



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

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To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

From: Matthew S. Lane, MPA, Charges Outreach and Modeling Manager

Re: Charges Outreach & Modeling Update

Background: The Charges Outreach & Modeling (CO&M) Team was established in Fiscal Year 2023 as part of the Financial Management & Planning Group to facilitate internal communication and external outreach with GLWA Member Partners as it relates to the charge methodology and charge-related financial matters. This team also serves as liaison between GLWA and third-party consultants in the development, maintenance and review of the annual water and sewer charges.

Analysis: This month we present an update on activities related to charges work group activities.

1. Water Charges Work Group

- a. This group is made up of Member Partners and staff from GLWA for the purpose of reviewing the water charge methodology and make recommendations regarding potential changes.
- b. The Water Charges Methodology Review Subgroup is made up of interested volunteer Member Partners and convened to work closely with GLWA on the technical analysis and provide input on charges scenarios. The subgroup meets twice per month and reports its findings and updates to the larger Charges Work Group as needed. We received valuable feedback from Member Partners at-large during the Charges Rollout process that will help guide future discussions for this subgroup.
- c. A smaller team within the subgroup has been meeting less formally to establish a new set of proposals which were presented at the most recent in-person meeting of the Water Charges Methodology Review Subgroup held on June 2, 2023.
- d. The next Water Charges Methodology Review Subgroup Meeting is July 7, 2023.

2. Wastewater Charges Work Group

Wastewater Charges Work Group met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 via Zoom.

3. Combined Water and Wastewater Charges

The overall Charges Work Group will meet virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

4. One Water Partnership (OWP) Meetings

The next OWP meeting was scheduled for June 22, 2023. Unfortunately, this event was canceled due to personal circumstances that impacted the main speakers travel.

Proposed Action: Receive and file this report.