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Subject: Meeting with water and wastewater providers

Jeff and Dean

Our meeting yesterday with water and wastewater providers was well attended and went well. The primary objective for meeting was to discuss the potential formation of a countywide water and wastewater providers' organization to foster communication, pool and share resources, enhance training opportunities, advocate for shared interests, and coordinate with regulators. The consensus was that the formation of the organization was important and that meeting soon (likely in January) to further discuss it as a high priority. Steve Paine shared the news that CR was considering the establishment of water/wastewater operator program that could be either a certificate or an AA/AS. There was a lot of enthusiasm for it from the attendees. This news dovetailed very well with requests from attendees for more local training opportunities. Mark Bryant concluded the meeting with a request to find a consensus on the top three issues that an organization could address, which were training, a mutual aid agreement for equipment and personnel, and funding. Training as the #1 issue confirms the need for the program at CR. Mark and Steve asked the attendees to consider who from their districts might attend a program at CR.

In conclusion, based on this meeting it would not be difficult to get a room full of water/wastewater providers to advocate for the proposed program at CR.

We look forward to our next opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss this further

Thanks

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