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Media Statement:

The Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office announces the second (and final) phase of Genesee County water operations and delivery will begin today, December 15, 2017. Three weeks ago, Genesee County's New Water Treatment Plant began delivering treated Lake Huron water to the residents our office serves in our Northern Loop. Now that all required testing procedures have been completed for the waterlines associated with our southern tier, we are ready to begin operations to the entire list of communities we serve in Genesee County. A list of the municipalities that will begin receiving Genesee County water today are as follows:

- CLAYTON TOWNSHIP
- FLINT TOWNSHIP
- GAINES TOWNSHIP
- MUNDY TOWNSHIP
- GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP
- SWARTZ CREEK CITY
- BURTON CITY

The communities listed above will receive the SAME source water under Genesee County's system, as they currently receive from Detroit. The completed Karegnondi Pipeline (KWA) delivers the same Lake Huron water we currently utilize under Detroit, to Genesee County's new state-of-the-art treatment plant. Residents in these areas can expect to begin receiving Genesee County water in their homes as early as this weekend. After the treated water is released from our 42" watermain later today, it takes approximately 24-72 hours to reach its ultimate destination, depending on the distance of each municipality.

"This is another momentous day for our County, as we begin to deliver our own Genesee County water to each and every resident on our system," stated Jeff Wright, Genesee County Drain Commissioner. "It is the culmination of a project that broke ground in 2013. It was then that this region decided we had to

put an end to the double-digit rate increases on our drinking water, implement a redundant back-up water supply for our residents, and create a more stable system. Today, we begin a new era in water supply...on a system that accomplishes these goals, and one that is owned, operated, and controlled by the residents of this community.”

The delivery of Genesee County treated water comes after months of rigorous testing at our facility. The Genesee County plant has been fully operational since July, treating drinking water that meets and exceeds DEQ and EPA standards. This 4-month test period has allowed the staff at our plant, which includes some of the most experienced water operators in the United States, to have the highest confidence in our treatment process and the drinking water we will deliver to residents.

“We understand the importance of water safety. Our plant mirrors the first-class treatment process conducted by our current water supplier, the Great Lakes Water Authority. The plant treats the same Lake Huron water we currently drink. Our system employs 3 F1 level licensed operators, the highest certification attainable, when only 1 licensed operator is required. Every action we have taken in planning, constructing, and operating our plant has been painstakingly thorough and deliberate. Every action we have taken has been done with the thought of safety and reliability in mind,” said Wright.

Our drinking water will be tested constantly. Multiple levels of testing occur every shift, of each and every day. In addition to on-site testing, split samples are taken and tested off site by additional Genesee County staff, as well as independent experts. This ensures the integrity of the testing procedures, and add to the confidence our community will have in the quality of water delivered to their homes.

“I am happy to report that over the past three weeks our northern tier residents have experienced a seamless transition to the Genesee County water system,” said Wright. “I have the full confidence that communities such as Burton, Grand Blanc, and Flint Township who are coming on board today will have the same experience. I cannot thank enough the hardworking men and women at our plant, as well as our operations and maintenance department. They have showed immense dedication, working round the clock to make sure we deliver the highest quality water to our residents,” said Wright.

If any resident our office serves has questions or concerns about their drinking water, they should contact our plant at the following numbers:

810-793-5123 – 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday

810-762-3626 – After Hours Number

Attached to the press release is an informational flyer, with additional detail on the Genesee County Water Treatment Plant operations.

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