



Great Lakes Water Authority

PROPOSED Capital Program Spend Rate Assumption Policy

Purpose: The Spend Rate Assumption (SRA) policy provides an analytical approach to bridge the total dollar amount of projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with what is realistically available to spend for budgetary purposes and/or delayed for non-budgetary reasons. Those limitations, whether financial or non-financial, necessitate the SRA for budgetary purposes, despite the prioritization established in the CIP. The outcome is a reasoned balance between a desired level of capital investment with financial strategies to manage debt levels and control adjustments to customer charges.

Policy: Annually, a projected spend rate assumption for the financial plan related to the proposed capital improvement plan will be established based upon **pertinent** factors and data available at that time. Such pertinent factors and data will include the mix of projects and phases in the proposed CIP, interdependency risk, **criticality**, and other measures provided by the GLWA team members that develop and manage the CIP projects. That spend rate assumption will be presented to the Audit Committee no later than December **31st** each year after the GLWA Board, **Capital Improvement Planning Committee**, and member partners have had the opportunity to review the draft capital improvement plan.

Adopted: By the Great Lakes Water Authority Board on _____.