

Attachment 3

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1) The SEI conclusions are expressly based on the assumptions that:

- *communities will comply with existing land use plans until at least 2035
- *existing water supplies will be managed sustainably until at least 2035
- *there ARE reasonable alternatives to Lake Michigan water until at least 2035
- *the costs of providing alternative water sources are very similar to the cost of providing Lake Michigan water
- *the fact that studies do not address the existence or sustainability of water supplies past 2035 is irrelevant to planners, developers and other decision-makers

If any of these assumptions are (or turn out to be) incorrect or are changed, then providing Lake Michigan water to communities that do not currently have such water may have an adverse socioeconomic impact on communities of color and low income communities in the region.

2) The SEI is not based upon and cannot be construed as agreeing with any assertion by the city of Waukesha (for example in its diversion application) that there are "no reasonable alternatives" to Lake Michigan water.

If the city of Waukesha (or any other community's) assertion of "no reasonable alternatives" is determined to be correct, then providing Lake Michigan water to such communities may have an adverse socioeconomic impact on communities of color and low income communities in the region.

3) There are existing, significant racial, ethnic and economic disparities in the region that are projected to continue through at least 2035. The SEI expressly recommends that any recommendation or agreement that include supplying Lake Michigan water need to address and ameliorate those disparities.