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PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
AUGUST 29, 2007

(CLOSED SESSION)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RIGO SANCHEZ, President
ALAN C. LEVINE, Vice-President
SIMON GRUBIN, Treasurer
THOMAS P. DEVITA, Secretary
MARIA MAGDA O'KEEFE (Absent)
GLORIA KOLODZIEJ
IDIDA RODRIGUEZ

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director
GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel
JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering
JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Personnel Director
LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

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COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: The reservoir covers.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Right.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: These things
initiated with Mr. Hanley. Is Mr. Hanley able to
take care of all the projects that were initiated?

MR. HANLEY: No.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: You can't?

MR. HANLEY: I can help. I'm a lawyer not
a grant writer.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'm not opposed to
going out to RFP for quotations.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: Let me try to make
things easier. Can we not have some people here
attempt to just follow this up and look at it?

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Assign someone
inhouse.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: I mean, assign

Gallagher. Let him follow-up on some.

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COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: The lobbying for fund development grant, it would be either -- it would mostly be Joe who would make those calls. A firm like this, a good thing they help you navigate the system.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: He made that statement was inappropriate, in my opinion.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I agree with you. I agree with you.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Just for the record, I want to make sure that the momentum that has been in front of you, someone should continue calling the people that we have spent so much money to get and be able to facilitate some of these grants potentially upcoming. So somebody should be assigned to continue the process until a final decision is made.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: This grant was already done. This was done by Kevin Byrne from engineering, okay. I remember when Kevin mentioned he was working on this. I can bring you

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the grant application. Okay. And what happens is, I'm not an expert, they are. So it is really, you know, it's on them to follow-up.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: So Kevin should continue the process and as far as the reservoir covers, George can you handle that portion.

MR. HANLEY: You don't have a grant application. We're trying to -- in fact, the next meeting was scheduled, that's in the nature of -- well, in my case, information. Because I don't lobby, but I will say you haven't asked me, but I'll tell you anyway, there's lots of people in Washington and it's my recommendation is that you hire a government relations people and someone who's hooked in in Washington because that's where the money is going to come from. The State doesn't have any money. We know that. And we need help from the key committee chairs of the key committees and the House of Representatives and the Senate. It's that simple.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Can we solicit for --

MR. HANLEY: Yes, with your permission, do it.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think we should and they are knocking on the doors of every entity

who's looking for money from Washington.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: And there are a lot of people ahead of us.

MR. HANLEY: I'm not saying we've done it,

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okay, effectively. I'm a lawyer, not a lobbyist.
But we do have a formal request in for that money
to Senator Menendez and Senator Lautenberg work
together jointly and we put in a request for an
appropriation last year. We knew we weren't
getting anything last year, but they said put it
in anyway to get into the hopper. But that needs
a lot of follow-up.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: Who will do that?

MR. HANLEY: The government relations
person and that's what I'm hearing. We should
solicit for that, which we'll do.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Let me just, let
me just share with you, you know, in terms of, you
know, knocking on doors, you know. Mr. Bruno,
he's very well known in the industry, but you need
somebody that is there in their face all the time
and the Washington lobbyist, you know, someone
who's connected down there is very -- someone who
knows people in EPA, you know. They do is they
shoot you around. Someone who is going to walk

along the Congress. It's a different animal.
It's a totally different animal, especially if
you're looking for the kind of money. And I want
to know, this is a Federal request, they're ahead
of us. If they're going to do something like
this, it's got to be done quickly.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think that's
what Mr. Hanley is asking if he can go out and

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identify the quality firm, who that is and so we
can take the next step.

MR. HANLEY: I'm sure Commissioner
Rodriguez probably knows how to get into that
network. But I will also personally. There are
people in Washington that I know. Again, I don't
know who these people are, but I know they're
there. And it changes.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You have New
Jersey firms that do both. You do have people in
New Jersey that do both. And you don't have to go
to Washington. There are people in New Jersey
that do a great job lobbying in Washington.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: And you know who they
are.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: There's a lot of
them, you know. And in the interim I can --

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's very
competitive.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: -- I can place a
call to Ivan Sakem (Phonetic). He worked on
Menendez's campaign.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: I think we should do
whatever we can.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I can place a call
and I will tell you, I concur with Mr. Hanley.
You need someone day in and day out on this,
because that's going to be --

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: All right. So you go

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ahead and try to give us some names of some
people.

MR. HANLEY: We'll do the RFP and any
names, we'll send to the whole world.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's the bottom
line. The City of Clifton is doing that process
so we got some heavy hitters on that list.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: Question. In looking
at his report, did we ever get responses? Like
there's a letter when you were President in 2006
about this \$45 million Homeland Security. Did we
ever get any responses? There was a letter to
Homeland Security in New Jersey that you wrote

when you were President encompassing five pages
what we need for \$45 million. Did we ever get any
responses to anything?

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: We didn't like the
response.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You didn't get a
response?

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: They said no to us.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We didn't get a
response because they respond to everything. If
there's not an RFP, believe you me, you can't just
put letters together and send letters, "where's
the money." You have to identify the money first
and then go out.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Exactly.

One quick legal question. You made

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reference to the fact that he has meetings
scheduled for next week. So he's just going to --
is that what we were talking, wait to see what he
does? Because we're not going to pay him because
the contract expires.

MR. HANLEY: Someone made a suggestion that
in the interim if there are people that he
scheduled a meeting with, I would suggest either
Joe or Jim reach out for those people just to let

them know we're here, we're interested.

COMMISSIONER DEVITA: Do we know who he has
meetings with?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I didn't want to
ask him because I didn't want to prolong the
conversation. First of all, if he's working with
people, he should identify who these people are.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I will come in to
help in whatever capacity I can as a Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Please find out
who these people are.

COMMISSIONER GRUBIN: That's the
continuation we're talking about.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We have to be
careful.

MR. HANLEY: We know one thing we're
interested in so we have to find the right agency.

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