



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: August 23, 2024

To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

From: Steve Hoover, CPA, Financial Reporting Manager

Re: Annual Financial Audit Update

Background: Annually, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) prepares an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) in accordance with financial accounting standards and federal guidelines. Baker Tilly US, 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 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Analysis: GLWA Financial Services area is very busy working to wrap up a preliminary year-end close for the June 2024 period and preparing for the annual audit. Preparation for the annual audit includes general ledger review, journal entry adjustments, preliminary fieldwork audit requests and year end workpaper (YEW) preparation.

Baker Tilly is scheduled to conduct preliminary fieldwork September 3, 2024 through September 6, 2024. Fieldwork is scheduled to begin Monday, September 30, 2024 and run through Friday, October 11, 2024. This phase of the audit consists of testing transactions, reviewing support, analytics, and related activities.

Report preparation continues after fieldwork with the final reports scheduled to be presented to the Audit Committee and Board of Directors in December.

Proposed Action: Receive and file this report.