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TO: Members of the Michigan Legislature
Members of the Michigan Infrastructure Council

FROM: Liesl Eichler Clark, Director 

DATE: April 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Water Asset Management Council Annual Report

In accordance with the reporting obligation under Section 5006(4) of Part 50, Water Asset Management Council, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, attached is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) Water Asset Management Council (WAMC) Annual Report for 2019.

If you need further information, please contact Bob Schneider, Financial Specialist, Finance Division, at 517-388-6466; or you may contact me at 517-284-6708.

Attachment

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2019 Annual Report

Legislative Requirement

In accordance with Section 5006(4) of Part 50, Water Asset Management Council, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, the Water Asset Management Council (WAMC) is required to report annually on the activities conducted and the expenditure of funds related to the processes and activities identified by the WAMC. The WAMC receives technical and administrative support from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Background

The WAMC legislation was signed by Governor Rick Snyder in July 2018. The Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC) held their first meeting on September 6, 2018, at which time the MIC voted to appoint the nine WAMC voting members. WAMC members are appointed to three-year terms, with the initial terms being staggered. The table below illustrates the nine voting member appointees, their affiliation, and term limits. Additionally, the Department of Technology, Management and Budget has appointed one ex officio, nonvoting member:

WAMC Member	Represented Affiliation	Term Expiration
Aaron Keatley	EGLE	December 31, 2022
Cameron Van Wyngarden	Michigan Townships Association	December 31, 2021
Carrie Cox	Water Infrastructure Association	December 31, 2021
Evan Pratt	Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners	December 31, 2021
Jane Fitzpatrick	Representing a Region	December 31, 2022
Randy Scott	Member with Experience	December 31, 2022
Scott House**	Michigan Municipal League	December 31, 2020
Scott Noesen	Michigan Association of Counties	December 31, 2020
Sue McCormick*	Representing an Authority	December 31, 2020

*Council Chair

**Council Vice Chair

Activities

The WAMC began holding monthly meetings in fiscal year 2019. The following activities were accomplished in 2019:

- A set of three asset management templates were developed, one each for stormwater, drinking water, and wastewater. This task was completed in August 2019 and required by Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 324.5003(c).
- The WAMC continued to advise the MIC on a statewide water asset management strategy and the processes and tools needed to implement a strategy for all asset owners.
- The WAMC completed a schedule for submission of asset management plans to ensure that 1/3 of asset owners submit an asset management plan each year. This task required by MCL 324.5004 was completed in September 2019.
- The WAMC established a time schedule for First Round template submittals. It was determined that submission of templates would begin on October 1, 2020, and continue through January 31, 2021.

Budget

Currently, the WAMC does not have a line item in EGLE's annual budget. Staff assistance is provided and funded from existing EGLE budgetary resources when available. Ongoing budgetary needs will continue to be evaluated.

Future Activities

- The WAMC will continue its work toward identifying training needs of local asset owners to develop proficiency in using a multi-asset management system and statewide asset system conditions and measures.
- The WAMC will continue to coordinate with the MIC on MIC's establishment of asset management categories and processes to be measured and reported.
- The WAMC will begin in May 2020 to send out asset management template letters to over 850 asset owners.
- Beginning October 1, 2020, the WAMC shall review the submitted asset management templates and determine if the asset management plans follow the standards established by the WAMC.
- The WAMC will develop and provide guidance to asset owners on completing the asset management templates.