



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: September 27, 2024

To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

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

Re: CFO Update

Vendor Outreach Event

The annual Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Vendor Outreach Event will have occurred by the time the Audit Committee meets. At the time of preparing this memo, there are 266 vendor community participants. This is always a great opportunity for the vendor community to network with each other and with GLWA.

Workday Rising

Last week was the annual Workday Rising conference. Several GLWA team members attended including those from Financial Services, Organizational Development, and Information Technology. In addition, Workday also provided an online option. Those attended in person were able to leverage “Braindates”. A Workday Braindate is a networking platform that allowed attendees to connect with each other and with Workday experts to share successes and solve challenges. The report from the team is that the Braindates were invaluable as we work through post-implementation matters.

October Board Workshop

The team is preparing for a board level briefing of financial, budgeting, and charges matters scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024. The June 2024 monthly financial report was not completely ready for this meeting but will be included in the supporting materials for that meeting. Attached is the most recent version of the financial plan calendar for the upcoming budget and charges cycle.

On Ramping of Charges Consultant

Jeff McGarvey, Kevin Burnett, and Jason Gray from Willdan Financial Services were introduced at the in-person One Water Partnership meeting in September. Special thanks to Member Partners who were on the proposal evaluation committee and spoke to why Willdan was our top choice.

Congratulations Sonya Collins!

As we have announced at recent Board meetings, we are pleased to announce that Sonya Collins, Procurement Director, was nominated and selected for recognition Crain's Detroit Business as a Notable Black Business Leaders. Sonya's photo and accomplishments, along with an impressive cohort, was featured in the September 9, 2024, issue online at CrainsDetroit.com and in the print issue of Crain's Detroit Business.