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Mike Thompson Cartoon
[Detroit Free Press](#)

Commission Would Help Guide Michigan Infrastructure Spending

[WILX TV 10](#)

March 10, 2016

The governor signed an executive order to create the 21st Century Infrastructure Commission. The commission would help determine how some money is spent on transportation, water, sewer, energy and communications infrastructure.

Snyder's Outside Legal Bills For Flint Water Hit \$1.2M

[Detroit Free Press](#)

March 8, 2016

The governor has asked the State Administrative Board to approve contracts worth up to \$1.2 million to cover his outside legal bills for the Flint water crisis. In addition, the attorney general has asked for approval of a \$1.5 million contract with an attorney to cover the cost of his investigation into the crisis.

Panel Approves 2nd Snyder Recall Petition Over Flint

[Detroit Free Press](#)

March 7, 2016

The Board of State Canvassers approved a second recall petition against the governor due to the Flint water crisis.

Political Jabs Over Flint Water Crisis High, But Don't Spell Legislative Breakdown

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March 4, 2016

The back-and-forth between Democrats and Republicans regarding the Flint water crisis won't stop efforts to help the city, according to observers.

Three Ways Snyder Emails May Foretell Michigan's Future

[Bridge Magazine](#)

March 1, 2016

Michigan's aging, crumbling water infrastructure is expected to cost tens of billions of dollars to replace over the next two decades. The question is: who is going to pay for it?

E-mails: Snyder Could Have Declared Flint Emergency Sooner

[Detroit Free Press](#)

February 29, 2016

The governor could have declared a state of emergency in Flint months earlier than he did, according to an e-mail sent to the governor's office from a Michigan State Police emergency expert and released by the Snyder administration over the weekend.

Flint Water Crisis Prompts DEQ Oversight Proposal From Michigan Democrats

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February 24, 2016

Citizen commissions would oversee air and water quality efforts of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under legislation proposed by Senate Democrats.

Snyder Gives \$2M For Removing Flint's Lead Water Lines

[The Detroit News](#)

February 18, 2016

The \$2M grant is part of an assistance package, known as the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships Grant.

House Passes \$30M To Repay Flint Residents' Water Bills

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February 18, 2016

The House of Representatives voted unanimously in favor of a \$30 million appropriation that would help repay water bills for Flint residents who cannot drink their water.

**State Health Agency Under Review For Flint Actions
Snyder: Feds 'Failed To Do A Lot Of Things' On Flint**
[Detroit Free Press](#)

February 16, 2016

Gov. Rick Snyder said Tuesday the federal government had multiple failures with respect to preventing and responding to the lead contamination in Flint.

Flint E-Mails: CDC Voiced Concerns Over Legionnaires' Actions
[Detroit Free Press](#)

February 9, 2016

More than a year ago, e-mails among officials show deep concern behind the scenes about the quality of Flint's water.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder Proposes \$360 Million For Flint Water Fix
[The Christian Science Monitor](#)

February 10, 2016

Michigan lawmakers from both parties support Gov. Rick Snyder's proposal to spend \$195 million toward the Flint emergency and \$165 million for statewide infrastructure needs.

Senate OKs \$30M To Help Pay For Flint Water Bills
[Detroit Free Press](#)

February 4, 2016

The \$30M in immediate help for Flint will help residents pay bills for water they couldn't use.

E-mails: Snyder Aide Was Told Of Legionnaires' In March
[Detroit Free Press](#)

February 5, 2016

An aide in the office of Gov. Rick Snyder was notified in March, more than nine months before Snyder said he learned of the problem, that there was an increase in Legionnaires' disease in Genesee County.

Lots of Cities Have The Same Lead Pipes That Poisoned Flint
[Huffpost Politics](#)

January 28, 2016

There are roughly 7.3 million lead service lines in the United States, according to an estimate by the EPA.