



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: July 24, 2026

To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

From: Scott Garrigan, Financial Services Director

Re: Water Funding Task Force Update as of July 17, 2026

Background: The Water Funding Task Force (WFTF) was formed in January 2026 with the goal of addressing long-term water infrastructure needs facing our state to adequately mitigate economic, environmental, and social risks without adversely impacting affordability. The deliverables are research and analysis that supports companion funding and policy recommendations.

The task force is composed of various GLWA staff, service sector experts, and consultants.

Analysis: Current actions items include the following.

- The research phase of the task force has concluded, and an initial draft of the funding and policy proposal is being completed. We expect to provide a full update on our findings at the August 26th, 2026 Board of Directors meeting and the August 28th, 2026 Audit Committee meeting.
- We have organized a cross-department team to help review our draft findings, which will help ensure alignment of priorities across GLWA's functional areas.
- As part of our continued outreach efforts to communicate the importance of water sector infrastructure funding throughout the state, planning is currently underway for a Water Infrastructure Roundtable. Tentative plans are to hold the roundtable in Lansing during the last week of August. The goal is to engage with the larger public policy community.

Proposed Action: Receive and file this report.