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SUBJECT: Water Asset Management Council Annual Report

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, attached is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) 2018 annual report on the Water Asset Management Council (WAMC).

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2018 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 is created within the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC), with technical and administrative support provided by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Background

The WAMC legislation was signed by Governor Rick Snyder in July of 2018. The 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 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
Aaron Keatley	EGLE	1 year
Cameron Van Wyngarden	Michigan Townships Association	3 years
Carrie Cox	Water Infrastructure Association	3 years
Doug LaFave	Member with Experience	1 year
Evan Pratt	Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners	3 years
Jane Fitzpatrick	Representing a Region	1 year
Scott House**	Michigan Municipal League	2 years
Scott Noesen	Michigan Association of Counties	2 years
Sue McCormick*	Representing an Authority	2 years

* Council Chair

** Council Vice Chair

Activities

The WAMC began holding monthly meetings in fiscal year 2019. The WAMC, along with a sub-workgroup composed of external subject matter experts and EGLE staff, are working on creating an asset management template(s) for water infrastructure assets. Additionally, time has been spent collaborating with both the MIC and the Transportation Asset Management Council

(TAMC). Cross-council coordination includes discussions on the development of a project portal process and an asset management maturity assessment process to evaluate where municipalities across the state are at in the utilization of asset management as a tool for optimizing the management of infrastructure.

Budget

Currently, the WAMC does not have a line item in EGLE's budget. Staff assistance is being funded from within the existing EGLE budget. Budgetary needs will be evaluated moving forward.

Future Activities

The WAMC is on track to meet the legislative deadline of an asset management template by October 1, 2019. Collaboration with the MIC and TAMC will continue, with the WAMC working 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.