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Great Lakes Water Authority CEO Elected to Board of National Association of Clean Water Agencies

WASHINGTON, DC – During the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' (NACWA) [Utility Leadership Conference and 47th Annual Meeting](#) in St. Louis, MO, representatives of the Association's nearly 300 member utilities—sustaining *millions* of clean water-users nationwide—elected Sue F. McCormick, CEO of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), to a seat on its Board of Directors. NACWA, headquartered in Washington, DC, is the nation's recognized leader in clean water issue advocacy, and McCormick's leadership will be instrumental in helping to shape and improve the clean water policy landscape.

“With the addition of Sue McCormick, the Association further bolsters its long tradition of having unparalleled public utility leaders helping shape our regulatory, legislative and legal clean water initiatives and showing the path toward the Utility of the Future. Sue brings exceptional experience, innovation and commitment to her local utility and to the national stage and it is a great honor for me to welcome her to NACWA's Board of Directors,” said Adam Krantz, CEO, NACWA.

McCormick, a recognized leader in the water service sector, led GLWA through its groundbreaking formation as Michigan's largest water regional authority serving nearly 40 percent of the state. In GLWA's first year of operation the Authority has received upgrades to its bond ratings from all three ratings agencies twice; executed a money-saving \$1.3 billion inaugural bond sale, which achieved \$309.1 million in savings over the life of the refinanced bonds; and began the operation of its Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP), the first sustainable drinking water assistance program in Michigan.

“It's a privilege to be appointed to NACWA's board,” said Sue McCormick, CEO, GLWA. “Our heightened involvement with this national organization helps cement us as leaders in our service sector, and will allow us to share research, best practices and information



on emerging technologies with stakeholders in the regional system. In the end, the strengthening of our relationship with NACWA further benefits our member communities through our ability to leverage the knowledge gained.”

Now more than ever before, clean water agencies like the Great Lakes Water Authority are embracing and implementing innovative approaches and technologies to advance sustainable practices and maximize environmental and public health protection. They are ensuring the biggest bang for the buck in terms of ratepayer investment, while boosting local economies. NACWA’s 33-member Board guides the Association’s advocacy initiatives and an array of technical resources, helping its member agencies improve clean water services to local communities and the nation.

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About NACWA

For more than forty years, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) has been the nation’s recognized leader in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy on the full spectrum of clean water issues. NACWA represents public wastewater and stormwater agencies of all sizes nationwide, and is a top technical resource in water quality, water management and sustainable ecosystem protection.

NACWA’s unique and growing network strengthens the advocacy voice for all member utilities, and ensures they have the peer-to-peer tools necessary to provide the most affordable and sustainable clean water services for all communities. Our vision is to represent every utility as a NACWA member, helping to build a strong and sustainable clean water future. For more information, contact NACWA at info@nacwa.org.

About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is a non-profit organization and the provider of choice for water and wastewater services to 127 municipalities in seven Southeastern Michigan counties. With the Great Lakes as source water, the GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide its customers water of unquestionable quality. GLWA has capacity to extend its service to other Southeastern Michigan communities. The authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) to assist low-income residential customers throughout the system. The GLWA board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties as well as two representatives from the City of Detroit, and one appointed by the governor of Michigan to represent customer communities outside the tri-county area.