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**TRAWEEK NAMED GCA GENERAL MANAGER
AS RICKY CLIFTON RETIRES WITH 43 YEARS**

HOUSTON, July 31, 2017—The Board of Directors of Gulf Coast Authority (GCA) today announced the retirement of General Manager Ricky Clifton after 43 years with the organization, naming Assistant General Manager Lori Traweek to the top executive leadership position.

“Ricky had a long and distinguished career, earning his way through college while working fulltime for GCA and rising through the ranks,” said Board Chairman Frank Jones. “He leaves the Authority in the capable hands of Ricky’s deputy, Lori Traweek. On behalf of the entire Board and organization, we wish Ricky the best and congratulate Lori on her well deserved promotion to General Manager.”

Clifton worked at the Bayport Facility during high school before it was owned by GCA and joined the Authority when it took over in 1974. In addition to Bayport, he served at the 40-Acre and Campbell Bayou facilities and was transferred to the Central Office in 2007 as Manager of Industrial Operations. After two years as Assistant General Manager, he was promoted to General Manager in 2011.

Traweek is a 24-year GCA veteran. She joined the Authority in 1993 as Regulatory Compliance Coordinator, served in several senior management positions

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prior to being promoted to Manager of Operations in 2000 where she served until being named Assistant General Manager last year. She holds a bachelor of science degree in Aquatic and Fisheries Biology from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Traweek is Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Galveston Bay Foundation, Senate Appointee and Nominations Committee Chair of the Trinity & San Jacinto Rivers & Galveston Bay Basin & Bay Area Stakeholder Committee, past-Appointee to NOAA's Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, member and past-Chair of the Galveston Bay Council, President of the Texas Conservation Fund, member of the Advisory Board for the Environmental Institute of Houston (University of Houston – Clear Lake), member of the Economic Alliance - Houston Port Region's Business Growth Committee and Economic Development Task Force, and Steering Committee member of the annual Trash Bash.

GCA was created by the Texas Legislature in 1969 to protect the waters of the State of Texas by providing regional industrial and municipal wastewater treatment services, solid waste management and industrial water services--all with the goal to protect the environment, preserve water resources and promote industrial development and a strong economy.

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