

Great Lakes Water Authority  
Audit Committee  
Draft Report on Fiscal Year 2020  
Financial and Single Audit

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## Audit presentation topics

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## Audit overview

- > Audit was conducted smoothly with no major snags or difficulties.
- > Management and staff were cooperative and readily available.
- > Audit schedule was maintained and communication between management and auditors was good.
- > Remote fieldwork began in September and concluded October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- > CAFR preparation and review through early November.
- > No audit adjusting journal entries were noted.
- > No single audit findings noted.

## Audit overview

- > **Audit performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards.**
- > **Audit is based on assessment of control risk in key business process areas. Below are several key areas of review:**
  - Cash and investments
  - Revenues and receivables
  - General disbursements
  - Payroll
  - Pension liabilities
  - Long-term debt
  - Intangible asset and related lease obligation
  - Assets under construction and plant in service
  - Net position calculations
  - Analytical review of statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position



## Audit overview

- > **Audit objective** – obtain reasonable assurance that financial statements are free from material misstatement.
- > Financial statements receive an *Unmodified Opinion* (clean opinion).
- > Single audit results in *Unmodified Opinion* on compliance and controls over major program.

# Auditor Communication with Those Charged with Governance

## *Significant Findings from the Audit*

Area to Be Communicated	Auditor's Response
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Auditor's View on Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="940 667 2022 911">&gt; The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of your financial statements are discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements.</li> <li data-bbox="940 971 2022 1529">&gt; Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. We feel that all estimates made by management are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.</li> </ul>

# Auditor Communication with Those Charged with Governance

*Significant Findings from the Audit*

Area to be Communicated	Auditor's Response
<b>Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit</b>	> We encountered no difficulties in performing our audit.
<b>Uncorrected Misstatements</b>	> By Professional Auditing Standards, uncorrected misstatements refer to immaterial passed audit adjustments – there were no passed audit adjustments.

# Auditor Communication with Those Charged with Governance

*Significant Findings from the Audit*

Area to be Communicated	Auditor's Response
<p><b>Disagreements with Management</b></p>	<p>&gt; Professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements were encountered during the course of the audit.</p>
<p><b>Other Findings or Issues</b></p>	<p>&gt; There are no other issues to disclose as part of the audit in connection with these Professional Auditing Standards.</p>

# Auditor Communication with Those Charged with Governance

*Significant Findings from the Audit*

Area to be Communicated	Auditor's Response
<b>Material Corrected Misstatements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="936 688 1908 1122">&gt; Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.</li><li data-bbox="936 1252 1803 1370">&gt; There were no adjustments as part of this year's audit.</li></ul>

# Auditor Communication with Those Charged with Governance

*Significant Findings from the Audit*

Area to be Communicated	Auditor's Response
<b>Management Representations</b>	> We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter. A copy of this letter is included with our final communication document.

## Auditor Communication with Those Charged with Governance

*Significant Findings from the Audit (cont.)*

Area to Be Communicated	Auditor's Response
<b>Management's Consultations with Other Accountants</b>	> Professional standards require the consulting accountant to discuss any such contacts with the current auditor to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. We have been involved in any such consultations with other accountants.

# Auditor Communication with Those Charged with Governance

*Significant Findings from the Audit*

Area to be Communicated	Auditor's Response
<b>Auditor Independence</b>	> We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly US, LLP, and Great Lakes Water Authority that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

## Internal control communication

### AU-C Section 265

### *Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit*

Material weaknesses noted in GLWA's internal control:

> None noted

Significant deficiencies noted in GLWA's internal control:

> None noted



## Upcoming GASB Standards

GASB Statement Number	Description	Potentially Impacts you	Effective Date
84	Fiduciary Activities	✓	6/30/21*
87	Leases	✓	6/30/22*
90	Majority Equity Interests and amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61		6/30/22*
91	Conduit Debt	✓	6/30/23*
92	Omnibus 2020	✓	6/30/22*
93	Replacement of <u>Interfund</u> Bank Offered Rates	✓	6/30/22*
94	Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements	✓	6/30/23
96	Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements	✓	6/30/23
97	Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans	✓	6/30/21 (for certain component unit criteria), 6/30/22 (for 457 Plans)



## Audit summary

### Thank You!

We appreciate the work performed by GLWA's accounting staff and management in preparing for and assisting in the audit!

We would be happy to answer any questions regarding the audit.