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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING THE COCALICO REGION STAFF MEMBERS MEET WITH YOU TODAY.

THE FOCUS OF OUR THOUGHTS IS PUBLIC WATER AND MORE SPECIFICALLY IN THE 3 AREAS OF STUDY FOR THE COCALICO REGION:

1. RESEARCH OF WATER CAPABILITIES ON A REGIONAL BASIS-TOTAL RESOURCE EVALUATION,
2. RESEARCH AN INTERCONNECTION AMONG THE 4 EXISTING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS TO PROTECT ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE REGION IN THE TIME OF EMERGENCIES, AND
3. RESEARCH WHETHER WE SHOULD REMAIN SINGLE ENTITY WATER AGENCIES OR SHOULD WE JOIN THE FOUR SYSTEMS INTO A REGIONAL AUTHORITY?

THESE STUDY AREAS BECAME GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN PLANNING THE REGION'S LAND USE FOR THE NEXT 20+ YEARS AS OUR 4 MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COCALICO SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS, STAFFS, AND LOCAL RESIDENT EXPERTS CAME TOGETHER OVER A 2+ YEAR ENDEAVOR AND DEVELOPED THE STRATEGIC AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE COCALICO REGION WITH THE HELP OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF AND A CONSULTANT.

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ONE OF THE MAJOR AREAS OF ATTENTION IDENTIFIED EARLY ON IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE REGION WAS PUBLIC UTILITIES: PUBLIC WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICES.

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 10-3 AND LET'S TAKE A LOOK BRIEFLY AT A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE 4 WATER SYSTEMS. ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH RELIES ON GROUND WATER WELLS AND HAS AN AGING SYSTEM.

DENVER BOROUGH RELIES ON GROUND WATER WELLS AND COCALICO CREEK FOR ITS WATER SOURCES. IT TOO, HAS AN AGING SYSTEM AND NEEDS INCREASED STORAGE WHICH THE BOROUGH IS CURRENTLY ADDRESSING.

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP RELIES ON 2 GROUND WATER WELLS AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING A THIRD WELL ON LINE. WCT WATER HAS NITRATES. EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP HAS 12 GROUND WATER WELLS AND 3 STORAGE TANKS. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INDICATES THE GROWTH FOR THE REGION IS EAR-MARKED FOR ECT SINCE IT IS SITUATED WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH. EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH WATER SUPPLY. WE ARE ALREADY DEFICIENT IN PRODUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF 600 EDU'S OR 150,000 GPD JUST TO SUPPLY WATER TO THE LAND PLANS ON THE TABLE. IN ORDER TO HAVE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE FUTURE, ECT NEEDS TO ADD SIGNIFICANT WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE PLAN BUILD OUT OF 20+ YEARS. THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT WANT TO COMPROMISE AGRICULTURAL LAND, OR CONTRIBUTE TO SUBURBAN SPRAWL, YET WE NEED MORE WATER.

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NOW THAT THE PLAN IS IN PLACE, THE COLLECTIVE BODIES OF OFFICIALS HAVE BEGUN THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE OF THE PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

QUARTERLY, THE JOINT, REGIONAL BODIES MEET. THE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE OF THE PLAN IS THE KEY FOCUS OF THESE MEETINGS AND PROVIDES THE BASIC AGENDA ITEMS. THERE IS A CONCENTRATED REVIEW OF THE "TO DO" LIST IN EACH AREA OF ATTENTION OF THE TOTAL VISION. REPORTS ARE GIVEN TO INDICATE THE FORWARD PROGRESS IN THE VARIOUS LAND USE AREAS AND THEN THE JOINT MEMBERSHIP DETERMINES THE NEXT BEST STEPS FOR SUSTAINED PROGRESS TO MEET THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN.

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WITH THAT BACKGROUND, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR EXPERT GUIDANCE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE 3-PART STUDY AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER:

1. RESEARCH WATER CAPABILITIES ON A REGIONAL BASIS - TOTAL RESOURCE EVALUATION IN THE COCALICO REGION,
2. RESEARCH AN INTERCONNECTION AMONG THE 4 EXISTING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS TO PROTECT ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE REGION IN TIME OF EMERGENCIES, AND
3. RESEARCH WHETHER WE SHOULD REMAIN AS 4 SEPARATE WATER SYSTEMS, OR SHOULD WE JOIN THE FOUR SYSTEMS INTO A REGIONAL AUTHORITY?

WE HAVE COME TO YOU TODAY TO PROVIDE THE GUIDANCE FOR US TO UNDERTAKE THE RESEARCH JUST ENUMERATED, AND TO HELP US ACQUIRE FUNDING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS 3-PART STUDY.

PLEASE DIRECT HOW WE CAN GO FORWARD.