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# Legislative Update

Summer 2022

# What's New

- State Budget Action
- Legislation of Interest
- SRF Changes
- Upcoming Election

# State Budget

*We are reaching the point of perpetual budgets...*

- Billions on the books!



- The legislature is negotiating with the Governor on the FY23-24 budget

- Election year politics push budget action early

***...but how does this impact water infrastructure?***

- Billions of available funding, some earmarked to water infrastructure
- A national and state focus on water related issues (lead, PFAS, etc.)
- Senate passed supplemental – SB 565

# Legislation of Interest

- Multi-billion-dollar water supplemental (SB 565)
- Major rewrite of the SRF process (HB 5890-5892)
- Water Rate/Affordability Reporting
- Stormwater Utility/Back-up Liability Bill

# SRF Rewrite

- Working with EGLE and the legislature on reforms to both Clean and Drinking Water SRF
- Legislation likely to pass before summer break!
- Our focus is on four main areas:
  1. Making the two acts more consistent
  2. Easing access to low and no interest dollars
  3. Clarifying the disadvantaged community definition
  4. Giving greater flexibility in the points and scoring system

# Some things haven't changed...



Michigan legislators plan to appropriate short-term federal dollars without long-term funding sources

# Redistricting/Election Update





# Statewide Candidates

## Democrats

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

AG Dana Nessel

SOS Jocelyn Benson

## Republicans

*Gov Candidates*

Tudor Dixon

Garrett Soldano

Kevin Rinke

Ryan Kelley

Ralph Rebandt

*AG Nominee* Matt DePerno

*SOS Nominee* Kristina Karamo

# State Legislative Races

- The State House and State Senate are up for reelection (all 148 members)
- New district maps create new challenges for both parties
- The rise of absentee voting means campaigning must happen earlier
- Majorities in both chambers could change hands

# QUESTIONS!?!

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