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Mr. Kevin Varness
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Dear Mr. Varness:

The City of Ocean Shores is in the process of making a decision in regards to its waterworks utility. At our last regularly scheduled council meeting on December 8th, the City Council had discussions with City Staff regarding potable water sourcing alternatives.

During the course of this discussion, there were several questions and additional concerns that were discussed that I want to share with you.

Contract Period

At the September 16, 2008 round table discussion in Ocean Shores with Commissioners Carter and Wilson in attendance, it was noted that the county would go forward with their project whether the city would participate or not.

- ◆ With that said, is it possible for the City to enter into a contract agreement with the County for a period of less than 20 years or have options to withdraw from the contract since most of the debt service would be shifted towards the Hogan's Corner water system customers anyway?

Pipe Corridor

In your letter dated October 27, 2008 you inferred that for the City to receive an additional 0.5 MGD, or a total 1.5 MGD peak capacity, a different pipe corridor would be required between the state park and the existing piping at the north end of Chickamin Road. The following questions were asked based on this information:

- ◆ If that corridor was unattainable, what other corridor would be available?
- ◆ Does your cost estimate include obtaining an alternative corridor or would this be the City's responsibility?
- ◆ Would this pipe corridor be part of a loop system for redundancy? If so, are the costs included in your current estimates?
- ◆ Would the pipe sizing be adequate for 2.0 MGD if needed?

System Development Charge

In your letter you also inferred that if the City paid up front for 1 MGD of peak capacity that this would essentially amount to a system development charge.

- ◆ Does this mean that the City would not have to participate in the county's capital improvement plan in lieu of this system development charge?

Abandoned Landfill

As part of Monday night's discussion, the City Council learned of an abandoned landfill that may be up-gradient of the Hogan's Corner well field. As you can imagine there was plenty of discussion on this issue.

- ◆ Was this landfill included in the December 2003 Source Approval Report, Section II, Susceptibility Assessment?

Water Testing/Increased Capacity

Based on past hydro-geologist reports and communications in addition to the information above, the City is concerned about the source of supply within the County's well field. Water quality analysis based on the original 72 hour pump test was deemed by the Council as insufficient and it was suggested by the council that the County pump and test the well field for a longer period of time in order to eliminate this concern.

- ◆ Would the County be willing to pump its well at a rate of 1,000 gpm for a period not less than 120 days during the summer months with water quality testing and additional monitoring wells (piezometer)?
- ◆ Once the above concerns have been addressed, is it possible for the county to meet all of the city's current and future water demands at build out? If yes, could you provide a timeline and estimated rate/cost for these improvements?

The City understands the complexities of the issues pertaining to the County's water supply plan. The general questions above were developed to enhance the flow of information between the City and County. In an effort to continue discussions between the City and County, while at the same time maintaining the level of service identified in the City's service plan, it is important that all parties have the best information possible. If you have any questions or need clarification please feel free to contact me or my staff at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LaDean W. Bunkers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

LaDean W. Bunkers

Mayor

Cc: Mike Wilson
Al Carter