



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: September 21, 2018
To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee
From: Nicolette N. Bateson, CPA, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer
Re: Rating Agency reports of September 2018

Background: Over the course of the past 30 days, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) received positive ratings actions from Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investor Service, and Standard & Poor's.

Great Lakes Water Authority Water & Sewerage System Bonds						
Ratings History (Prior to January 1, 2016 the debt was obligation was in the name of DWSD)						
(All ratings are for water and sewage disposal system unless denoted with "W" or "S" respectively.)						
Rating Agency	Standard & Poor's			Moody's		
	Rating	Senior	Second	Rating	Senior	Second
Outlook		W - Stable	W - Stable		Stable	Stable
		S - Positive	S - Positive			
Investment Grade						
Strongest	AAA			Aaa		AAA
	AA+			Aa1		AA+
	AA			Aa2		AA
	AA-	W - 9/5/2018		Aa3		AA-
	A+	S - 9/5/2018	W - 9/5/2018	A1		A+
	A		S - 9/5/2018	A2	9/4/2018	A
	A-	9/30/2016*		A3	9/30/2016	9/4/2018
	BBB+	8/25/2014	9/30/2016*	Baa1	2/9/2016	9/30/2016
	BBB		8/25/2014	Baa2		2/9/2016
	BBB-			Baa3	8/27/2015	
						BBB 9/3/2015
						BBB- 8/25/2014 9/3/2015

* DWSD Rating of 11.9.2015 affirmed for GLWA on 5.23.2016 and affirmed on 9.30.2016

** 9/30/2016 Rating Affirmed 9/4/2018

Analysis: As we move into the FY 2020 and beyond financial planning cycle, the following reports are presented for reference.

1. Fitch Press Release – Water & Sewer
2. Fitch Credit Report – Water & Sewer
3. Moody's Credit Opinion – Water
4. Moody's Credit Opinion – Sewer
5. Standard & Poor's Research Report – Water
6. Standard & Poor's Research Report – Sewer

Proposed Action: Receive and file report.