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**Denver Wastewater Exec Catherine Gerali to
Keynote CMAA Water Summit**

Catherine Gerali, district manager of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District in greater Denver, Colorado, is overseeing the planning and construction of up to \$2 billion in capital improvements, and will describe the District's strategy in her keynote presentation to the Construction Management Association of America's first Water Summit in July.

The Summit will be held at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas on July 19-20. Complete information is available at www.cmaanet.org/water-summit. The program will explore the challenges of maintaining, restoring and expanding water and wastewater infrastructure nationwide.

Gerali's agency serves about 1.6 million people and operates the largest wastewater treatment facility in the Rocky Mountain West. It is now looking toward a major increase in demand as well as a need to replace or refurbish aging infrastructure.

"We are anticipating over \$2 billion in capital improvement over the next 20 years," Gerali says. "We knew this huge capital program was looming on the horizon and in 2005 began taking steps to prepare for it. From a management perspective, managing capital costs is critical. We must be able to identify and meet the intent, budget and timeline for each project."

Gerali's keynote will highlight a 16-session program that includes an opening panel and closing "town hall" discussion forum. In between, 15 breakout sessions will focus on practical experiences in actual projects. Presenters will include representatives of the project owners, along with managers from prominent CM/PM firms including URS, Parsons, Arcadis, Jacobs, Worley Parsons, CH2M Hill, PBS&J, Black & Veach, Balfour Beatty, HDR, and others.

Among the breakout session topics are:

- San Francisco PUC Water System Improvement Program – Construction Management Approach and Practices
- Impacts of Population Growth on Water/Wastewater Infrastructure: Analysis and Trends
- City of Atlanta Sewer Separation Construction Program
- Adapting PPPs Used in the UK for US Water Industry Projects
- CM Leadership in Alternative Project Delivery for Municipal Infrastructure Projects
- National Regulatory Developments and the ARRA

- Collaboration and Communication – Case Examples of Water/Wastewater Project Successes
- Palm Beach County FL Wakadahatchee Wetlands – Experiences and Challenges of Water Reclamation Using Constructed Wetlands

“The need to maintain, expand and replace water and wastewater infrastructure has come to the fore as one of the most pressing issues facing America today,” says CMAA President Bruce D’Agostino. “This best practices summit will be a venue for sharing experiences and ideas to promote a more effective response to this challenge.”

CMAA is North America's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of the professional Construction and Program management industry. On behalf of its 25 regional chapters and more than 5,400 public and private firms and individuals throughout the nation, CMAA promotes the Construction Management industry and provides professional resources, advocacy, professional development, certification, and business opportunities to its members. CMAA's national headquarters is located in McLean, Va. The Association’s website is www.cmaanet.org.

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