

# Great Lakes Water Authority

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# GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

December 14, 2018

To the Board of Directors of the  
Great Lakes Water Authority  
Detroit, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the *Great Lakes Water Authority* (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2018, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



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## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Federal Agency / Cluster / Program Title	CFDA Number	Pass-through / Grantor Number	Total Subawards	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
Passed-through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:				
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds Cluster:				
State Revolving Funds	66.458	5619-02	\$ -	\$ 8,113
State Revolving Funds	66.458	5635-01	-	1,009,990
State Revolving Funds	66.458	5351-01	-	1,452,722
State Revolving Funds	66.458	5651-01	-	2,598,091
			<u>-</u>	<u>5,068,916</u>
Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Cluster:				
State Revolving Funds	66.468	7412-01	2,912,172	4,686,633
State Revolving Funds	66.468	7413-01	1,388,010	1,388,010
State Revolving Funds	66.468	7414-01	1,142,155	1,142,155
			<u>5,442,337</u>	<u>7,216,798</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 5,442,337</u>	<u>\$ 12,285,714</u>

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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## Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of the Great Lakes Water Authority (the "Authority") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2018. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Authority, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Authority.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is described as follows:

- *Basis of accounting.* In general, expenditures are reported in the Schedule when the Authority remits payment to a vendor or contractor, rather than when an expense is incurred by the Authority in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Additionally, any amounts paid to subrecipients are included when paid or transferred instead of when incurred. The Authority reports its expenditures using this method based on guidance it received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), which serves as the pass-through entity for all of the Authority's federally funded loan programs.
- *Pre-award costs.* In addition to the above, the MDEQ may approve reimbursement of costs related to projects undertaken (and paid to vendors) in prior periods. In those cases, as the payments were not previously reported as federal expenditures, they are reported on the Schedule in the period reimbursement is approved by the MDEQ which is normally with the initial project cash draw.

The above referenced expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule, if any, represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

For purposes of charging indirect costs to federal awards, the Authority has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate as permitted by §200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

December 14, 2018

To the Board of Directors of the  
Great Lakes Water Authority  
Detroit, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the *Great Lakes Water Authority* (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2018.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2018-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Great Lakes Water Authority's Response to Finding

The Authority's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Authority's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM  
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

December 14, 2018

To the Board of Directors of the  
Great Lakes Water Authority  
Detroit, Michigan**Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program**

We have audited the compliance of the *Great Lakes Water Authority* (the "Authority") with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Authority's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2018. The Authority's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

*Management's Responsibility*

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal program.

*Independent Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Authority's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance.



### *Opinion on the Major Federal Program*

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2018.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Authority's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### *Purpose of this Report*

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

### SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

#### Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?            yes   X   no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?   X   yes            none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?            yes   X   no

#### Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?            yes   X   no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?            yes   X   none reported

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?            yes   X   no

Identification of major programs and type of auditors' report issued on compliance for each major program:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>Type of Report</u>
66.458	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds Cluster	Unmodified

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:   \$  750,000  

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?            yes   X   no

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## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

### SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

#### 2018-001 - Timely Report Issuance in the Prior Year

**Finding Type.** Significant Deficiency in internal control over Financial Reporting.

**Criteria.** Management is responsible for maintaining its accounting records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and submitting required reporting packages by established deadlines.

**Condition.** The Authority did not submit its fiscal year 2017 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Single Audit Act Compliance (SAAC) report or Data Collection Form (DCF) by the state and federal deadlines.

**Cause.** The complex nature of the bifurcation of the balance sheet and separation from the City of Detroit in prior years resulted in the need for a memorandum of understanding between the Authority and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. This memorandum was a necessary component of the fiscal year 2017 audit and was not made final until April 2018.

**Effect.** As a result of this condition, the Authority was unable to comply with state and federal reporting requirements.

**Recommendation.** The Authority should ensure compliance with reporting requirements.

**View of Responsible Officials.** We have reviewed the findings and concur with the recommendations. This timing was unique to the ongoing discussions and Memorandum of Understanding.

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## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

### SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported.

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## Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

### 2017-001 - Timely Year-end Closing and Completion

Due to the complex nature of the bifurcation of the balance sheet, and separation from the City of Detroit, there were delays in completion of the bank reconciliations and adjusting various accounts to the final balances for the 2016 and 2017 audits.

This finding was adequately resolved with the timely filing of the June 30, 2018 audit within six months of year end.

