## **Attachment 1 - Table of Proposed Debt Management Policy Amendments**

Section	Section Title	Policy Change(s)	Rationale
No.			
3.2	Terms (Advance	Added Term	Clarification
	Refunding)		
3.2	Terms (Bond Counsel)	Added Term	Clarification
3.2	Terms (Designated Policies)	Removed Term	Not Applicable
3.2	Terms (Feasibility Consultant)	Added Term	Clarification
3.2	Terms (Historical Net Revenues)	Streamlined definition	Reduce Complexity
3.2	Terms (Syndicate Policies)	Definition now specifies "the priority of orders, designation policies and other syndicate rules desired by GLWA and the Underwriters relating to the public offering of the bonds."	Clarification
4	Authority/ Responsibility	Added section "The Financial Services Area (FSA) Public Finance team within GLWA has responsibility for the application of this Policy to GLWA's debt program."	Clarification
5	Goals & Objectives	Streamlined and enhanced existing text	Clarification
6	Use of Debt	New section "Unless otherwise approved by GWLA's board, debt issuance will be used for the following purposes:  (1) To finance the costs associated with the Authority's Capital Improvement Pan (2) To refund existing debt to obtain Debt Service savings and/or restructure certain terms of existing debt"	Clarification

7.6	ESG "Environmental, Social and Governance"	New section "ESG or "Green Bonds" may be issued to fund qualified projects that have environmental and/or climate change mitigation or adaptation benefits.	Clarification
	Bonds	Proceeds from these bonds should be earmarked for sustainability oriented green projects and allow investors to invest directly in bonds which finance environmentally beneficial projects. The Authority will comply with the following when issuing Green Bonds:	
		(1) For each issuance of Green Bonds, the Authority will make a determination whether to self-certify the Bonds or retain an independent third-party consultant to certify the Bonds.	
		(2) The authority will only issue Green Bonds if, during the life of the Bonds, they in no way impede or restrict the ability to use the Green Bond-funded projects for other future business purposes that are not in keeping with "Green Bond" principles.	
		ESG bonds may also be issued as "Social" bonds to create positive social outcomes in communities. If the use of proceeds is designated as "Green" and/or "Social" the bonds are considered "Sustainability" bonds."	
9.1	Interest Rate Structure	Added Statement "GLWA may make use of both Variable Rate Debt and Fixed-Rate debt in accordance with limitations set forth in this Policy."	Clarification
9.4	Debt Service Structure	Added Statement "to GLWA's debt profile and cost of financing. For instance, market conditions and/or specific financing goals of GLWA may indicate a deferred debt service structure, for a specific upcoming transaction, may be optimal. (Debt service coverage constraints, for example, may in part drive this decision-making process)."	Clarification

9.8	Lien Selection	Added Statement "GLWA will determine the most advantageous use of lien based on market conditions at time of sale, and in consultation with its Registered Municipal Advisor."	Clarification
10.1	Refunding for Debt Service Savings	Added Statement "GLWA may accept a lower positive savings threshold to the extent that the refunded bonds mature within 3 years, do not have an economic call option or as otherwise approved by the Board."	Clarification
10.2	Alternative Methods to Achieve Debt Service Savings	New section "Due to the federal tax law changes as of December 22, 2017, the ability of a municipal bond issuer to advance refund on a tax-exempt basis has been repealed. As part of evaluating future bonds to be refunded, GLWA will work with its Registered Municipal Advisor, on a case-bycase basis, to evaluate the cost benefit of various methods of refunding bonds that are not currently callable on a tax-exempt basis through alternative financing methods. These include, but are not limited to, taxable advance refunding bonds, tax-exempt forward delivery bonds, and refunding bonds issued in conjunction with a tender and/or exchange process."	Clarification

11	Method of	Rewording "GLWA will determine the	Clarification
	Issuance	method of issuance on a case-by-case	
		basis., based on the method of sale it	
		believes is the most appropriate and	
		economically advantageous in light of	
		financial, market, transaction-specific and	
		GLWA-related conditions. Acceptable	
		methods of sale may include a competitive	
		sale, a negotiated sale, or a private	
		placement. GLWA may also borrow from or	
		issue through the SRF Program or pursue	
		federal borrowing programs such as WIFIA	
		funding."	

	12 T	ax Status	New Section "Bond Counsel will determine the tax status of all issuances. Interest on the bonds may be designated as either tax-exempt or taxable.  12.1 Tax-Exempt - Interest on tax-exempt bonds is excluded from the gross income of its owners for federal income tax purposes and from Michigan income taxes, and as a result tax-exempt bonds can be sold at a lower true interest cost than taxable bonds. The Authority, along with bond counsel, will evaluate all projects to be funded to assess their eligibility to be funded by tax-exempt bonds. The Authority will make every effort to ensure that all tax regulations are complied with to ensure the bonds maintain their tax-exempt status throughout the life of the bonds.  12.2 Taxable - Certain municipal bonds are sold as taxable bonds because they are issued for purposes that the federal government deems do not provide a significant benefit to the public at large or involve private activity. In addition, certain tax laws such as the alternative minimum tax ("AMT") reduced the tax exemption applicable to certain types of bonds and to certain taxpayers. Taxable bonds will be used whenever a project has the potential for private activity or other uses that may call into question the eligibility to use tax-exempt financing."	Clarification
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13.7	Syndicate Policies	Added Statement "GLWA may seek to give certain classes of investors (such as Retail, Institutional or ESG Investors) priority during an order period in order to encourage best execution. GLWA will require the senior manager to allocate bonds in accordance with this priority policy as well as to seek to make reasonable and fair allocations of bonds to syndicate members and the selling group. In all cases, GLWA will require the senior manager to comply with MSRB regulations governing the priority of orders and allocations."	Clarification
13.9	Evaluation of Underwriter Performance	New Section "GLWA will evaluate each bond sale after completion to assess the following: costs of issuance including underwriters' compensation, pricing of the bonds in terms of the overall interest cost and on a maturity-by-maturity basis, the distribution of bonds, and sales credits."	Clarification
13.10	Reporting to the Board	New Section "Following each sale, the Chief Financial Officer or GLWA's Registered Municipal Advisor will provide a report to the Audit Committee on the results of the sale."	Clarification
14.3	Disclosure Counsel (if desired by GLWA)	New Section "Disclosure Counsel performs legal services associated with the preparation of offering documents used by the Authority in its debt offerings to ensure that the offering document fairly, accurately and completely addresses the information presented in the offering document so that it is true and correct in all material aspects."	Clarification

14.4	Feasibility	Added Section "GLWA will retain a	Clarification
	Consultant	Feasibility Consultant to prepare a	
		Feasibility Report for each bond issuance.	
		The Feasibility Report will contain financial	
		feasibility information including analyses of	
		water supply and sewage disposal service	
		charges, specific charge methodology,	
		projections of revenues under existing	
		charges, projection of future operation and	
		maintenance expenses, a summary of the	
		Regional Water and Sewage Capital	
		Improvement Programs and the impact of	
		projected revenue requirements on future	
		revenues and charges for a minimum of a	
		ten-year forecast period. The Feasibility	
		Consultant and the Feasibility Report will be	
		expected to be an integral part of the team	
		(along with GLWA, the Registered Municipal	
		Advisor and the Underwriter) interfacing with	
		the rating agencies."	

17.5	Continuing	Added Statement "When bonds are issued,	Clarification
	Disclosure	the issuer enters into a continuing disclosure	
	Agreement	agreement for the benefit of the underwriter	
		to meet the SEC's requirements, promising	
		to provide certain annual financial	
		information and material event notices to the	
		public. In accordance with changes made in	
		2009 and 2018 to Rule 15c2-12, those	
		filings must be made electronically at the	
		Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's	
		(MSRB) Electronic Municipal Market Access	
		(EMMA) web dissemination portal	
		(www.emma.msrb.org).	
		Issuers are also able to provide periodic	
		voluntary financial information to investors in	
		addition to meeting the SEC Rule 15c2-2	
		responsibilities undertaken in their	
		Continuing Disclosure Agreement through	
		EMMA. It is important to note that issuers	
		must disseminate any financial information	
		to the market as a whole and cannot give	
		any one investor certain information that is	
		not readily available to all investors."	
17.6	Feasibility	New Section "The Feasibility Consultant will	Clarification
	Report	provide a Feasibility Report to be published	
		in conjunction with revenue bonds to be	
		issued by the Authority. The Feasibility	
		Report will be included in the Official	
		Statement and will also be used by GLWA,	
		the Municipal Advisor and the Underwriter in	
		obtaining credit ratings for the offering."	

18.2	Investors, Bond	Added Statement "GLWA maintains a robust	Clarification
	Insurers,	and dedicated "Investor Relations" page on	
	Liquidity	its public website www.glwater.org. This	
	Providers	page includes the latest information on	
		GLWA's bond ratings as well as key	
		formative GLWA documents such as the	
		Master Bond Ordinance, all Bond Series	
		Ordinances, Official Statements for each	
		offering, and all of GLWA's Foundational	
		Documents. This page is an important tool	
		for investors; the Public Finance Manager	
		will maintain, update and make	
		enhancements to this page as necessary."	