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The Honorable
Board of Directors
Great Lakes Water Authority

RE: CEO Report – July 22, 2026

Chairperson Zech and Directors,

I'm pleased to begin my report by sharing that GLWA's Freud Pump Station Improvement Project has now received all necessary approvals, including those required from the Detroit City Council, and has moved to the construction phase. We appreciate the support of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), especially DWSD Director Gary Brown, in helping us to move this critical project forward.

The project includes both the rehabilitation of the current station's eight storm pumps, as well as the construction of a new sanitary pump station approximately one block east of the existing Freud Pump Station, which is critical to the successful conveyance of dry and wet weather flow from the eastern portion of the regional system.

Staying with the infrastructure resiliency theme, Wastewater Operations recently made it easier for our Wastewater Conveyance Team to do the important work of inspecting and monitoring our sewer system by purchasing two new cameras that will allow them to get a close look at the collection system without fully entering the space. This not only saves time but also adds to the safety of the Conveyance Team. Staff from Macomb County Public Works came out and gave our team a tutorial on how to use the technology, which is an excellent example of collaboration with a "sister" utility. I'd like to recognize Jason Edberg, Clara Cristofalo, and David McCord of GLWA who worked in true partnership with Macomb County to implement the idea, which was similar to what Macomb County has implemented and used successfully.

Another example of collaboration comes from the participation of our Resiliency Team, together with Field Services, System Control and Information Technology in a tabletop exercise that was recently hosted by the U.S. Army Detroit Arsenal. The exercise was designed to help the Detroit Arsenal strengthen its emergency response and contingency planning in the event of a widespread water outage affecting this important facility.

GLWA's involvement was essential, with our teams providing detailed insight into our own emergency response structure, real world operational practices, and the protocols GLWA relies on to maintain service during disruptive events. By sharing this knowledge, the teams helped the Detroit Arsenal better understand regional water system dependencies and identify practical strategies to enhance their preparedness.

Our strong collaborative approach was also on display recently with GLWA's hosting of the Water Research Foundation's Workforce Development Workshop at Water Works Park. Led by Arcadis, the purpose of this national research project is to identify key qualities of successful utility workforce development programs across utilities of varying sizes, create a scalable framework, and outline practical pathways for implementation.

The event, which gathered water sector professionals from across the country, featured our Organizational Development Group sharing a case study highlighting GLWA's workforce journey, emphasizing organic program growth and continuous development, and the intentional development of community partnerships.

The workshop strengthened GLWA's role as national leader in workforce development and reinforced our commitment to advancing innovative approaches to talent acquisition, retention and long-term system resilience.

Last week, Deputy CEO Bill Wolfson and Chief Resiliency Officer Todd King represented GLWA at the Detroit District's 2026 Change of Command Ceremony. This ceremony marked the change of command for the Detroit District from Lieutenant Colonel Wallace Bandeff to Lieutenant Colonel Donald Lew. GLWA is in active partnership with the USACE as the sponsor for the Southeastern Michigan Flood Mitigation Study. During his final remarks Lt. Col. Bandeff reflected on the importance of this study, the value of the Corps' partnership with GLWA, and the talent of GLWA's team. We look forward to continuing this important work with the Army Corps and its Detroit District Team under Lt. Col. Lew's command.

The mention of our flood study with the Army Corps is an appropriate lead-in to an update on litigation related to the summer 2021 flooding. I wanted to share with you that on July 17, 2026, the Michigan Supreme Court denied GLWA's application for leave to appeal the Court of Appeals' decision reversing the trial court's summary dismissal. With the Supreme Court's denial, the matters return to the trial court, where discovery will now proceed. A scheduling conference with the court is set for early September. Importantly, neither the Court of Appeals nor the Michigan Supreme Court issued any substantive rulings on the merits, and all of GLWA's defenses remain intact.

I will close out my report as I always do by recognizing team members for their accomplishments.

First, I'd like to congratulate several of our Water Treatment Plants for the recognition they received from the Partnership for Safe Water at the recent American Water Works Association's annual conference and exhibition in Washington, D.C. Our Northeast Water Treatment Plant received two distinguished honors for water treatment: the one-year Presidents Award and the 20-year Directors Award. The Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant and the Southwest Water Treatment Plant also received their 20-year Directors Awards for Water Treatment.

These awards highlight the plants' sustained dedication to optimizing treatment processes and upholding the highest standards in drinking water quality.

Lastly, I would like to shout out GLWA's Procurement Group for being awarded the 2026 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement from the National Procurement Institute. This is the second consecutive year that Procurement has received this acknowledgment, which is earned by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to procurement excellence and embody professionalism, productivity and leadership, and encourage innovation. GLWA is one of only three agencies in Michigan to receive this distinction.

Congratulations to the team members at our Northeast, Lake Huron and Southwest Water Treatment Plants, as well as our entire Procurement Group for their outstanding work!

COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS

Gary Mekjian has been hired as GLWA's first Community and Legislative Relations Officer

GLWA recently brought on a new executive leadership team member with the hiring of Gary Mekjian as the organization's inaugural Community and Legislative Relations Officer. A former city manager, his professional background spans work with public agencies and private engineering firms, focusing on public administration, stormwater systems, municipal utilities, road design, transportation planning, and development. In addition to overseeing the Member Outreach Program, Gary's duties include supporting ongoing state and federal legislative initiatives and broadening engagement with the local governing bodies of our member partner communities. Over the past month he has hit the ground running, holding nine meetings with members of the state legislature and visiting several communities to discuss a wide range of topics. Going forward, this section of the CEO report will be used to communicate about this new GLWA office's work to strengthen our region's water and wastewater systems.

One particular piece of legislation that may be of interest is HB 6058 of 2024. As a public authority, GLWA is limited by law in its ability to contribute to its team members' health coverage to 80% of the cost of that coverage. At the same time, other public entities such as counties, cities, villages, and/or townships were able to contribute up to 90% of the cost of their employees' coverage. In the very tight labor market following the Covid-19 pandemic, GLWA was concerned that this difference posed a disadvantage to its recruitment efforts and, through its legislative relations team, worked with the legislature to update this law. At the close of 2024, the Michigan legislature passed a bill (HB 6058) which imposed a uniform requirement on all public employers to contribute at least 80% of their employees' health care costs. This was one of nine Bills adopted by the legislature in 2024 at the close of its session. However, these bills were not timely transmitted to the Governor and the incoming Speaker of the House declined to do so. The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that this was improper and directed that the Bills be transmitted to the Governor. The Speaker of the House appealed this ruling and the Michigan Supreme Court has declined to hear that appeal. The Bill was presented to Governor Whitmer who vetoed it.

COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (continued)

Summary of June 2026 Work Group Meetings

Members gathered at U-M Detroit Center for the June 2nd AWG meeting

The *Water Analytical Work Group (AWG)* met on June 2nd at the U-M Detroit Center to review regional asset management framework approaches and operational updates. The session featured presentations on Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's risk-based asset management approach and infrastructure tracking initiatives within the City of Warren. Additionally, GLWA shared updates on the Water Master Plan consultant selection process and discussed a plan to pilot an expanded water contract exclusionary window during the summer of 2026. The group also hosted a virtual session on Emergency Planning and Preparedness on June 16th where GLWA representatives detailed efforts to create community-specific Emergency Operations Plans and requested that Member Partners initiate secure, bi-directional GIS and hydraulic data-sharing agreements. The next AWG meeting is scheduled for July 21st.

On June 3rd, the *Wastewater Best Practices Work Group (WWBP)* met at the U-M Detroit Center where the agenda included a presentation on asset management software and a discussion about next steps regarding EGLE's recently approved Retention and Treatment Basin (RTB) facility classification and licensing rules. Participants also engaged in a tabletop exercise simulating a scenario where an inline total residual chlorine (TRC) analyzer abruptly stops providing reliable readings during a storm event. The next WWBP work group meeting is scheduled for August 5th.

Member Partners participating in the Workforce Development Workshop at Water Works Park.

On June 9th Member Partners from the HR Roundtable workgroup participated in a Water Research Foundation Workforce Development Workshop led by Acardis and hosted by GLWA's Organizational Development Team at Water Works Park. The workshop focused on defining key attributes and maturity levels of successful workforce development programs and identifying barriers and challenges to developing and sustaining them. Participants also took part in a guided tour of the Water Works Park Treatment Facility.

COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (continued)

Water quality monitoring equipment set up by USGS on the Clinton River during a 2025 Watershed Hub Field Day event.

The *Watershed Hub Work Group* convened a public webinar on June 11th to review collaborative water quality initiatives, highlighting the 2026 Watershed Hub Report and updates to the GIS Data Mapper. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) provided updates on the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program, detailing 2025 water quality trends across 21 sites in the Rouge, Clinton, and Detroit Rivers. In addition, representatives from Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne Counties shared findings from their local investigational *E. coli* grab sampling program activities, which includes using microbial source tracking (MST) analysis to identify human biomarkers. The Watershed Hub core Work Group will meet next on October 28th.

Member Partners and GLWA team members enjoy a tour of the City of Flint's historic and recently updated water treatment system

On June 25th, approximately 25 Member Partner and GLWA representatives participated in a tour of the City of Flint's water treatment system. The tour focused on infrastructure modernization work that has been completed since 2017 including the installation of backup and real-time monitoring systems, enhanced flow controls, and rehabilitation of key storage tanks, reservoirs, and pump stations.

On June 26, the *Wastewater Analytics Task Force (WATF)* convened to learn about GLWA's discussions with the city of Grosse Pointe and Oakland County to address issues related to storm flow data and the hydraulic grade line at the George W. Kuhn RTB point of connection, respectively. The group also received updates on the Biosolids Study and the U.S. Army Corps Flood Mitigation Study. Finally, GLWA delivered a summary of the Consolidated Annual Report that is required to be submitted to EGLE.

PLANNING SERVICES

Capital Improvement Planning (CIP)

In June, the Capital Delivery Core Team successfully reviewed and incorporated new projects into the draft FY 2028-2032 Capital Improvement Plan's (CIP) development process. Project managers introduced 16 new water projects (including one program) and six new wastewater projects (including one program) for consideration. The tables below depict new projects proposed in the FY 2028-2032 CIP.

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FY 2028-2032 CIP New CIP Projects- Water		
CIP NUMBER	**PROJECT**	**PM SCORE**
*170608	14 Mile Road Emergency Response & Condition Assessment	98.1
*170609	Pipe Group 394, 42-inch, Marquette, Garden City Condition Assessment	31.9
*170610	TOA 13 - PICA's HEX-EMIT Pilot Project	91.6
*170611	Welded Steel Pipe Leak Detection	71.8
*115010	Water Works Park Residual Plate Settler Emergency Replacement	95.3
*122026	14-Mile PCCP Transmission Main Emergency Improvements	96
170612	Linear System Integrity Program 2028-2032	75.9
112010	Northeast Water Treatment Plant Medium Voltage Electrical System Replacement	80.5
171100	Water Treatment Disinfection and Chemical Addition Improvements	Program**
122008	Transmission Main Renewals, Resiliency, and Improvements	98.1
170908	Dearborn Water Master Metering	90.2
171101	Water Treatment Plant Phosphoric Acid System Improvements	76.3
171102	Northeast Water Treatment Plant Coagulation System Improvements	92.9
171103	Water Treatment Plant Disinfection System Improvements	66
113011	Southwest Solids Removal & Processing Enhancements	64.5
131001	System Pressure Control Valve Improvements	80.1

**Projects added to CIP after FY 27-31 CIP Deadline*
***Programs not scored*

PLANNING SERVICES (continued)

FY 2028-32 CIP New CIP Projects-Wastewater		
CIP NUMBER	**PROJECT**	**PM SCORE**
*216013	WRRF Utility Power Replacement	98.6
221001	Realignment of Lonyo Sewer	76
216014	Wastewater Structural Improvements	65.5
277003	Sewage Pump Stations Facilities Improvements Program Baby Creek CSO Screen Replacement	97.8
262000	Sewage Pump Stations Facilities Improvements Program	Program**
260906	WRRF Parking Structure Replacement	72.8

**Projects added to CIP after FY 27-31 CIP Deadline*

***Programs not scored*

The addition of the new projects was critical to the development of the CIP baseline for FY 2028-2032. The CIP database was updated to reflect May's actual project expenses, project manager updates, and these new projects. This phase marks a key milestone in the FY 2028-2032 CIP development.

Last month, the third revision of the Project Management Plan (PMP) was approved by the Capital Improvement Plan Satellite Team on June 25, 2026. With all the updates, the third revision of the PMP went into effect on July 1, 2026. Major revisions are highlighted below:

- PMP Forms 0503 (Project Baseline Approval) and 0504 (Project Baseline Revision Approval): These two forms have been updated and fully automated in Smartsheet, significantly reducing manual processing time and improving the accuracy of project documentation.
- PMP Form 1407a (Certificate of Completion): This form has been revised with new required fields and streamlined signature requirements, resulting in faster and more reliable closure of completed projects.
- PMP Chapter 09 “Design Engineering” was updated to include an example scope of work for design as an optional resource; also, related references within the chapter have been updated accordingly.
- PMP Chapter 08 “Risk Management” was updated to include a Wastewater Construction Conflict Tool.

Collectively, the above improvements strengthen workflow efficiency, increase documentation quality, and support more predictable project delivery across the CIP program.

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Additionally, Kahua, our Project Management Information System, implementation progressed steadily to the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) phase. Cycle 1 of UAT concluded on June 26th, and the project team has officially transitioned to UAT Cycle 2. Furthermore, the CIP team began preparing data to populate the newly updated Kahua dashboards. Concurrently, the data migration team continues quality assurance and quality control reviews.

Lastly, the CIP Group continued to actively pursue new talent to fill open positions and support CIP delivery. Multiple interviews were held with candidates for the "Assurances Manager" and "Risk Management Professional" positions. Second-round interviews are now being conducted.

Enterprise Asset Management Group (EAMG)

In June, EAMG team members were busy working with three interns. These interns provide additional horsepower to the EAMG team, which facilitates heavy field activities, including the auditing and tagging of GLWA facilities. Over the last two months, EAMG team members have tagged assets at all five water treatment plants, the Water Resources Recovery Facility, and eight booster pump stations. This effort resulted in the tagging of 950 assets and the addition of 140 new assets into NEXGEN (GLWA's computerized maintenance management system). In total, this accounts for over 80% of all GLWA assets being tagged.

EAMG interns (front to back), Adriana Seage, Stephanie Rios, Bennett Buchwitz

In addition to the field activities, EAMG interns have been working to mine resources to facilitate asset management data analytics, including:

- Mapping over critical asset information into structured databases
- Supporting the water Linear System Integrity Program (LSIP) risk modelling efforts by mapping hydraulic model data to the Geographical Information System (GIS) pipe network
- Aligning NEXGEN with other software data sets (NavVIS & GIS)

On June 17th, EAMG team members presented at the Institute of Asset Management's (IAM) June United States chapter general meeting on GLWA's LSIP. This opportunity allows GLWA to showcase its use of best practices in asset management. This presentation coincided with

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GLWA becoming a corporate member of the IAM. This membership allows GLWA team members to access IAM resources, participate in committees, and receive member rates for IAM events and services.

Wastewater Analytics, Planning & Metering (WwAPM)

A Wastewater Think Tank meeting was held on June 9th, presenting efforts to use modeling to develop peak flow and wet weather volume assessments of the system. The group is preparing a memorandum to capture and communicate accomplishments and future planned work.

The last Wastewater Analytics Task Force (WATF) meeting of the fiscal year was held on June 26th. With the closure of June, the Fiscal Year 2026 annual flow balance process has begun, with a draft report to be presented at the September 11th WATF meeting. The flow balance schedule is accelerated this year to align with the tri-annual wastewater SHAREs update cycle. We look forward to any questions and comments regarding the flow balance.

Water Analytics, Planning & Metering (WAPM)

The WAPM Group continues to advance its wholesale water meter pit rehabilitation and meter replacement program. This initiative includes construction work at 67-meter pits with metering and/or meter vault condition concerns, with a targeted completion of October 2028. Over the past month, coordination meetings were held with Ash Township, City of Hamtramck, City of Lincoln Park, and City of Westland. To date, upgrades have been completed at 27-meter pit locations.

WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES

Operations

The Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) operations complied with the Water Quality Standards and Air Quality Standards for the month of June.

Through close monitoring, strong phosphorus management, and excellent teamwork, the final 2026 phosphorus loading total was well below the annual goal. This demonstrates outstanding performance for the year. Great job by the entire team!

On June 21, the sampling equipment at monitoring point 049F (Detroit River Outfall) malfunctioned, resulting in no composite sample being collected for approximately eight hours. The sample was therefore not representative of the discharge for the entire day. This will result in four non-report violations: carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD), CBOD load, ammonia-nitrogen, and ammonia-nitrogen load.

WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES (continued)

There were no exceedances of water quality standards during June.

Reliability and Maintenance Engineering (RME)

Another successful Spring Clean-Up Week was conducted at the WRRF this year. The RME Team dedicated the week to improving the 5S of workspaces. Proper workspace organization and management can dramatically improve efficiency by standardizing where everything is placed in the workspace. Focusing our efforts in this area will improve the team's ability to manage resources and complete their required monthly work orders. The goal for this year will be to sustain these efforts made during Spring Clean-Up Week to provide a lasting benefit to team efficiency.

A few of the freshly organized workspaces around the WRRF

The RME Team's Computerized Maintenance Management System Administrator, *Jeff Dunsmore*, has been working on the development of a series of Power BI dashboards to assist the team in budget management, contract management, and purchase order (PO) follow-up.

These dashboards provide easy tools for the team to properly plan and manage the work they need to do in their areas. For instance, the requisition dashboard provides a live status of each RME PO from the submission of the requisition until the closing of the PO.

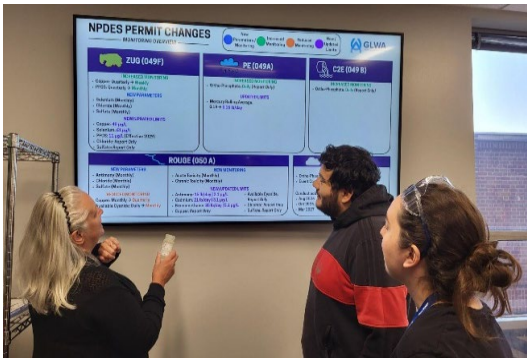
Engineering and Data Reliability Professional (EDRP) *Marium Ali* has been working on Predictive Maintenance (PdM) program improvements to improve reliability and reduce repair costs. PdM programs are proactive strategies that use real-time equipment data and analytics to drive maintenance and repair decisions. One project Marium has in progress is a continuous vibration monitoring program for critical assets. Having continuous vibration monitoring, instead of route-based vibration monitoring, which will provide early alerts if the condition of the equipment is degrading, allowing the associated process team to address a minor issue before it becomes larger.

Marium has also been working on optimizing lubrication practices and implementing condition-based oil changes instead of time-based. Condition-based oil changes, determined by oil sampling, reduce costs by minimizing oil waste and labor hours. By aligning oil change intervals with actual sample analyses, an estimated $90,000 savings compared to time-based oil changes has occurred.

Raw Sewage Pump (RSP) No. 14 had a faulty motor bearing high temperature relay, disabling the RSP from being started. After some investigation, it was found that the relay is obsolete, and a replacement would not be immediately available. Knowing the urgency of returning the pump to service, Power Management Team Leader *Raymond Zdonkiewicz* and Power Management Electrician *George Barnette* developed the creative solution to rewire the starter to transfer the functions of the obsolete relay to an already existing larger relay, maintaining all functionality for the pump and trip circuits. This methodology saved on costs for the purchase of a new relay and provided for quicker repair time for RSP No. 14.

Power Management Electrician George Barnette pointing to the obsolete High Temperature Relay

Laboratory



Laboratory Team working on training materials for the changing compliance requirements. From the left: Management Professional Lynda Kostrzewski, Professional Administrative Assistant Javi Contreras and Chemist Bailey Sorrentino

The Laboratory is preparing for the upcoming implementation of the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination permit (NPDES), which will require collecting more samples and analyzing a larger number of parameters. To meet these new obligations, the team is updating service contracts with external laboratories, expanding in-house analyses, and introducing new laboratory methods. Team members have refreshed guidance documents and procedures, and are developing a training program to ensure everyone is ready for the changes. Wet weather protocols will see some of the biggest impacts.

Rain events are especially challenging because they are unpredictable, vary widely in intensity and duration, and often require rapid response from staff during nights or periods of limited staffing.

<u>WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES</u> (continued)

Chris Easterling,
Laboratory Leader

After completing six months of training at the Disinfection Facility, ***Chris Easterling*** has transitioned into the role of Crew 1 Laboratory Leader. Chris joined the WRRF Laboratory in October 2023 as a Chemist and has steadily built his experience in laboratory operations and procedures.

During his training period, Chris demonstrated reliability, consistency, and a strong understanding of the work performed in the lab. His preparation has positioned him well for this next step, and we look forward to his continued contributions in supporting Crew 1 and daily laboratory activities.

Operation Technology (OT)/ Process Automation & Control System Team (PACS)

The OT Team participated heavily in support of the Instrumentation and Controls component of multiple GLWA Capital Improvement Projects.

Capital Improvement Planning (CIP)211007 - 2300154 – Pump Station No. 2 (PS2) Bar Rack and Grit Improvements
Supervising the cutover to the new backbone fiber installation as part of the PS2 Rack and Grit Improvement project occurred. The team physically performed the transition to the new fiber in network cabinets distributed in various locations across the WRRF and tested the data flow at each stage in the transition. The team also completed a two week post cutover monitoring phase without incidence, providing the go-ahead for the project team to begin demolition of the old fiber.

Contract 2102926 – Aeration Basin 1 and 2 Improvement Project
The Aeration Basin Nos. 1 and 2 Improvement Project first control narrative workshop was attended by the OT Team. Workshop discussions were centered on a review of the draft control narrative produced by the design team with focus on the pump protection interlocks and start permissives along with pressure control strategies in the return of activated sludge lines.

CIP211006 - 2103350 – Pump Station No. 1 (PS)1 Improvement
The OT team is heavily involved in the PS1 improvement construction project. This month the team attended a software development workshop along with the control and network equipment factory acceptance test workshop. The software workshop focused on control aspects related to the new redundant flow metering to be installed on the pumps while the factory acceptance test workshop agenda was driven largely by OT demands on the pacing, organization, and content of the factory tests which will be attended by OT team members in the future.

WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES (continued)

CIP270004 - Oakwood and Leib Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Facilities Improvement Project
The OT Team attended the Oakwood and Leib Input/Output (I/O) workshop where discussions centered around Leib screen motor protection, start/stop control signals, communication heartbeat signal design, as well as the nature and placement of I/O cabinets at the Leib Facility.

CIP273001 - Hubbell Southfield CSO Facility Improvements
The OT Team attended the Hubbell Southfield Facility Improvement Kickoff Project. In addition to many planned improvements at the facility, including a new chemical feed system and a new basin flushing infrastructure, this project also includes a full replacement of the existing control system and will involve heavy OT participation as the controls scope continues to progress in the coming years.

CIP260904 –Third Floor Renovation – New Administration Building (NAB)
The OT Team has been heavily involved in preparations for the initiation of the third-floor renovation project at the WRRF's NAB. The team planned and executed the relocation of the existing OT engineering and OT training rooms to temporarily allocated space on the second floor. Additionally, the team planned, coordinated and executed a significant amount of work to disassemble the existing Process Control Center control room OT workstations and wall-mounted monitors in preparation of the new temporary location, the first-floor Emergency Control Center. To provide continuity of operations during the physical move of the PCC equipment and operations console planned to occur soon, the OT Team also set up and configured three operator workstations and wall monitors in the third-floor engineering room to allow the PCC shift crew to work uninterrupted during the transition.

Industrial Waste Control (IWC)

The Marathon Petroleum permit was modified in June 2026 to incorporate a compliance agreement for the reduction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds from their refinery discharge on or before August 2028. There are four Waste Management Landfill permits which have not been modified because of the one-year prohibition to modification included in the GLWA rules. Upon consideration of reissuance, these permits will be modified to incorporate applicable limitations and requirements.

Final Stormwater permits for the Unilateral Administrative Order issued on December 4, 2020, to businesses and landowners residing within the city of Melvindale and designated as the source(s) of PFAS compound contamination have been issued. The permits were issued to Marathon Petroleum, Evans Distribution Systems (Melvindale) and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Additional discussion is needed with Conrail, the owner of a small parcel in the area. We will seek to obtain a Stormwater Discharge application from them.

WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES (continued)

Engineering and Construction

Wastewater Projects in Design
CIP Design:

CIP-211005 – Contract No. 2103338 – PS2 Variable Frequency Drives *(VFD) Replacement*
This design project involves replacing end-of-life VFD for five of the main lift pumps at PS2, and replacing 4160-volt electrical gear, including transformers, that will eventually power all eight main lift pumps. The construction project has been approved by the Board of Directors, and the contract has been awarded to Clark Construction. The notice to proceed was issued for May 18, 2026, and the project is projected to have final completion in 2031. It was noted by the VFD manufacturer that they are discontinuing the proposed Power Flex 7000 for the project. A suitable alternative is being reviewed concurrently by Project Engineer and internally. Project submittals are currently under review and mobilization to the site is anticipated to start now in July 2026.

CIP 213006, Contract 2202790, WRRF Improvements to Sludge Feed Pumps at Dewatering Facilities
This project provides upgrades to the Complex A sludge feed handling system at WRRF.
This project received the construction Notice to Proceed on May 11, 2026, and completed the project kickoff on May 29, 2026. The project baseline schedule will be completed soon.

CIP 260206, Contract No. 2300150 – Rehabilitation of Seven Mile Sewer System
This project has completed design and will begin procurement for construction in November 2026, with a notice to proceed expected in April 2027.

CIP260210 - 2201041 - Ashland-Linwood-Lonyo-Second Avenue-Shiawassee (ALL2S)
The Lonyo Sewer Project was issued a Notice to Proceed on November 15, 2025, and work is ongoing. The other four ALL2S sites will begin construction in March 2027 with the advertisement in July 2026. Michigan's State Revolving funding is applied for, and the public hearing is complete. Public Outreach is ongoing for all five projects.

CIP261001, Contracts 2201974 and 2302068 – Rehabilitation of Secondary Clarifiers, Engineering Services at the WRRF for Upgrade of B-Houses and Emergency Process Mechanical Improvements
Both contracts with Arcadis are for critical repairs to the WRRF secondary clarifiers. Contract 2201974 covers the design of piping and meter rehabilitation, while Contract 2302068 focuses on the design of critical mechanical improvements. The bidding documents are in the approval process, and the requisition will be reposed in the next few weeks.

WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES (continued)

CIP 270001, Contract SCN-0000679 – Pilot Netting CSO Facility
This pilot project will design netting and disinfection treatment for three untreated outfalls, B-03, B-04, and B-05. The Engineer continues to perform the environmental assessment towards understanding where facilities can be located and where there may be challenges with respect to environmental restrictions, neighborhood relationships, or historical designations. Recent rains have facilitated opportunities for wet weather sampling and to advance the flow monitoring project required by the contract.

CIP 270007, Contract No. 2301501 – Chemical System Improvements at Baby Creek, Belle Isle, and Puritan Fenkell
This project is to design chemical system improvements at Baby Creek, Belle Isle, and Puritan Fenkell CSO Facilities to replace end-of-life equipment and improve maintenance and operability. The design phase has begun, and the consultant is currently reviewing equipment and system information for the study phase. Preliminary technical memos are expected this summer.

CIP 270009, REQ 0009181 - Site Improvements at St. Aubin, Belle Isle, and Baby Creek CSO Facilities
Project is with Procurement for bidding phase. The proposals are due on July 21, 26.

CIP 270010, Contract No. 0000642 – Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Improvements to Seven Mile and Puritan Fenkell
This project is to provide design services to upgrade the HVAC systems at Puritan Fenkell and Seven Mile CSO Facilities. The designer is working on 60% documents, key controls upgrades, and reliability centered design efforts. Reliability Centered Maintenance and Reliability Centered Design Workshops were held in June.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Program

CSO Operations, CSO Maintenance, CSO Conveyance

Wastewater Operations purchased two new cameras to assist the Conveyance Team with sewer inspections and monitoring. To demonstrate this technology, Macomb County Public Works team members came out and showed the GLWA team how to operate the cameras. Moving forward, the Conveyance and CSO Teams will be able to use the cameras to get a close look at the collection system without fully entering the space, which saves time and adds to safety measures.

GLWA team members watch sewer camera demo by Macomb County Public Works

GLWA team members help lower a camera down into the sewer line

CSO Facilities

The Wastewater Best Practices Work Group met on June 3, 2026, to exchange operational insights on CSO Facility performance, with a focus on improving chlorination reliability and managing Total Residual Chlorine variability. Members shared troubleshooting approaches and discussed priority capital or process upgrades. Presentations covered system wide asset management strategies and upcoming changes to Michigan's Part 41 regulatory requirements. The meeting concluded with a collaborative tabletop activity to reinforce best practice alignment across agencies.

Team members at the Rotork training session

The CSO, Conveyance, and Sewage Pumping Station Teams participated in a comprehensive Rotork training session led by System Specialties. Our network of electric actuators is mostly Rotork. As part of emphasizing a resilient maintenance program, we require System Specialties to train our team members whenever there are new actuators installed for upgrades, replacements or CIP. The session included a classroom component covering an overview of Rotork systems, new product updates, and troubleshooting techniques for existing equipment. This was followed by hands-on practical training in the garage to reinforce operational proficiency and strengthen technical readiness across the teams.

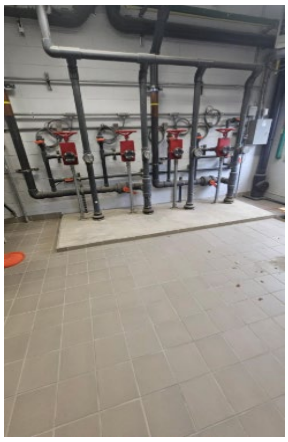
The Baby Creek CSO S-81 Reactivated Elmer Turns bypass gate has been fully commissioned and is now operational for utilization during wet-weather events. The gate is ready to support flow management and ensure compliance with operational protocols during periods of increased hydraulic loading.

WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES (continued)

The month of June included a few wet weather events which resulted in discharge and capture of flow. There were six facilities who captured, including Puritan Fenkell, Seven Mile, Oakwood, Baby Creek, St. Aubin, and Leib CSOs. Moreover, there were two facilities that discharged, which were Hubbell-Southfield and Conner Creek CSOs.

The CSO team participated in this year's Spring Cleanup from June 7 to June 14, 2026. Team members took time to deep clean process areas and reorganize workspaces. Part of the decluttering process at Baby Creek CSO involved removing sampling machines to free up space. The annual Spring Cleanup allows for a safer workspace, improves mood, and boosts overall productivity.

Before Spring Cleanup, with out-of-service machines taking up space



After Spring Cleanup with out-of-service sampling machines removed

Sewage Pumping Stations (SPS)

The SPS team has successfully onboarded new team member, *Mario Davis*. *Mario* will join the SPS Team as a Maintenance Technician. Welcome to the team, *Mario*!

As part of the SPS team's efforts to continue professional development for team members, two SPS Maintenance Technicians, *Jason Slawinski* and *Kyle Henderson*, joined the Bay College Water Technology Certificate Program. This program is focused on training technicians to prepare for the Wastewater Operator's Exam. The GLWA partnership with Bay College has proven to successfully assist team members with the knowledge and skill set in wastewater operations.

The SPS team conducted performance testing with Brown & Caldwell on Sanitary Pumps Nos. 5 and 6 at the Bluehill SPS. The purpose of this testing was to confirm equipment reliability, which it did. The team performs tests like these consistently to ensure that all pumps and associated equipment are in good working condition when needed.

WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES (continued)

The SPS team assisted Kokosing and Rotor Electric with a power shutdown for feeder panel and thermal block assembly replacements at the Freud SPS as part of Contract 2204605, Freud SPS Improvements Program. Feeder panels are a necessary electrical component that provide a link between the power supply and end circuits of the machine, while the thermal block assembly creates an insulated barrier for the feeder panel. SPS Team Members participated in pre-shutdown by performing elevation monitoring to ensure water levels were low enough to test. Upon startup, team members were there to make sure everything came back online and was functional post-shutdown. The new electrical equipment will increase the efficiency and overall reliability of Freud SPS.

Conveyance

The Conveyance Team hosted a training for GLWA Team Members on the two current level sensor pilot programs, Manhole Matrix and Smartcover. The purpose of this training was to familiarize the team with the web platforms for each pilot program. As a result, team members can now successfully navigate the web portals for each pilot to monitor levels and gather data. Additionally, Smartcover sensors have been installed at four more locations, thus providing more data for the pilot program. The two technologies will continue to be monitored throughout this six-month pilot phase. Operations and Maintenance can move the sensors to different locations based on operational needs and efficiency.

The Conveyance Team has continued multiple sewer rehabilitation projects, which include the Lonyo/Kirkwood Tunnel Project, Bayside/Gayle Tunnel Project, Oakwood District PFAS Project, Phase 6 Backwater Outfall Rehabilitation Project, and the North Interceptor-East Arm Oakland Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District Full Diversion Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES

Water Operations

Partnership Programs Awards

The Northeast Water Plant was recognized for its ongoing commitment to water quality excellence during the Partnership Programs Awards Ceremony on June 22, 2026, at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) ACE 26 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The plant received two distinguished honors from the Partnership for Safe Water:

- **1-Year Presidents Award – Treatment**
- **20-Year Directors Award – Treatment**

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

Plant Manager Pawan Kapila accepted the Presidents Award on behalf of the Northeast Team and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). Kapila expressed deep gratitude for the recognition, noting his honor in receiving the awards on behalf of the entire Northeast Team and GLWA. Lake Huron and Southwest Water Plants joined Northeast Water Plant in receiving the 20-Year Directors Award. These awards highlight the plant's sustained dedication to optimizing treatment processes and upholding the highest standards in drinking water quality. The presentation was made by AWWA President Brent Tippey and Tu-Ting Guilaran, Deputy Director for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

Pawan Kapila at ACE 26 Conference

Southwest Water Treatment Plant

Team members at the Southwest Water Treatment Plant renewed their forklift certifications. Operations Team Leader Dwight Respess identified a gap in routine training at the facility and arranged for an on-site class using the same equipment our staff works with every day.

Trainer Scott Browne conducted two sessions covering both the safety fundamentals and the technical skills required to operate powered industrial trucks. Training like this helps to ensure our team members can work safely, efficiently, and effectively as they support our mission of delivering excellent water quality.

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Scott Browne (far left) covering inspection focal points to Southwest team members

Southwest team members performing their practical examination

Water Quality

Joy Road Reservoir Disinfection Title

On May 18, 2026, the Water Quality team completed a disinfection of Reservoir No. 2 at the Joy Road Booster Station in Canton Township. The reservoir was needed to help manage the higher water demand expected over the Memorial Day weekend.

Team Leader Nathan Taylor, along with Adedayo Qgunnupe, Qiana Wagoner, and Diego Solis, handled the disinfection work. Once the reservoir was filled to its operational level, samples were collected, and everything came back with passing results. With that, the reservoir was cleared for use just in time for the busy holiday weekend.

Pictured above Nathan Taylor, Diego Solis, Qiana Wagoner, and Adedayo Ogunnupe

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

Water Transmission

Current Emergencies and/or Urgent Items

In Magdeburg, Germany factory acceptance testing (FAT) the two 84-inch triple offset ball valves from Armacon for the 96-inch relocation transmission main project. The FAT includes opening and closing the valves five cycles to ensure limits are met, hydrostatic pressure testing each valve, and confirming measurements of each valve. A full report from testing will be submitted to the project team after testing is complete.

Decommissioning

GLWA has begun decommissioning its first segment of water transmission main on Michigan Avenue. For this two- phased project, Phase 1 is separated into five stages. The contractor began and has completed work at Stage 1 - Michigan and 20th Streets, cutting and capping the valves at this location. Existing gate valves were salvaged and given to GLWA.

After completion of Stage 1 for coordination, MDOT directed GLWA to move to Stage 3 – Michigan and Rosa Parks, because their contractor was performing work in GLWA's Stage 2 area. Stage 3 has been completed, existing gate valves were salvaged, and the contractor is preparing to move to Stage 4 – Michigan and 11th Streets to cut and cap the valve.

After completion of Stage 4, the contractor will move to Stage 5 at Michigan and 10th Streets to install a line stop.

Work being performed at Stage 3 Michigan and Rosa Parks

Valve located underground at Stage 3 – Michigan and Rosa Parks

Valve removed and salvaged at Stage 3 – Michigan and Rosa Parks

Facility Operations

Safety

The Facilities team continues to address safety issues as a priority. This week, we continued to replace interior fixtures at the Imlay City Station. The new LED fixtures are far brighter and more energy efficient. Additional areas for new light fixtures were requested by the GLWA Safety Team and will be addressed.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

Research, Innovation & Transformation

Research

Midwest Biosolids Association Third Annual Conference

Dr. John Norton, Director of Research for GLWA, served as Conference Chair for the Midwest Biosolids Association Third Annual Conference in Milwaukee, hosted at the Harley-Davidson Museum. We had local support from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, with Innovation Manager, Matt Magruder serving as local host. The conference brought together over 100 utilities, regulators, researchers, consultants, land appliers, and technology providers to advance practical and sustainable biosolids management across the Midwest.

We intentionally structured the program across several major themes: regulatory and legal developments, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), risk and source control, solids processing and incineration, utility pilot testing, anaerobic digestion and renewable energy, student research, and long-term beneficial reuse. This format helped attendees connect policy, science, operations, and implementation rather than treating each presentation as a stand-alone topic.

Key agenda highlights included a federal clean-water and biosolids update from National Association of Clean Water Agencies, a regulatory forum with representatives from Michigan Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Indiana Department of Environmental Management (DEM), Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA), and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and presentations on PFAS liability, risk assessment, source tracking, incineration practices, grit removal, Water Research Foundation (WRF) solids-management research, anaerobic digestion resilience, renewable natural gas (RNG), and thermal oxidizers. The program also included student research presentations and recognition of individuals for achievements in policy and advocacy, collaboration, research and innovation, and service.

The conference also highlighted Milwaukee's historic leadership in biosolids through the session celebrating 100 years of Milorganite®, followed by the planned Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District / Jones Island facility tour. The tour provided attendees with a direct opportunity to connect the technical discussions from the conference with one of the nation's most visible long-running examples of biosolids resource recovery.

Overall, the conference strengthened Midwest Biosolid Association's (MBA) role as a practical regional forum for biosolids professionals, expanded the network of utilities and partners working on beneficial reuse, and helped position the organization for continued growth around research, regulatory engagement, operations, and public confidence in biosolids management.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

Transformation

Safety Waste Management Guidelines for Staging and Storage Project

The Transformation Team has successfully completed the Safety Waste Management Guidelines for Staging and Storage program project, which spanned across six organizational locations, supporting multiple operational areas within each facility. The initiative established a standardized approach to waste management that strengthened safety, improved regulatory readiness, and promoted consistent practices throughout the organization. Standardized visual controls now provide team members with clear guidance for identifying designated storage locations, maintaining proper waste handling procedures, and supporting efficient day-to-day operations.

Project improvements established standardized visual controls through the design of custom signage, labels, and floor foot printing for waste management staging and storage areas. Waste oil storage, hazardous waste, battery storage, and non-hazardous waste collection areas, were clearly identified to improve organization, accessibility, and proper waste segregation. Additional visual controls identified new oil inventory locations, spill kit locations, and other facility-specific areas to support safe operations, emergency preparedness, and consistent workplace standards.

Laboratory workspaces were standardized by separating acids, bases, flammable materials, and toxic chemicals using chemical-resistant trays and designated storage cabinets. Storage locations were labeled and footprinted where applicable, to reinforce proper chemical segregation and improve workplace organization. Waste oil storage locations were clearly distinguished from new oil inventory, while oily rag containers received standardized identification to support consistent waste handling practices.

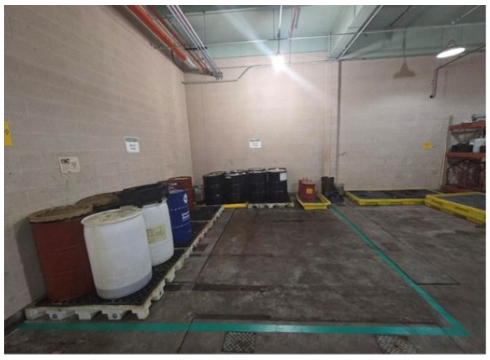
The completed project established a sustainable visual management system that supports safer work practices, improves workplace organization, and reinforces standardized waste management procedures across geographically dispersed facilities. By developing customized visual controls, the initiative enhanced organizational capability and created a consistent standard for future implementation, maintenance, and expansion. Collectively, these improvements strengthened environmental stewardship, supported regulatory compliance, improved operational consistency, and provided a scalable foundation for future Continuous Improvement initiatives.

<u>WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES</u> (continued)

LH Lab Waste Storage Before

LH Lab Waste Storage After

SW Oil Room Before



SW Oil Room After

Employee Recognition

The Research and Innovation Team would like to take a moment to acknowledge and congratulate our Director of Research & Innovation, Dr. John Norton, on receiving the Water Research Foundation's 2026 Research Innovation Award. This award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to advancing the science of water through Foundation-sponsored research, and his recognition is a testament to his leadership, dedication, and impact on the water sector.

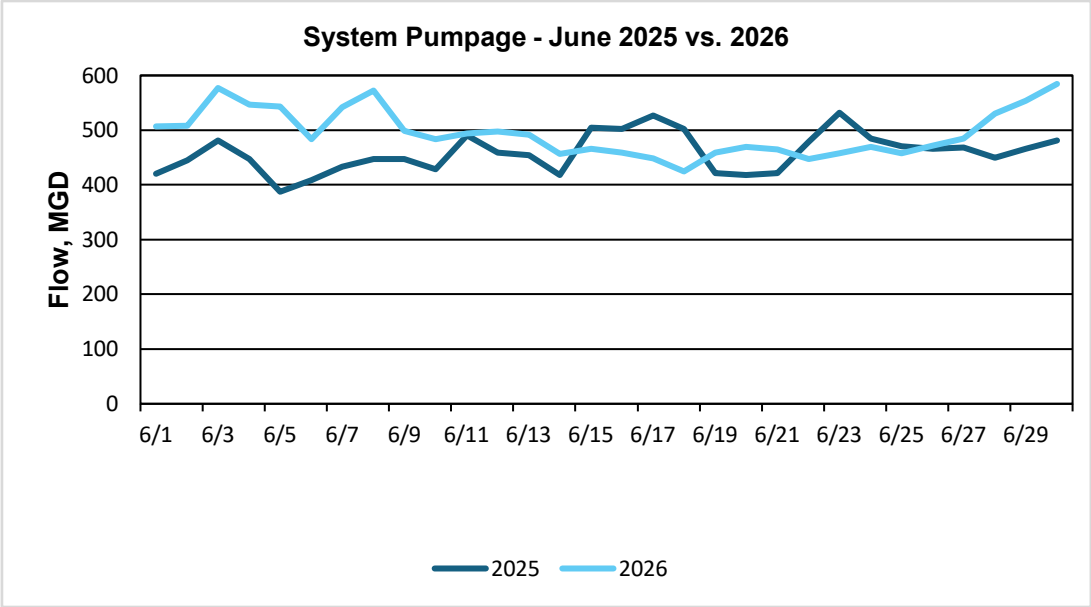
We are proud to see his work celebrated at this level, and we appreciate the vision and commitment he brings to advancing research excellence within our organization. Please join us in congratulating him on this well-deserved achievement.

Dr. John Norton and Dr. Peter Grevatt, the CEO of the Water Research Foundation

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

Systems Control Center

There was a 7.9% increase in the June 2026 pumpage compared to June 2025



Engineering

Water Engineering Active Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Project Status

CIP No. 119009 (Contract No. 1803990) Lake Huron High Lift and Yard Piping Improvements
Project Manager: Brian VanHall
This project at Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant adds three pumps that are each rated for 20 million gallons per day, a 72-inch flow meter on the south high lift header with an 84-inch butterfly valve for isolation, 16-inch flow metering for process water usage by the plant, blowoff on the south high lift header, infrared heating within the pump building on the south side, and a replacement valve actuator on the 84-inch butterfly valve on the north high lift header. Project completion has been delayed due to Contractor default. The surety has agreed to complete remaining work, and the Takeover Agreement was Executed on May 5, 2026. The surety has selected Whiting Turner as the Completion Contractor.

CIP No. 112006 (Contract No. 1904231) Northeast Flocculator Replacement
Project Manager: Brian VanHall
This project at Northeast Water Treatment Plant replaces flocculator equipment in all four basins, demolishes inlet gates to each flocculation chamber and installs a baffle block at each basin inlet for flow distribution, improves access to the drywell with stairs and platforms to access the new flocculator gearmotors and replaces the access hatches to the inlet gates in each basin.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

This project is in the construction phase, and flocculation improvements have been completed for Basin No. 1, Basin No. 2 and Basin No. 3. The project is on track for final completion by March 18, 2027.

CIP No. 113010 (Contract No. 0002500) Southwest Water Treatment Plant Flocculation Improvements
Project Manager**:** Vittoria Veltri
This project involves replacing the existing walking beam flocculators with vertical flocculators in three of the four flocculation basins at the Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The existing equipment will be removed from Basin Nos. 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B, and new equipment will be installed. The project will be delivered using the Design-Bid-Build method, with an estimated completion date of Fall 2031. The design contract has been recently awarded. The project kickoff meeting occurred on June 16, 2026. CDM Smith is currently working on the preliminary design and tech memos.

CIP No. 122004 (Contract No. 2303968) 84-Inch Triple Offset Ball Valve Procurement
Project Manager: Corey Brecht
This contract is a material purchase for Phase 3 of CIP No. 122004 – 96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation Project. The material purchase includes two 84-inch triple offset ball valves that will be provided to the Phase 3 contractor for installation.

The lead time of these valves was between 66 - 80 weeks from start of the shop drawing process and is the primary reason why GLWA pre-purchased these valves. The vendor submitted an updated production schedule that shows projected delivery of the valves to GLWA is the end of summer 2026.

CIP No. 122004 (Contract No. 1900741) Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction of the 96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation
Project Manager: Corey Brecht
This contract provides engineering and construction assistance services for the entire 96-inch Water Transmission Main Relocation Project (Phase 1-3). The consultant will be assisting GLWA in Phase 3 design review activities and construction oversight.

CIP No. 122004 (Requisition No. 2401015) Design Build of 96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation- Phase 3
Project Manager: Corey Brecht
This phase of the 96-inch relocation was awarded by the GLWA Board in April of 2025 and the notice to proceed was issued to the contractor on June 27, 2025. The scope of this project phase includes final design and construction of the pipeline alignment, connections, line stop, temporary booster pump station, isolation valves, and pipeline appurtenances. The project is currently in the design phase and Design Package No. 01 was submitted to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for review in March 2026 and approved April 2026. Construction has begun, and project final completion is scheduled for December 31, 2028.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

CIP No. 111001 (Contract No. 1803769) Lake Huron High Lift, Low Lift, and Wash Water Pumping and Switchgear Improvements
Project Manager: Eric Kramp
This project provides engineering services to address long-standing issues with the switchgear, low lift, high lift, and corrosion control systems at the Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant. The consultant has submitted a 100% design package for the switchgear and low lift pumping improvements, which is sufficiently complete to proceed to secure permitting. A construction contract for this portion is expected to be bid within the next fiscal year. Designs for the phosphoric acid system is near 90% completion level. GLWA is reviewing the 100% Design Drawings for the switchgear and Low Lift Pump construction contract.

CIP No. 111006 (Contract No. 2101680) Lake Huron Filter Instrumentation and Raw Water Flow Metering Improvements
Project Manager: Eric Kramp
This is a progressive design-build project aimed at addressing outdated and failing programmable logic controllers and controls throughout the plant, with particular emphasis on the filter building. There are two phases with this project. Phase 1 consists of evaluating and validating GLWA's understanding of what work is necessary and then designing a complete set of construction documents. This phase has been completed.

Phase 2 is the construction phase of the work designed in Phase 1. Work on this project began in November 2025. Waste Wash Water Treatment Facility heating, cooling, and ventilation upgrades are nearly ready for commissioning. Network panel testing began in late June 2026, and it anticipated to be completed in July. Power and control conduit for the new filter operators is approximately 90% complete. Uninterruptible power supply for the Switchgear Room is installed.

CIP No. 111012 (Contract No. 2004549) Lake Huron Flocculator Improvements
Project Manager: Andrea Miller
The purpose of this project is to upgrade the rapid mix and flocculation systems at the Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant to meet current standards. The design phase is complete. For the rapid mix system, the existing configuration of four mixers – two in each of two raw water conduits – will be retained, but the mixer sizes will be increased. This work is being prioritized to maintain the schedule agreement between EGLE and GLWA. Mixers are on site, and installation of mixers in the north raw water conduit is progressing. Electrical power connections to the new rapid mixers need to be finalized before beginning work in the south raw water conduit. The engineer has submitted a basis of design and a 100% drawing set that will be shared with EGLE for permit review. The project will install vertical mechanical mixers instead of horizontal flocculators. The construction phase for this work is scheduled for completion in May 2031.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

CIP No. 170802 (Contract No. 2100236) Reservoir Inspection, Design, Construction Administration, RPR Services and (Contract No. 2201316) Reservoir Rehabilitation Phase II (Construction)
Project Manager: John McCallum
Contract No. 2201316 is a low-bid construction project with LGC Global. The contract scope includes reservoir cleaning, repairs, and selected capital improvements to 17 finished water reservoirs located at the facilities identified in engineering Contract No. 2100236. The first season of work (September 2023 through April 2024) was completed at the Wick Road, Eastside, and Schoolcraft locations. The second season of the project (September 2024 through April 2025) included reservoirs at Joy Road Station, Ford Road Station, Haggerty Station, Michigan Avenue, and Water Works Park Reservoir No. 1. The third season of work (September 2025 through May 2026) included reservoirs - North Service Center Pump Station Reservoir No. 2, Joy Road Pump Station Reservoir No. 2, and Northeast Water Treatment Plant Reservoir No. 1. The final set of reservoirs at Northeast Water Treatment Plant Reservoir No. 2, North Service Center Reservoir No. 1, Northwest pumping station, Adams Road pumping station, and Water Works Park No. 2A/2B is scheduled for completion by spring 2027. Additionally, the Franklin Reservoir was taken out of service in the summer of 2025 due to its poor condition. The 90% design for a new reservoir by Brown and Caldwell (Contract 2100236), process piping and vaults is scheduled to be issued in July with an anticipated October board approval to add it to the LGC Global contract. The project remains on time and within budget.

CIP No. 170803 (Contract No. 0006884) Reservoir Rehabilitation Phase III (Design Build)
Project Manager: John McCallum
Contract 0006884 is Design Build delivery with proposals due on July 22, 2026. The contract scope includes reservoir cleaning, repairs, and selected capital improvements to 15 finished water reservoirs located at Springwells, Southwest and Lake Huron Water Treatment Plants and select Booster Stations. Design and exterior inspections are scheduled to start in December 2026 with rehabilitation activities starting in Fall of 2027.

CIP No. 114002 (Contract No. 2201068) Springwells Electrical Gear Replacement
Project Manager: Justin Kietur
This project is currently in the construction phase. It involves the installation of new medium-voltage switchgear and cabling from the secondary side of GLWA transformers to the switchgear, and from the switchgear to the Low Lift and High Lift Pumps as well as the plant unit substations. Construction of the new switchgear room is ongoing, and the majority of the new medium-voltage cabling has been pulled from the Low Lift and High Lift Pumps back toward the new switchgear room. Site civil work for the new electrical duct banks and the utility bridge is complete.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

CIP No. 132016 (Contract No. 2004674) North Service Center Pumping Station Improvements
Project Manager: Mark Blossfeld
This project will include rehabilitation of the existing station as Phase 1 of the project with Phase 2 of the project to include new reservoirs and reservoir pump house. The design phase for Phase I, the replacement of line pumps and switchgear, has been completed and will be ready for bidding early July 2026. The construction phase for this work is scheduled for completion in January 2032.

CIP No. 114017 (Contract No. 2201255) Springwells Flocculator Improvements
Project Manager: Erich Klun
This project replaces the existing horizontal paddle wheel flocculators in the four basins of the 1958 treatment plant and adds continuous turbidity monitoring of its settled water. Basins 5 and 6 (Phase I) started their second-year warranty following interim substantial completion in December 2024. Phase II demolition in Basin No. 7 and No. 8 is complete and all new materials for Phase II are on-site. Basin No. 7 shaft installation is complete and paddles are being assembled. Basin No. 8 shafts are being installed. The project is on schedule to finish by the Administrative Compliance Agreement date.

CIP No. 112008 (Contract No. SCN-0000757) Northeast Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement
Project Manager: Erich Klun
The project scope includes the rehabilitation and right-sizing of the plant filtration capacity. Included in the rehabilitation is the replacement of existing filter media, wash water troughs, filter control valves, media surface wash water and wash water improvements, and complete replacement and modernization of the filter control system.

Project is being executed under a design-build contract arrangement. The 50% design submittal has been completed with the 75% design expected in mid-September 2026. The first of 10 phases of construction is expected to start mid-October 2026. The project is scheduled for substantial completion by December 31, 2029 and final completion by June 30, 2030.

CIP No. 116002 (Contract No. DB-150) Raw Water Tunnel Rehabilitation
Project Manager: Justin Kietur
This project is in construction phase. Work within the Pennsylvania Tunnel and Northeast Tunnel is complete. Work within the Springwells Raw Water Tunnel began on October 1, 2025. Ballard Marine has completed all in-water work (liner plate installation, grouting of the annular space between the liner plates/rings and the existing concrete raw water tunnel, infill of entry shafts). Full restoration of construction area is expected by July 2026.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

CIP No. 122019 (Contract No. 2204376) Jefferson Main Replacement
Project Manager: Sean Grant
This project is at 90% design phase. The project involves use of 42-inch, high-density polyethylene fit slip-line of approximately three miles of vintage 1915 cast iron 48-inch piping along Jefferson between the Water Works Park Water Treatment Plant and Rivard Street just east of downtown Detroit.

Act 399 Permit is pending with the State of Michigan. Prior to commencing construction, the City of Detroit must complete a set of 16-inch parallel mains from Water Works Park to Rivard, as well as some distribution main work along Jefferson Ave. Construction for the 42-inch slip-lining project will not commence until the City of Detroit Predecessor project is complete, estimated for FY 2030.

CIP No. 132015 (Contract No. 1901767) Newburgh Booster Pumping Station Improvements
Project Manager: Jorge Nicolas
The project design phase is complete and 100% design drawings and specifications have been received. Required approvals have been obtained from DTE, EGLE, City of Livonia, City of Farmington Hills, Wayne County and Michigan Department of Transportation. The project was posted for bidding June 2026 and a site tour was conducted last month. Presently, addendums are being prepared based on the bidder's questions. The bid due date is projected to be July 16, 2026.

CIP No. 122016 (Contract No. 1803942) Downriver Transmission Main Loop
Project Manager: Vittoria Veltri
The 100% design for this project is completed. This project involves installation of a looped main in the downriver area along Inkster Road, between Wick Road and Pennsylvania Road, to maintain service in the event of a break along the existing water mains.

This project also includes demolition of Electric Avenue Pump Station reservoirs, and upgrades to the various meter pits. Six bids were received. Expect to make the September board with a notice-to-proceed for start of construction in November or December 2026.

CIP No. 122020 Concord and Nevada Flow Control Valves
Project Manager: Jenny Frakes
This Design-Build project reached 100% design and completed procurement steps to prepare for bid. Two vaults for flow control valves will be established at the intersection of Concord Street and East Nevada Street in Detroit, thus allowing connection between the Springwells, Northeast, and Water Works Park service areas. After the project is awarded, the valves will be procured in FY2028, followed by construction during the off-peak season.

WATER OPERATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES (continued)

CIP No. 115001 Emergency Thickener Plate Settler Replacement at Water Works Park
Project Manager: Vittoria Veltri
This project is an emergency contract, Design-Build project delivery. The project kicked off on May 28, 2026 and the preliminary design is being completed by Kokosing and their subcontractor Fischbeck. Project is expected to be completed by December 2027.

OFFICE OF SYSTEM RESILIENCY (OSR)

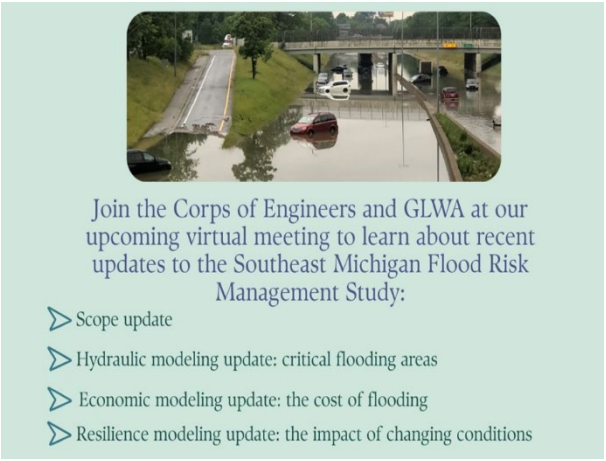
Flood Resiliency Study

The Southeast Michigan Flood Risk Management Study is progressing on schedule for the 4-year, $5 million study in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide updates on the project in a virtual public meeting on July 21, 2026, 5:00 -6:00 p.m.

A summary of the flood project, public meeting materials, and project updates can be found at the Southeast Michigan Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study webpage.

For questions or to provide feedback, please contact SEMIFloodStudy@usace.army.mil.



Regional Support

The GLWA Resiliency Team, together with Field Services, Systems Control, and Information Technology, participated in a table-top exercise hosted by the U.S. Army Detroit Arsenal. The exercise was designed to help the Detroit Arsenal strengthen its emergency response and contingency planning in the event of a widespread water outage affecting this important facility.

GLWA's involvement was essential. Our teams provided detailed insight into our own emergency response structure, real-world operational practices, and the protocols we rely on to maintain service during disruptive events. By sharing this knowledge, we helped the Detroit Arsenal better understand regional water system dependencies and identify practical strategies to enhance their preparedness.

OFFICE OF SYSTEM RESILIENCY (continued)

On-The-Job-Training

Since September 2025, GLWA has developed and launched an impressive library of 30 Wrench to Metal videos, each offering detailed, step-by-step demonstrations of real work performed by our skilled team members. This growing video series is designed to elevate hands-on training by showing exactly how tasks are completed in the field—capturing not just the technical process, but the practical nuances, best practices, and safety considerations that are essential for doing the job well.

Engineering Support

Team members from Water Engineering, Water Transmission, and Office of Resiliency conducted separate site visits to Germany, Spain, and Korea for factory acceptance testing and manufacturing quality inspections. The visits provided important findings that will support product reliability, guide future procurement, and advance critical projects. This trip was highly successful and demonstrates GLWA's commitment to finding solutions worldwide to ensure top-quality infrastructure for the region.

Key Results

- Several equipment issues were resolved or advanced toward resolution.
- Manufacturing quality for current and future projects was validated.
- New competitive sourcing options were identified.
- Critical components were preserved, protecting project timelines.
- Supplier expectations were reinforced globally.

Armacon Valve

Witness testing was performed on two 84-inch ball valves for the 96-inch project. Both passed all tests and are ready for installation. (See photo shown right)

Armacon Valve

KSB Pumps – Halle

With ongoing pump issues, GLWA visited repair facilities in Texas and Canada, then reviewed the main German manufacturing site. The factory's testing capabilities, quality control, and operating standards exceeded expectations and will inform future decisions.

OFFICE OF SYSTEM RESILIENCY (continued)

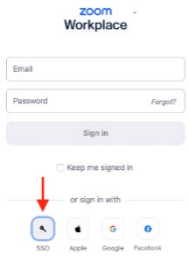
Ampo Valve

GLWA evaluated Ampo's manufacturing, foundry operations, testing, and product quality for new control valves, including cone valves and specialty materials not available in the U.S. Ampo scored highly in all areas and demonstrated strong cost competitiveness.

YCC Technologies (castings and forgings)

GLWA inspected transition diffuser bowls and suction bells for the Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant. Radiographic testing (RT) reviews and repairs were verified; however, casting quality did not meet GLWA's expectations or radiographic testing protocol. The factory visit allowed GLWA to reinforce required procedures, testing, and performance standards. In keeping with RT standards, the castings deficiency found were redeemable resulting in maintaining schedule with pending final performance testing.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)



In the past month, the IT Security team has proactively blocked or thwarted 127,813 spam messages and 172 viruses. Additionally, 36,316 phishing attempts have been caught and 22,163 malware attempts have been blocked.

IT Business Productivity Systems

The IT Business Productivity Systems team, as part of our continued efforts to enhance security and streamline access to GLWA applications, implemented Single Sign On (SSO) for Zoom. This will allow GLWA team members to join Zoom meetings quicker and more securely.

This will not impact how the Board of Directors, Member Partners and the general public currently access GLWA's Zoom meetings.

IT Infrastructure

The IT Infrastructure team is expanding wireless coverage at the Water Resource Recovery Facility to support mobile application use. This enhancement will provide more robust Wi-Fi connectivity, improve the performance of applications such as NexGen, and give team members greater flexibility when working in remote areas.

Currently, the IT PMO is managing 16 active projects and is processing nine project requests. The PMO is also assisting with 24 initiatives.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

One Water News Drop on the Power of Collaboration & Partnership

The Public Affairs Creative Services team created a One Water News Drop video to address how a challenging emergency puts regional partnerships to the test. You can watch the video by clicking HERE.

One Water News Drop Video

GLWA's Young Professionals recently hosted its annual Lunch with a Leader at the Water Resource Recovery Facility, bringing together team members for an engaging conversation with leaders from across the organization. This is the first time this was done in a panel format to capitalize on the broad set of experiences of the panelists.

Panelists **Bryon Wood** (IT Director - Strategic Technology Officer), **Majid Khan** (Director of Wastewater Operations), **Shadrack Ampomahh** (Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities Manager) and **Ursula Gray** (Water Quality Management Professional) shared insights from their leadership journey, discussed career growth, and answered thoughtful questions from attendees. (photo below).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (continued)

Young Professionals Host Lunch with Leaders Event

SECURITY AND INTEGRITY

The Hazmat Unit coordinated and completed a total of 146 hours of training during the month and also completed 492 total training hours for the Security and Integrity group for the month of June.

Security and Integrity continued participating along with the Bridgeport Planning Team in planning the upcoming tabletop training exercise for our member partners.

Finally, Security and Integrity completed the after-action report, and scenarios improvement plan for water plant operations tabletop exercise.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (OD)

Performance Team

Internship

Intern Mixer

GLWA hosted its Intern Mixer on June 11, 2026, at the Water Works Park Treatment Facility, providing interns with an opportunity to meet, connect, and collaborate. The event featured opportunities to network, a panel discussion with former interns who shared their career journeys, and a guided tour of the Water Works Park Facility.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

The professional development program offered interns valuable insights into GLWA's operations, exposure to different areas, and opportunities to strengthen connections that support their growth and success.

Intern WWP Tour

Kristopher Tauzik, Intern, on the WWP Tour

Former Interns Presented in a Panel Discussion

The GLWA Summer Internship Program 2026

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Intern ELT Networking Event

On June 29, 2026, OD hosted a networking event with the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and interns, allowing interns to engage directly with senior leaders in an interactive "speed networking" format. During the event, ELT members rotated between tables, spending seven minutes with each intern to encourage meaningful one-on-one conversations.

The event was designed to strengthen connections between emerging talent and organizational leadership. Through a series of brief discussions, interns gained valuable exposure to leaders from across the organization. During each session, ELT members shared insights into their career paths, discussed their roles and responsibilities within GLWA, and offered practical guidance on professional growth, leadership development, and navigating career opportunities. The event underscored GLWA's commitment to developing future talent and fostering a culture where interns feel informed, supported, and connected.

Intern ELT Networking Event at Water Works Park

Sue Coffey, CEO, speaking at the Intern ELT Networking Event

Patricia Butler, OD Director, engaging in conversation with Thomas Hall, Director – Operations & Resiliency

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Outreach and Events

Water Research Foundation Workforce Development Workshop

GLWA hosted the Water Research Foundation Workforce Development Workshop (WRF5300) on June 9, 2026, at the Water Works Park Treatment Facility. Led by Arcadis, the purpose of this national research project is to identify key qualities of successful utility workforce development programs across utilities of varying sizes, create a scalable framework, and outline practical pathways for implementation. The workshop gathered water sector professionals across the United States, including GLWA member-partner communities, to refine the Workforce Development Framework and begin shaping the Workforce Maturity Model.

The event featured presentations, facilitated discussions, and interactive breakout sessions. GLWA's Organizational Development team shared a case study highlighting GLWA's workforce journey, emphasizing organic program growth and continuous improvement, and the intentional development of community partnerships. Attendees also toured the Water Works Park facility, led by Team Leader Cleve McCree, gaining firsthand insight into GLWA's operational excellence.

The conference strengthened GLWA's role as a national leader in workforce development and reinforced GLWA's commitment to advancing innovative approaches to talent acquisition, retention, and long-term system resilience.

Joanna Brunner
Facilitator, Arcadis

Bryan Horeck, Hamtramck City Public Works;
Sarah Mistretta, Chesterfield Township

Paula Holmes, Carolyn Ross, Charlotte Water

WRF 5300 Workshop Breakout Session

WRF5300 Workshop Attendees

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Benefits and Wellness

One Water Wellness

During June the One Water Wellness team hosted 17 well-being sessions!

Pillar 1: Physical Well-being

BCBSM Virtual Well-Being Webinars

June's Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Virtual Well-Being Webinars promoted exercise, cooking and oral health techniques.

Pillar 2: Mental Well-being

Chief Operating Officer
Water and Field Services

Cheryl Porter, Chief Operating Officer, for Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), joined the GLWA Women's Health Initiative during its monthly virtual networking on June 5, 2026. Twenty-eight women supported the mission to foster community, encourage collaboration, and provide fresh motivation to tackle challenges with renewed energy.

Cheryl has been in the water sector for 30 years, part of DWSD and GLWA. She is a chemist by trade and earned an MBA and law degree. She has long aimed to give back through her work in the water profession.

As a woman in a male-dominated field, especially being in a leadership role as a black woman, there are challenges with always having to prove yourself to show your intellect and ability. Nevertheless, Cheryl loves seeing teams work together and respect each other's individual knowledge for the benefit of a collective solution. She is still challenged with self-care, but she has learned to commit herself to self-care in order to be her best for those she loves.

When asked, "How do you celebrate you?" Cheryl stated, "By making time to engage in conversations with others brings me joy." Her goal and objective always are to provide water to communities that we serve and connect the dots to why we are here. Every person is contributing, no matter what their skill set is.

Weekly Wellness Wednesdays Meditations are focused on providing GLWA team members with the ability to shift their awareness towards relaxation and included topics on the Physiological Sigh, Gratitude and Breathing.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Pillar 3: Financial Well-being

GLWA Men's Health Initiative

June's Men's Health Initiative focused on practical money decisions for real life centered around credit and housing. Public Service Credit Union led a discussion with the GLWA men's group that focused on the common myths of credit as well as the factors that make up your credit report.

Retirement Planning Education Series

MissionSquare Retirement Education provided an on-site lunch and learn at the Northeast plant on June 9, 2026. This is also a great opportunity for team members to review their retirement goals and portfolio performance.

Training

During June, 54 instructor-led training courses were delivered to 308 GLWA team members, totaling 317.5 instructor-led training hours. In addition, 104 online self-paced training courses (e.g., KnowBe4 and 360Water) were completed, totaling 76 self-paced training hours.

Talent Management

Staffing

The table below provides a breakdown of GLWA Team Members since the last CEO report:

Number of New Hires	13
Number of Separations	9
[redacted]	
Total Staffing - Regular FTEs (YTD)	1149
Total Staffing – Part-Time (YTD)	31

FINANCIAL SERVICES AREA

June Audit Committee Recap

The June regular monthly Audit Committee meeting was held on June 26, 2026. The GLWA Audit Committee binders are publicly available at www.glwater.org/financials/. The meeting included the following topics:

The following reports were received and filed:

- ✓ CFO Report
- ✓ Monthly Financial Report for March 2026
- ✓ Grants, Gifts & Other Resources Report Through May 31, 2026
- ✓ Water Funding Task Force Update as of June 19, 2026
- ✓ FY 2026 Q3 Construction Work-in Progress Report through March 31, 2026
- ✓ FY 2026 Bond Transaction Update
- ✓ City of Detroit Bond Rating Upgrade
- ✓ The Procurement Pipeline for June 2026

Affordability & Assistance Update

In June, Haran Stanley, GLWA's Affordability & Assistance Manager and chair of the Women on Water for the Michigan section of AWWA, attended a statewide networking event in Grand Rapids. Similar to the January meeting in Detroit, this gathering provided attendees an avenue to share challenges, opportunities and success stories.

Members of the Women on Water, Michigan Section of AWWA attend a networking event in Grand Rapids

Also in June, the Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe Center hosted an information session for community members about data centers and their effects on energy and water bills. The session featured local lawmakers, advocates, and resource organizations, including the Macomb Community Action Agency and GLWA's Affordability & Assistance/WRAP team, who provided information and addressed questions.

To discover more about WRAP—including details on our service delivery partners, flyers in four different languages, frequently asked questions, and reports—please visit www.glwater.org/assistance.

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FINANCIAL SERVICES AREA (continued)

CFO Services Group – Annual Team Building Event

On Wednesday, June 3, 2026 the CFO Services Group and Treasury Team participated in their annual team-building session at the GLWA Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The day included an overview presentation, a facility tour, and a detailed question-and-answer session. Terry Sisler, William Collier, and Kyle Smith from the Southwest team served as excellent hosts. Team-building activities included an iOpt exercise and FY 2027 goal planning. Team members coordinated and facilitated the session, creating a productive and collaborative experience for all participants.

Pictured above – Left to Right, Back Row: Aaron Pryce, Ed Vanneste, Nick Simms, Karyn Morton, Haran Stanley, Alicia Schwartz, Heather Green, Greg Bolterman, Josh Steinhebel, Kim Garland, Nick Fedewa. Front Row – Knyiesha Scott, Sandy Chen, Abby Glenn, Michelle Burt, Lauren Baker, Marwa Abouraya, Sneha Shrestha, Mary Grace Villanueva, Connie Delling, Jackie Morgan. Not pictured – Gerri Williams and Francine Duncan-Martin.

Water Funding Task Force Update

The task force is completing the research phase, and an initial draft of the funding and policy proposal is now underway. A cross-organizational team has been assembled to review the draft and ensure alignment across GLWA's functional areas. Once the report is drafted, it will be brought to the Audit Committee and Board of Directors.

Procurement Update

The GLWA Procurement Group has been awarded the prestigious 2026 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) from the National Procurement Institute. This is the second consecutive year that the Procurement team has received this distinction. The AEP Award is earned by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to procurement excellence.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AREA (continued)

This annual program recognizes procurement organizations that embody professionalism, productivity, leadership, and encourage innovation.

The AEP program promotes the development of excellence and continued organizational improvement. Evaluators for the award included procurement directors and managers from public agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

For 2026, 251 applicants were selected for this national award, representing multiple organizations such as municipalities, school districts, and higher education institutions. Notably, GLWA is one of only three agencies in Michigan to receive this distinction, underscoring its exceptional standing in the state.

The June Procurement Pipeline is attached. This edition includes a list of upcoming solicitations.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Litigation: The Office of General Counsel (OGC) stands as GLWA's frontline defense—vigorously defending and proactively shielding the organization from legal threats, neutralizing claims before they escalate, and ensuring every action we take is grounded in integrity, compliance, and unwavering protection of the organization and public trust.

GLWA v Michigan Department of Transportation, Court of Claims, No. 24-00019: GLWA filed a notice of claim with the Court of Claims related to its relocation claim (Gordie Howe International Bridge). A trial date will be set after any dispositive motions are filed, heard and decided.

Dubrulle et al v Great Lakes Water Authority and Consolidated Cases**,** Michigan Supreme Court Docket Numbers, 169268–169299 and 169304: After the significant rain events in June and July 2021, several lawsuits were filed against GLWA. Most of the lawsuits were dismissed based on governmental immunity. On October 2, 2025, the Court of Appeals (COA) reversed the Summary Disposition granted in favor of GLWA in favor of the *Dubrulle* litigants, who are seeking damages arising from sewer backups. The COA reversed the dismissal of GLWA on the basis that dismissal was premature; and that Plaintiffs should be allowed discovery as to proximate causation. GLWA filed an application for leave to appeal the Court of Appeals decision to the Michigan Supreme Court. On July 17, 2026, the Michigan Supreme Court denied GLWA's application for leave to appeal. With the Supreme Court's denial, the matters return to the trial court, where discovery will now proceed. A scheduling conference with the court is set for early September. Importantly, neither the Court of

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Appeals nor the Michigan Supreme Court issued any substantive rulings on the merits, and all of GLWA's defenses remain intact.

Wolf, et al v GLWA, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court Case No. 25-003683-CZ***:*** On March 11, 2025, Plaintiff Wolf filed a lawsuit against the Great Lakes Water Authority. This putative class action challenges the Industrial Waste Control Charges GLWA charges its non-residential property owners. GLWA filed a Summary Disposition motion on May 22, 2025, as there is a good faith belief that the alleged claims are a restatement of the same "Tax Claims" from a previous case known as: *General Mills, et al vs GLWA*, which was disposed in 2023. On January 22, 2026, the Court denied GLWA's motion. GLWA filed an application for leave to appeal the lower court's decision with the Michigan Court of Appeals. In the meantime, unless the case is stayed, the parties will proceed with discovery.

Mays, et al v GLWA, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 2:21-cv-10911**:** Twenty-nine current and former union members filed a lawsuit in federal court. The case was stayed and directed to arbitration pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement. The arbitrator ruled in GLWA's favor based on the issue of arbitrability. GLWA then moved to have the federal case dismissed. The Court entered an order partially granting GLWA's Motion for Summary Disposition and partially dismissing Plaintiffs' claims. Plaintiffs appealed to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeal is pending.

Ahmed v GLWA et. al., Wayne County, 3rd Circuit Court Case No. 25-009883-CD: On June 25, 2025, Plaintiff Shakil Ahmed, a former GLWA employee, filed this lawsuit against the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and a GLWA employee, alleging violations of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. Mr. Ahmed also has an active workman's compensation claim against GLWA. On August 19, 2025, counsel for GLWA filed its Motion to Dismiss.

On November 5, 2025, the Court denied our Motion for Summary Dismissal. GLWA filed an application for appeal to the Court of Appeals which was denied. An application for appeal has been filed with the Michigan Supreme Court, and we are awaiting a decision.

Clark vs GLWA, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court Case No. 25-013826-NO***:*** On September 5, 2025, Plaintiff Maurice Clark filed a premises liability claim based on the injuries he allegedly sustained while working at the Springwells Water Treatment Plant. GLWA has tendered the defense and indemnity for this matter to the general contractor's insurance carrier.

GLWA v De-Cal, et al, Wayne County, 3rd Circuit Court Case No. 24-014977-CB: This litigation involves defective liners at Baby Creek CSO. Facilitation occurred on June 16, 2026 and the parties continue to discuss a final resolution.

Marcus Moore v GLWA et al, Wayne County, 3rd Circuit Court Case No. 24-009468: This litigation stems from an automobile accident. The parties are in the process of resolving the matter and a dismissal with prejudice will be entered.

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Sulo v GLWA et al, Wayne County, 3rd Circuit Court Case No. 26-006579-NF: This litigation involves a vehicular accident involving GLWA vehicle. The Plaintiff alleges that as a result of the accident that have suffered physical injury. This matter is currently in discovery.

Contract Negotiations, Consultations and Outreach

2026 Water Contract Reopener Meetings*:* The OGC is actively engaged in the 2026 water contract reopener process. Under the model water contract, member communities are required to review and, if necessary, amend their contract value primarily maximum day and peak hour demands—on a four-year cycle. The last reopener occurred in 2022.

Laurie Koester, Assistant General Counsel, represents the OGC and serves as a key member of the contract reopener team, which includes Matt Lane, Manager of Charges Outreach & Modeling, an engineering consultant, and a facilitation consultant. The team will meet with 87 member partners through September. Once all contracts are finalized, they require member approval before being submitted to the GLWA Board, with Board consideration expected around January 2027.

As of June 24, 2026, thirty-two (32) of the eighty-seven (87) contract amendments have been fully executed with members.

Negotiations with the City of Dearborn: GLWA and Dearborn have agreed to terms for a Water Service Contract between GLWA and the City of Dearborn (Agreement). Both parties have approved and fully executed the Agreement as of June 24, 2026. This approval triggers several actions under the parties' settlement agreement, most notably, the transfer of two large water transmission mains to GLWA (in progress), changes in Dearborn's charges (in progress), the return of escrowed funds to GLWA (completed), GLWA's condition assessment of several large transmission mains within the Dearborn right-of-way (deadline 2034), and several actions related to the design of the new Dearborn transmission main meters (timeline 2026 – 2037).

NPDES Permit Negotiations: OGC staff continue to coordinate with Wastewater Operations to negotiate NPDES Permit terms. Negotiation meetings were held on June 30 and July 9, 2026. All remaining issues have been included, and the Final NPDES Permit will be presented for public comment and a public meeting will be scheduled for late summer/early fall. Associate General Counsel, Lavonda Jackson, is GLWA's key internal legal representative on this matter.

***96-inch Water Transmission Main*:** OGC continues to negotiate and acquire easements related to Phase 3 of the project. A Stakeholder Meeting was held on June 30, 2026. This marked the 17th community partner meeting since project initiation. Improvements to the Dorsey Dickenson valve and field testing continue. Phase 3 remains on schedule to conclude in 2028.

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***36-inch Water Transmission Main Break*:** OGC assisted with the investigation and filing of damage claims. OGC is negotiating with Liberty Mutual US Casualty regarding claims related to the project. GLWA has submitted two claims and supporting financial documents.

***Legislative Updates*:** The OGC continues to monitor legislative activity.
OGC staff attended the "50-Year Forecast: Navigating Stormwater Finance & Affordability" presented by the Center for Watershed Protection on June 4, 2026. The OGC continues working with others to develop state stormwater utility legislation, and continuing discussions with members of the U.S. Congress, staffers, and various representatives of several regulatory agencies to discuss various GLWA projects and capital improvement plans.

Environmental and Workplace Safety Compliance: The OGC continues to work with the Chief Operating Officers, the Director of Enterprise Risk and Safety and team leaders from both the water and sewer systems to comply with regulations and to respond to any alleged violations. OGC staff attended "AI-Enhanced Multi-Method Pipeline Monitoring" presented on June 18, 2026 by Water Online.

Federal Grants and Contracts: The OGC created a checklist of the necessary changes that GLWA needed to make to its policies, standard operating procedures, and federal contract exhibits to comply with the new Uniform Grants Guidance, which became effective October 1, 2024. The OGC will continue to seek ways to support GLWA in its federal grant management and compliance.

***Industrial Pretreatment Program ("IPP") & Industrial Waste Control Group (IWC*):** The OGC continues to assist on PFAS and PFOS matters. On June 18, 2026, OGC staff attended EGLE's Public Hearing for the Proposed Reissuance of the NPDES Permit for Enbridge Energy-Line 5-Straits of Mackinac. Many issues and proposed solutions were raised regarding potential environmental impacts and the handling of any industrial waste generated.

Real Estate: The OGC is working to secure licenses, easements, and acquire properties related to various water and sewer projects including the Farmington Newburgh Facility Improvements. Additionally, OGC staff fields inquiries related to GLWA property purchases and sales.

***Member Outreach and Training*:** The OGC continues to be an active participant in Member Outreach sessions and other training. OGC staff attended NACWA's Webinar: Accelerating Leadership Readiness on the Frontline on June 18, 2026.

***Main Relocations/Repairs*:** The OGC continues to support water operations in its discussions with community stakeholders regarding water main relocations and repairs. The 96", 42" and 36" projects continue with property acquisitions, damage claims resolution, maintenance and management.

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***Organizational Development*:** The OGC continues to provide legal advice and counsel to Organizational Development on labor and employment relations issues and matters. The OGC is also actively assisting with ongoing GLWA Policy review and assisting with introducing GLWA's Preventing Workplace Harassment and Discrimination online training.

***Procurement*:** The OGC continues to assist GLWA's Procurement Team negotiate contracts, change orders and amendments and interpret contractual provisions. The OGC is also assisting with the Procurement Policy's Procedures and updating GLWA's template contracts.

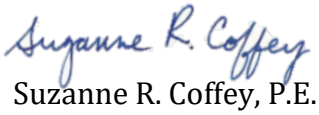
The OGC is part of a cross-functional team working to complete significant revisions to the GLWA construction contract, including consideration of using an entirely new contract format.

***Statistics*:**

Contract Statistics for 6/13/26 to 7/8/26	#
Contracts approved as to form:	96
Contracts drafted or revised:	34
Subpoena Statistics for 6/1/26 to 6/30/26	#
Subpoenas/Information requests received:	10
Subpoenas/Information responded to:	10

This report is not exhaustive, nor does it encompass all activities of the Office of General Counsel, as certain work remains protected under attorney-client privilege and the attorney work-product doctrine.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanne R. Coffey, P.E.
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment: June 2026 Procurement Pipeline

Procurement Pipeline

Great Lakes Water Authority (313) 964-9157 www.glwater.org **June 2026 - Volume 82**

Welcome to the June edition of *The Procurement Pipeline*, a monthly newsletter designed to provide updates on doing business with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA).

Tips for Creating Complete and Responsive Submissions to Open GLWA Opportunities

To ensure that you have created a complete and responsive submission to an open GLWA opportunity, please do the following.

1. Carefully read and follow the instructions outlined in the Solicitation Cover – Instructions to Vendors document posted with each advertisement in GLWA's Euna Procurement Portal.
2. Review all Supporting Documentation and Requested Information on the Euna project page. These sections provide details on what the project entails and the documents that vendors must complete. Submissions that do not include all the required forms will be deemed nonresponsive.
3. Ensure that you give yourself enough time to obtain all required third-party forms (e.g., proof of insurance and bonding).
4. Attend the project's Pre-Bid or Pre-Proposal Meeting (if applicable) to learn more about the project and to have your questions answered by the GLWA Project Manager.
5. Submit written questions on the Euna project page by the Questions Due Date if you need additional clarification on project requirements. All questions submitted by vendors will be answered in a posted addendum on the Euna project page.
6. Adhere to all deadlines and due dates. Late submissions will not be accepted.
7. Ensure that all required signatures have been completed by the appropriate, authorized individuals at your company.

Additional questions about any open GLWA opportunities must be directed to the GLWA Buyer of Record for the project. Any other questions about navigating GLWA's procurement process may be directed to GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org.

Reminder: AI Notetaking Technology Prohibited by GLWA

GLWA maintains a strict policy prohibiting the use of AI notetakers during meetings. This policy ensures the confidentiality and integrity of discussions and protects sensitive GLWA information. GLWA vendors are asked to follow this policy whenever they meet with GLWA. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Virtual Vendor Introduction Meetings

If you are interested in learning more about doing business with GLWA, contact us at GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org to schedule a virtual vendor introduction meeting. Topics include tips for submitting competitive bids or proposals responses for GLWA solicitations.

Keeping up with GLWA

Our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Monthly Report provides a wealth of information and news about important initiatives within GLWA's service territory that impact GLWA, its member partners, and the public. To read the May 2026 Monthly Report, please click here.

What's Coming Down the Pipe?

Current Solicitations: Register in GLWA's Euna Procurement Portal for new solicitations and contract award information.

Upcoming Procurements: Next Three to Nine Months—See newsletter page 2.

Visit GLWA online!

To see the GLWA vendor homepage, please visit www.glwater.org or contact us via email at procurement@glwater.org.

Upcoming Solicitations June 2026

Category	CIP #	Description/Project Title	Budget
Water System (next four to nine months)			
Construction	111012	Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant Flocculation	$60,000,000
Wastewater Systems (next four to nine months)			
Construction	260803	WRRF Roof Improvements - Phase II	$3,000,000
Construction	232002	Conner Creek Sanitary Pump Station	$167,000,000
Construction	260206	Rehabilitation of 7 Mile Sewer System	$9,800,000
Construction	261001	WRRF Rehabilitation of the Secondary Clarifiers Phase 1	$30,000,000
Enterprise (next three months)			
Information Technology	O&M	Contact Management System Request for Information	$250,000
Information Technology	O&M	Shift Logs and Operational Rounds Solution	$600,000
Information Technology	O&M	Accounts Payable Automation Solution	$350,000
Information Technology	O&M	Computer-Aided Dispatch Solution	$400,000
Water System (next three months)			
Professional Services	116101	Design/Inspection of Raw Water Tunnels	$4,242,000
Construction	122020	Concord Nevada Flow Control Valves	$7,000,000
Wastewater (next three months)			
Professional Services	O&M	Engineering Project Management and Inspection Staff Augmentation RFI (Request for Information)	$3,000,000
Design	261001	WRRF Rehabilitation of the Secondary Clarifiers Phase 1	$8,000,000
Design	213008	WRRF Rehabilitation of Ash Handing Systems	$1,600,000
Design	270002	Meldrum Sewer Diversion and VR-15 Improvements	$2,000,000
Construction	260210	Rehabilitation of GLWA Sewers: Ashland Relief, Linwood, Second, and Shiawassee (AL2S)	$14,000,000
Projects moved to Procurement Team (Preparing for solicitation on Euna Procurement)			
Professional Services	O&M	Staffing Services	$500,000
Construction	132016	North Service Center Pumping Station Improvements	$108,322,551
Professional Services	O&M	Boiler Operation and Maintenance	$800,000
Professional Services	O&M	Third Party Facilitation – Member Outreach Program	$2,000,000
Professional Services	O&M	Mechanical, Plumbing and HVAC Repair Services	$170,000
Professional Services	O&M	Architectural, Engineering and Design Services	$300,000
Professional Services/ Construction	O&M	Personnel, Equipment Doors and Frames Corrective Maintenance Replacement Services	$510,000

Vendors should continue to monitor Euna for solicitation updates.

Acronyms		
WRRF: Water Resource Recovery Facility	**CSO:** Combined Sewer Overflow	**WTP:** Water Treatment Plant