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**To:** Hitchings, Diane -FS;Cruz, Paul -FS  
**Cc:** Custer, Matthew - FS  
**Subject:** RE: Sweetwater Lake

All,

After I sent the message yesterday AM to you I learned in the afternoon that Scott, Frank, Dan Gibbs (DNR Director) and the Governor had all been to Sweetwater together on Sunday afternoon.

I don't have much further detail on what transpired; but, I'm guessing that those that need to be in the know are communicating.

Thanks,

Rich



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That's all good news Rich. I'll definitely keep it between us.

I'm very sad to report that the indemnification issue is not fully resolved. There is some slight movement that Matt Custer has worked on, but we don't have anything official to share. Matt is out this week but I'm sure he would be happy to fill you in verbally.

Are you enjoying retired life?! I hope so. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July



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**Subject:** Sweetwater Lake

Diane/Paul,

I hope everything is going well with each of you. I'm sure you are both as swamped as ever. Hopefully you are having some fun too.

Just a quick update that CPW is officially joining in as a partner on the Sweetwater Project.

Please keep this to yourselves for the moment. Scott has been trying to get a time with Frank to go over this and we certainly don't want the news to get to him through channels other than Scott. I'm not sure where Jason is at on the communications link. I know he and Scott have informally talked about Sweetwater in the past, but I don't know to what degree. Until that conversation has taken place between Scott and Frank, we don't want this news to get out. Hopefully that will take place soon since the Governor is wanting to make a public announcement.

In addition to working on the rec planning side, we are diving into the authority conversations with CPW that I have already had with each of you. Diane, the big question I have lingering is the insurance question with the State. Did that ever get resolved?

Let me know if you have thoughts/questions.

Thanks for your help to date on this one and I'm sure more assistance to come.

Rich