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## **Media Release**

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### **CCWA Receives 7<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

*National award represents highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting*

Morrow, Georgia - - The Clayton County Water Authority's Finance Department was recently honored with the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting when it received The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

This marks the seventh year in a row that the Authority has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. There are currently only 1,250 recipients of this award out of all of the state and local governmental entities, school districts, colleges and universities, authorities, and retirement systems that exist in the United States and Canada.

"Our Finance staff does a great job preparing a sound financial plan for the Authority," says Pete McQueen, CCWA Board Chairman. "We are very proud of the work they do and the recognition they receive from their peers."

According to GFOA, this award reflects a commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

The guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated proficient in all four categories and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories to receive the award.

Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America. The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving 17,400 government finance professionals throughout North America.

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