



## Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

**Date:** December 6, 2019

**To:** Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

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

**Re:** Annual Financial Audit Update

**Background:** Annually, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) prepares a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) in accordance with financial accounting standards and federal guidelines. Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP (Baker Tilly) has been engaged to perform the GLWA annual financial audit and issue an opinion as to whether the financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with accounting standards for fiscal years ending 2019, 2020 and 2021.

**Analysis:** Fieldwork for the Great Lakes Water Authority FY 2019 financial statements, started October 14, 2019 has been completed and draft financial statements have been completed. The year-end close and annual audit have gone very well. Next steps include the following.

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| December 6, 2019      | Auditor Communications   |
| December 6, 2019      | Review of preliminary draft statements and related reports                         |
| December 9 - 13, 2019 | Board Member review of draft statements and related reports                        |
| December 19, 2019     | Presentation of final draft to Board of Directors; proposed recommendation to file |
| December 20, 2019     | Tentatively, issue and file final statements and related reports                   |

The following items are forthcoming.

1. New this year – a Trust Receipts & Disbursements Report
2. Transmittal Letter & Management Discussion & Analysis

**Proposed Action:** Receive and file this report.