



Gulf Coast Authority

Protecting the waters of the State of Texas through environmentally sound and economically feasible regional waste management practices



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Gulf Coast Authority (GCA) has successfully fulfilled its mission of protecting the waters of the State of Texas since its creation by the Texas Legislature in 1969 to address water quality concerns in the Galveston Bay watershed. In June 2017 Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 1489, officially changing GCA's name from the original Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to Gulf Coast Authority. The change was made to better reflect the regional services GCA provides, including industrial and municipal wastewater treatment, solid waste and water systems, all of which promote economic development statewide.

GCA's operating facilities include:

- Bayport Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility;
- · Washburn Tunnel Wastewater Treatment Facility;
- 40-Acre Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility;
- Odessa South Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility;
- Blackhawk Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility;
- Campbell Bayou Solid Waste Management Facility;
- Vince Bayou Receiving Station; and
- GCA Central Laboratory.

In 2013, the Texas Legislature expanded GCA's purview to permit the treatment of water that falls outside of industrial wastewater settings. The bill granted the Authority the same powers with regard to the acquisition, construction, and operation of such water systems that it has with regards to wastewater treatment systems. Water systems covered by the legislation include pipelines, conduits, canals, pumping stations, force mains, plants storage and other facilities. GCA's focus is industrial water supply systems.



Why do communities and industries contract with GCA?

Municipal

- GCA is responsible for permits and dealing with regulators reducing your compliance risk;
- Favorable economies of scale save money and improve efficiency;
- Infrastructure financed by GCA preserves municipalities' capacity to issue bonds for other purposes;
- GCA has capability and experience of owning and operating existing wastewater treatment facilities.

Industrial

- GCA responsible for permits and dealing with regulators reducing your compliance risk;
- Favorable economies of scale save you money and improve efficiency;
- · Frees up your capital to invest in your core business;
- We focus on our core business which is regional wastewater treatment;
- GCA can provide tax-exempt and taxable financing for qualifying projects including GCA facilities;
- GCA is expert in safe, reliable, turnkey wastewater treatment services.

Many of the same advantages of working with GCA to provide regional industrial and municipal wastewater solutions also apply to water treated under the Authority's expanded scope granted by the Texas Legislature in 2013.

Core values

GCA's core values guide every aspect of our operations:

- Stewardship of the environment and of the health and safety of employees, customers and neighbors;
- Communication with stakeholders openly, honestly and frequently;
- Reliability of our operations are safe, compliant and cost effective;
- *Integrity* of our staff who operate in a clear, transparent and honest manner;
- *Planning* to ensure continuity of service, innovation, sustainability and financial responsibility; and
- *Teamwork* to foster trust, commitment, enthusiasm and innovation.

The commitment and dedication of our employees has enabled GCA to successfully fulfill its mission to protect the waters of the State of Texas since 1969.

For more information about our services, please visit gcatx.org or call (281) 488-4115.

