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| To:   | Allison Swisher<br>City of Joliet | From: | Pete Wallers<br>EEI |
| File: | Regional Outreach                 | Date: | January 20, 2021    |

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**Reference: Alternative Water Source Program, January 2021 Regional Outreach Survey**

Joliet Officials, Staff and the consultant team have been conducting outreach (virtually) and in person with potential regional partners in December and January. Joliet Staff made a presentation on all aspects of the Joliet Alternative Water Supply Program (AWSP) at the January 12<sup>th</sup> Southwest Water Planning Group meeting (SWPG), essentially updating the group on information that had been presented to the City Council. Prior to that meeting Joliet and EEI reached out to all potential regional water partners and encouraged their attendance.

In cooperation with the Will County Government League (WCGL), Joliet participated in a meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> with the Mayors and Managers of the potential regional partners. This meeting allowed participation in-person and virtually. The WCGL hosted the meeting at the IBEW 176 Facility. Mayor O'Dekirk moderated the meeting and Joliet Staff gave the Mayors and Managers a project update similar to the presentation given at the SWPG meeting. This meeting was intended to give the Mayors and Managers the most current background information.

Following the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> all the communities were sent a link to an online survey. The goals of the survey were to understand if potential regional partners are considering switching to an alternative water source, the timeframe for doing so and their preference for either the Chicago Department of Water Management or New Indiana Intake alternative. The results of the survey are attached for your record.

We requested that the survey be completed by close of business on January 19, 2021 and as of that date we received eleven (11) responses. The survey will remain open and we will report if additional communities complete the survey.

Here is a list of the communities that completed the survey:

- Channahon
- Homer Glen
- Lemont
- Lockport
- Minooka
- Montgomery
- Oswego
- Rockdale
- Romeoville
- Shorewood
- Yorkville



**Constant Contact Survey Results**

**Survey Name:** Joliet Alternative Water Supply Community Survey

**Response Status:** Partial & Completed

**Filter:** None

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\*1. Please enter the information indicated below.

| Answers           | Number of Response(s) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| First Name        | 11                    |
| Last Name         | 11                    |
| Job Title         | 11                    |
| Email Address     | 11                    |
| Municipality Name | 11                    |

**\*2. Do you believe that your community needs an alternative water supply?**

| Answer         | 0% | 100% | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|----------------|----|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes            |    |      | 10                    | 90.9 %         |
| No             |    |      | 1                     | 9.0 %          |
| No Response(s) |    |      | 0                     | 0.0 %          |
| <b>Totals</b>  |    |      | <b>11</b>             | <b>100%</b>    |

**\*3. What year are you planning to move to an alternative water supply?**

| Answer         | 0% | 100% | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|----------------|----|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2030           |    |      | 3                     | 27.2 %         |
| 2035           |    |      | 0                     | 0.0 %          |
| 2040           |    |      | 1                     | 9.0 %          |
| 2045           |    |      | 1                     | 9.0 %          |
| 2050           |    |      | 0                     | 0.0 %          |
| Other          |    |      | 5                     | 45.4 %         |
| No Response(s) |    |      | 1                     | 9.0 %          |
| <b>Totals</b>  |    |      | <b>11</b>             | <b>100%</b>    |

**4. Please**

indicate the importance of these factors when considering if your community will participate in the Regional Water Supply Program. (With 1 being most important and 5 being the

**\*least**

important. If

a factor is important to your community and isn't listed below, please elaborate in the Comments section.)

1 = 1 - Most Important, 2 = 2 - Important, 3 = 3 - Neutral, 4 = 4 - Somewhat Important, 5 = 5 - Least Important

| Answer                        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Number of Response(s) | Rating Score* |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| Cost of Water                 |   |   |   |   |   | 10                    | 1.4           |
| Cost of Internal Improvements |   |   |   |   |   | 10                    | 2.2           |
| Governance System             |   |   |   |   |   | 10                    | 1.7           |

\*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

5. Please indicate your community's

\* preference for a new water supply. If

a preference is indicated, please explain why in the Comments section.

| Answer  | 0% | 100% | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|---|----|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Chicago (Purchased Lake Michigan water from Chicago Department of Water Management)                   |    |      | 4                     | 36.3 %         |
| Indiana (New Lake Michigan source with new Water Commission providing intake, treatment and delivery) |    |      | 2                     | 18.1 %         |
| No Preference   |    |      | 4                     | 36.3 %         |
| No Response(s)  |    |      | 1                     | 9.0 %          |
| <b>Totals</b>   |    |      | <b>11</b>             | <b>100%</b>    |

6. Formal commitments to join the proposed regional

\* water commission are needed by late 2021 in order to maintain the alternative

water source program schedule. Will you be prepared to make that decision in 2021? If

no, please explain why in the Comments section.

| Answer         | 0% | 100% | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|----------------|----|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes            |    |      | 8                     | 72.7 %         |
| No             |    |      | 2                     | 18.1 %         |
| No Response(s) |    |      | 1                     | 9.0 %          |
| <b>Totals</b>  |    |      | <b>11</b>             | <b>100%</b>    |

7. Are you currently performing studies/evaluations

\* for your community to assist with decision making regarding an alternative water supply? If

yes, please list studies and time for completion in the Comments section.

| Answer         | 0% | 100% | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|----------------|----|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes            |    |      | 7                     | 63.6 %         |
| No             |    |      | 3                     | 27.2 %         |
| No Response(s) |    |      | 1                     | 9.0 %          |
| <b>Totals</b>  |    |      | <b>11</b>             | <b>100%</b>    |