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Michelle -

Here is the info. It's a lot. But really great and time sensitive. Rex Tillerson is on the agenda for the event highlighted below (agenda attached and called All Partners meeting). We can secure a slot for Administrator Pruitt on the agenda if he would like to participate. I think it could be helpful if we brief Administrator Pruitt sooner than later. Sam is up to speed. Also, if Administrator Pruitt is interested in the PPD and announcement on WWD, we strongly recommend that he take copies of the one-page summary and whichever version of the PPD he likes with him to the meeting with the President, and that he ask the President to consider issuing the PPD on March 22. We are happy to help any way that we can, including getting on a call in advance of the meeting tomorrow to answer any questions.

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Samantha and Jessica,

As a follow up to our discussion earlier this week, I'm enclosing several items that might be of use to Administrator Pruitt, both for his meeting with the President tomorrow and later activities.

The first is a list of "shovel ready for 2017" water infrastructure projects that I assembled in January as part of my efforts on the transition team and with the help of the Environmental Council of the States. As you can see, the list is quite long and includes dozens of water infrastructure projects that are ready to go THIS YEAR if funding is available.

Second, I am attaching revised electronic copies of documents related to the possible Presidential Policy Directive establishing water as an administration priority. In the interests of expediting things, these versions do not contemplate the immediate formation of the presidential water commission, something that might take considerable time and effort to accomplish. Rather, I have prepared one that is silent on that issue and simply establishes water as a priority, and another that delegates the formation of an inter-agency task force the Administrator of EPA. Hopefully one of these simpler options will be much easier to accomplish in time for an announcement on World Water Day. I have also included a revised one-page summary of things as well.

To recap that opportunity- World Water Day is March 22. An announcement of either version of the PPD on that date would send a strong signal of concrete action when the media and the country are focused on the issue. Moreover, if the task force is formed and delivers a national water strategic plan, that report 12 months later will further demonstrate accomplishment and could be announced on the next World Water Day in 2018, thus establishing a cycle of positive achievement on this critical issue.

The US Water Partnership is holding an event on March 22 at the State Department's Institute of Peace that will be attended by a virtual "who's who" in of the water community as well as the media. There is an open a spot on the agenda for someone to announce the PPD (hopefully Admin. Pruitt) if that could be done. But even if it can't, they would very much like to have the Administrator make some remarks at the meeting. I am going to have them extend a formal invitation ASAP if they haven't already. The latest draft agenda for the meeting is attached, but we can easily add the Administrator if he is interested.

Finally, I've attached a copy of the water policy proposals that I submitted on behalf of the Transition Team. As we discussed, I gave a copy to David Schnare in January, so he should be familiar with it. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to walk you through it if you have the time, so that I can answer any questions and hopefully get some momentum toward implementation. FYI I will be in DC March 13-15 and again on the 20-22 for World Water Week. Let me know if you have any time and I will adjust to your schedule as necessary.

Samantha, thank you again for your consideration of these ideas, and I hope to have the opportunity to work with you in the coming months.

All the best,

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