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Sent: 5/16/2017 11:36:15 AM
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CC: Washington, Valerie [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=9d031c02ce3a416dad0d421ee998d5a3-VWASHING]; Sam Wade [sam@nrwa.org]; Mike Keegan [keegan@ruralwater.org]
Subject: Re: Thanks from NRWA

Excellent Sarah, we will be there.

Thanks,

Matthew Holmes
Deputy CEO
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On May 16, 2017, at 7:33 AM, Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

Matt,

Thank you for reaching out again. I'm available at 1:30 if you guys can come over then.

Valerie, please give Matt the details on our location and getting through security.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2017, at 11:59 AM, Matthew Holmes <Matt@nrwa.org> wrote:

Right after lunch works well for us (alternatively we could meet somewhere for lunch). Another option would be to meet at our office at 101 Constitution, you are welcome there. I will leave it to you to decide and we will make it happen.

Matt

From: Greenwalt, Sarah [<mailto:greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Matthew Holmes <Matt@nrwa.org>
Subject: RE: Thanks from NRWA

Matt,

Thank you for following up. As of now, Tuesday afternoon (the 16th) is wide open. Please let me know what time you guys would prefer to connect.

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From: Matthew Holmes [<mailto:Matt@nrwa.org>]

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 10:35 AM

To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>

Subject: Thanks from NRWA

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you and Administrator Pruitt for a great meeting last week – we appreciate the candid conversation and your willingness to listen! Our board leadership was very impressed and encouraged.

Sam and I will be in DC next week, from Monday around noon until Thursday morning. I will be attending the “Peer-to-Peer” meeting that is being held by OWM on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. We are open to meeting with you anytime, aside from Wednesday from 11:00 – 1:00pm when Sam has another commitment.

I thought I would include some follow-up information on the technical assistance grant topic that we discussed at our meeting. We are currently in final negotiations for our FY16 cooperative agreement. The Project Officer is very new – Leslie Temple. We have been working with Mike Finn in the past as the Project Officer, as well as Maria Lopez-Carbo of course. They are both supportive of our efforts, but haven’t really been open to addressing the structural problems with how the RFA is set up.

If things work as they have in the past, OGWDW will release the RFA for the new round of grants this summer. I’m sure you are aware of this, but additional information is online here: <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/training-and-technical-assistance-small-systems-funding>.

I have attached our latest appropriations request fact sheet for the EPA program. This includes the language that Mike Keegan referred to in the meeting, the ***Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act (Public Law 114-98)***. As I mentioned in the meeting, this program is essential for small water systems. When the program was eliminated in 2007 due to the new earmark rules, Rural Water delivered 15,000 letters of support to EPA to retain this program. Unfortunately, the effort was continually watered down with many different organizations providing online tools, webinars, surveys, planning efforts, etc. While this looks good on paper, it is not effective for rural and small system personnel. I know I’m not telling you anything you don’t already know!

Thank you again for what you and Administrator Pruitt are doing for this Agency. EPA has a critically important mission, and every one of our 30,000+ members recognizes this. We are long-standing partners, and we are eager to help get things back on track. My cell number is below – please feel free to call or email at any hour if we can be of help.

Sincerely,

Matt

Matthew Holmes
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FYI – here Keegan’s contact info:

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