

Legislation Text

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Draft Sewer Shares Sampling Work Plan

Agenda of: September 13, 2017

Item No.: **2017-378**

Amount: Not Applicable

TO: The Honorable
Board of Directors
Great Lakes Water Authority

FROM: Sue F. McCormick
Chief Executive Officer
Great Lakes Water Authority

DATE: September 7, 2017

RE: **Draft Sewer Shares Sampling Work Plan**

MOTION

Upon recommendation of Suzanne R. Coffey, Chief Planning Officer and Interim Chief Operating Officer of Wastewater, The Board of Directors (Board) of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), **moves to receive and file the Draft Sewer Shares Sampling Work Plan**) and authorizes the CEO to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, GLWA, through a joint GLWA-customer work group entitled the Sewer Shares Project Team implemented a water quality sampling program for the purposes of including the sampling results in the FY-2018 sewer share formulation. The sampling program analyzed samples for biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, phosphorous and fats, oil, and grease. The program was conducted from May through September and samples collection varied based on timing of getting specific sampling site issues resolved and the equipment installed. The Sewer Shares Project Team was able to develop recommended values to use for the Share calculations, however, a number of

suggestions were provided on how to improve the process for the next Share determination.

JUSTIFICATION

On June 7, 2017, the GLWA Board of Directors approved a resolution directing GLWA staff to prepare a preliminary strength of flow sampling plan that provides a meaningful basis for the allocation of strength of flow to be used in determining sewer shares for the period of FY 2021 through FY 2023.

A draft GLWA Sewer Shares Sampling Work Plan (Plan) has been prepared. At this time, staff is introducing the Plan to the Board through its Operations and Resources Committee as an item to receive and file. Once the Plan is received and filed, copies will be distributed to all first-tier wastewater customers for their review and comment. Additionally, the Plan will be presented to the Wastewater Analytics Task Force (WATF) at its next meeting on October 6, 2017. Following the WATF meeting, customer input will be incorporated into the Plan, and a final draft will be prepared. It is staff's intent to place the final draft of the Plan on the Board of Director's October 25, 2017 meeting.

It is important to note, as staff works through the remainder of studies that are proposed in the coming two years, there may be information that is received which will necessitate a modification of this Plan. In the event that occurs, staff will draft a revision to the Plan and bring it back through the Board of Directors for review and approval of an amended Plan.

BUDGET IMPACT

Not applicable for the proposed action.

COMMITTEE REVIEW

This item is being introduced at the Operations and Resources Committee meeting on September 13, 2017 to receive and file.

SHARED SERVICES IMPACT

This item does not impact the shared services agreement between GLWA and DWSD.