



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: December 21, 2018

To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

From: Nicolette N. Bateson, CPA, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Re: Presentation of FY 2018 Year-end Audited Financial Report

Background: The FY 2018 audited financial statements were issued on December 14, 2018 after review by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board on December 12, 2018. The auditors for the GLWA will attend the December 21, 2018 Audit Committee meeting for a review of those reports.

Analysis: Attached are the following audit-related reports.

- FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- FY 2018 Single Audit Compliance Report
- FY 2018 Independent Auditors' Communication with those Charged with Governance

Also attached is a memo requested by an Audit Committee member related to the reconciliation of the "Cash Held for the benefit of" account between the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) and GLWA.

Similar to prior years, a "Key Takeaways" one-pager is being prepared for distribution to stakeholders (will be presented at the Audit Committee meeting).

Proposed Action: Receive and file the final FY 2018 reports: FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, FY 2018 Single Audit Compliance Report, and FY 2018 Independent Auditors' Communication with those Charged with Governance. Further, staff is directed to provide copies to each Incorporating Municipality as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation.