system. He wanted more information on
it because this ties into the water supply network
and also the possible environmental damage to the
reservoir and aesthetics to the beautiful State of

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New Jersey.

So, I think it's something important we
have put in the hands of our PR people to be
working hand in hand with our people who are
making decisions on water also be involved in this
process.

MR. BELLA: We met with the consultants,
both governmental, state, and federal. And we
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gave a briefing. We're going to give an additional briefing and they -- I was amazed how easily, not easily, how they grasped the concept of what we're trying to do. And I think they're going to be a big help.

Again, trying to address your issue about the Highlands Commission and stuff like that, this probably would not apply to those situations since they're not -- they will be there, I'm sure. They seem prepared and --

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Pro-active.

MR. BELLA: They're actually looking into some stuff for us. Look, talk to some of the people.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What's the next step for us?

MR. BELLA: Feasibility study.

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COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Are we going to start that?

MR. BELLA: Probably request RFQs, sort of the open public or the Pay-to-Play, we'll start that, fulfilling that over the next few months.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Start the process.

MR. BELLA: We should start that process and then there will be a selection to do the actual feasibility studies.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: I think Commissioner Vannoy can chime in. That was a big, big, we even saw a bunch of storage tanks that were beyond our

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belief, what they can do for the aesthetic purposes, the storage tank in terms of -- we're thinking of reservoir covers and covering our reservoirs, but it's really that alternative and we have --

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: In-ground stuff, above-ground.

MR. BELLA: Treatment.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Treatment alternatives, yes.

COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: How soon is the body we're looking to start doing the feasibility study?

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MR. BELLA: I would say give us two months to put together a little to get prepared that will give us a basis of the RFQ. That will be kind of the basis of the whole --

COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: By the month of August, the meeting of August, you're going to have that ready for the Commission?

MR. BELLA: To approve for RFQ?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

MR. BELLA: And probably two or three months after that we will do the actual proposal.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Excellent, excellent.

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