

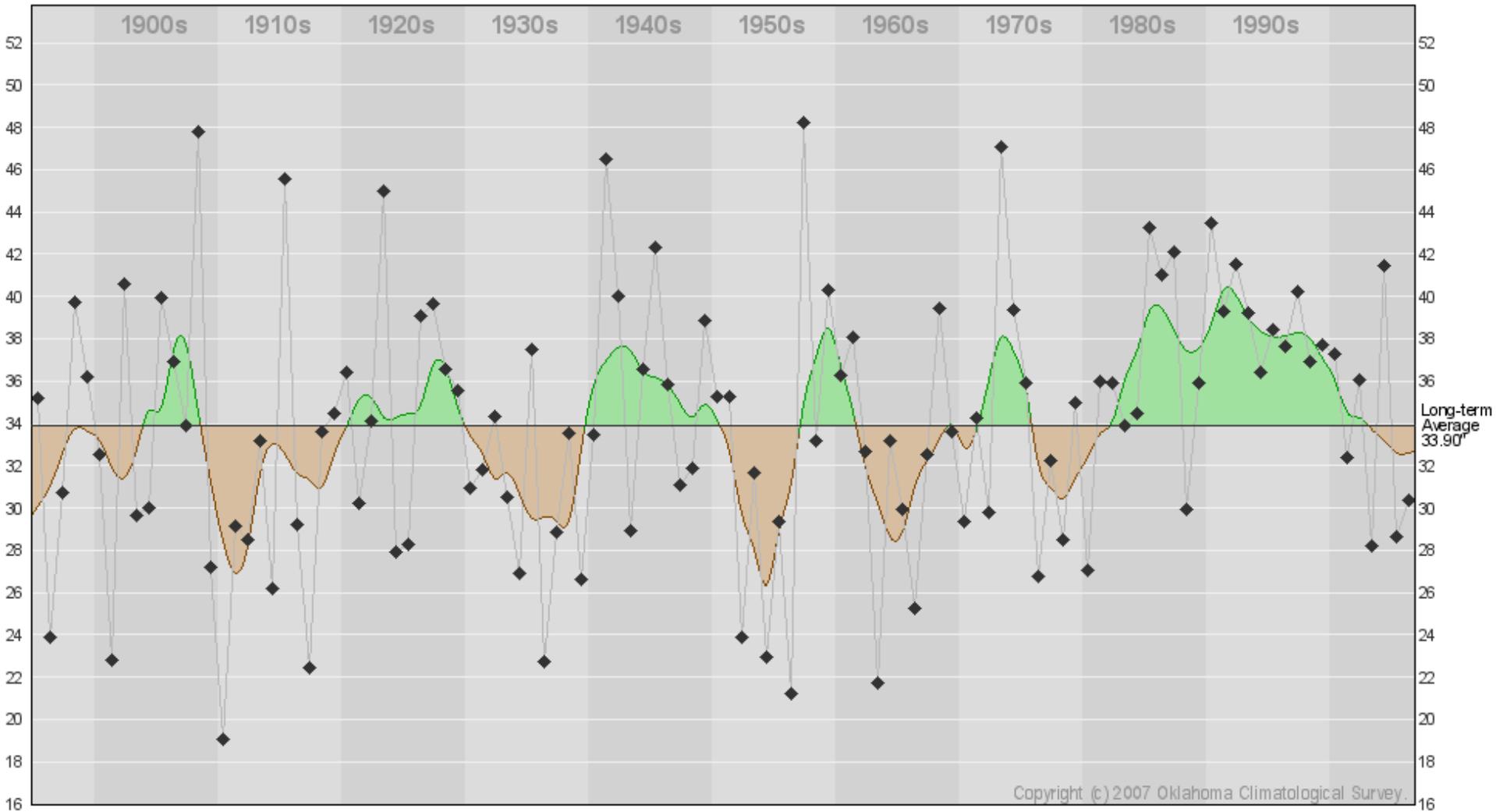
The Oklahoma  
Comprehensive Water Plan  
**Process & Partnerships**

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WATER RESOURCES BOARD  
the water agency

# The Wettest Period in Oklahoma History



**Annual Rainfall History with 5-yr Weighted Trends**  
Climate Division OK-ST (Oklahoma Statewide): 1895-2006

-  Wetter historical periods
-  Drier historical periods

# Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan

# OCWMP

*Utilizing public input and expert analysis to establish and implement Oklahoma's priority water initiatives.*

- Forecasting tomorrow's water needs.
- Identifying reliable water supplies.
- Assisting water providers in creating 50-year plans.

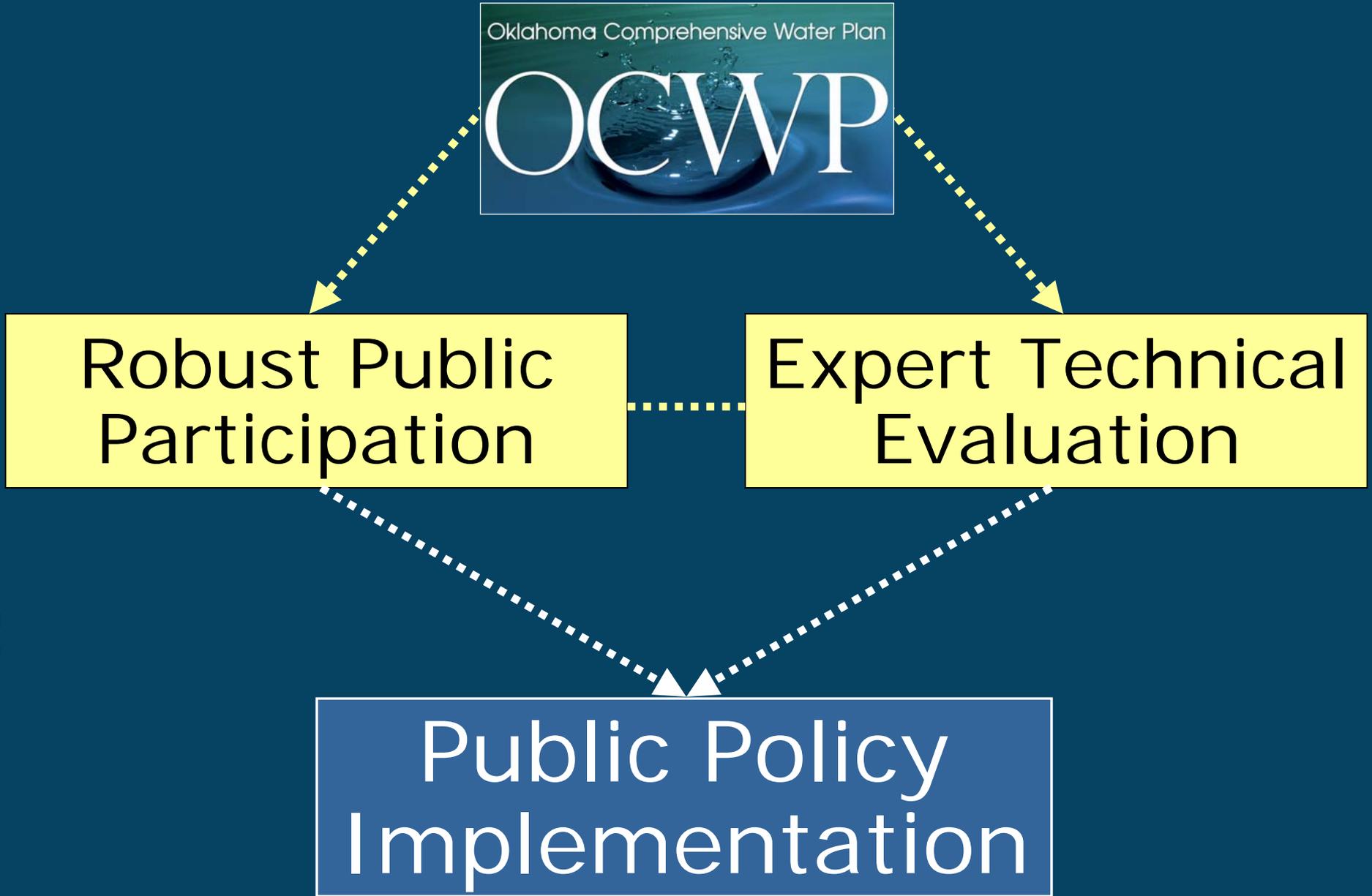
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OCWVP

Robust Public  
Participation

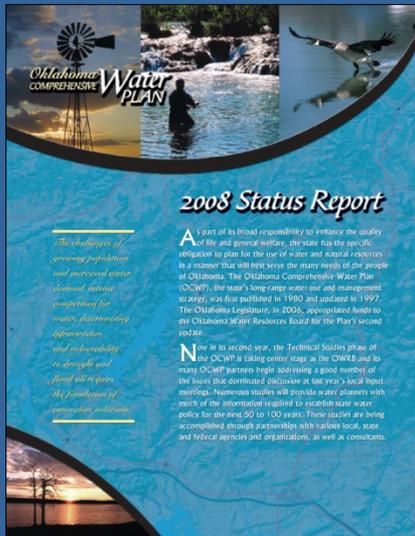
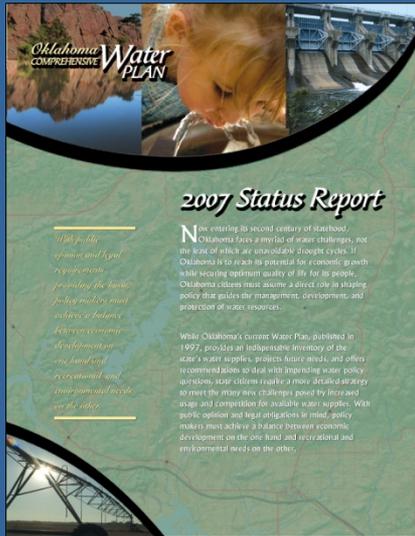
Expert Technical  
Evaluation

Public Policy  
Implementation



# Status Reports:

- May 2007
- May 2008



## Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan

# OCWP

Completed

In Progress

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT (PUBLIC INPUT)**

**TECHNICAL STUDIES**

**Local Input Meetings**

**Research**

**Regional Input Meetings**

**Water Supply / Demand Analysis**

**Planning Workshops**

**Public Water Supply Assessment**

**Town Hall Meeting**

**Supplemental Studies**

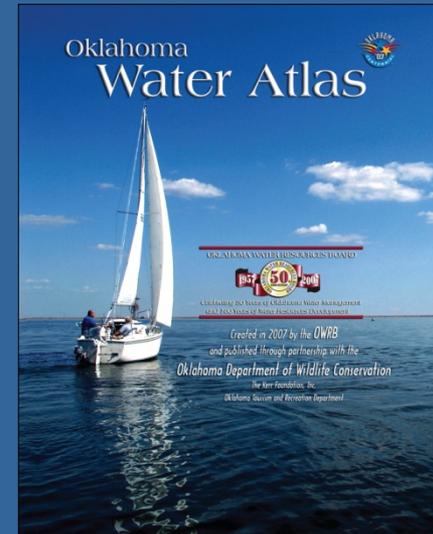
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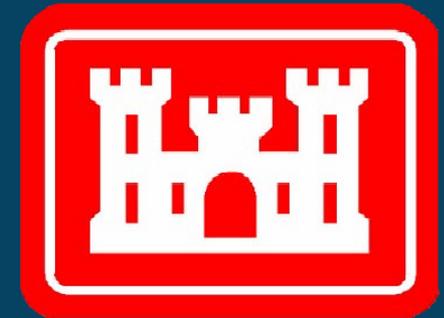
**IMPLEMENTATION**

# Oklahoma Water Atlas:

- October 2007



# Integrated Water Resource Planning Partnerships



Corps of Engineers



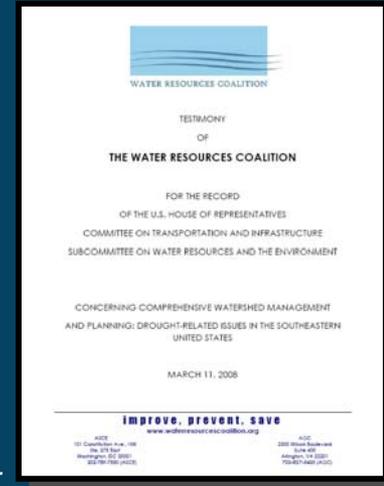
Bureau of Reclamation



# Water Project Funding

- Traditional funding for state water resource projects provided through various “ad hoc” opportunities:
  - Corps of Engineers OCWP Funding, FY-08:
    - \$724,000
  - Bureau of Reclamation Funding, FY-08:
    - \$120,000
- States require a new way of doing business:
  - a more effective strategy to identify and implement water resource projects

# Water Resources Coalition Testimony to Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment Oklahoma's Water Planning (OCWP):



*"This is a groundbreaking authority to support state water resources planning through the unparalleled water resources planning, engineering and technical knowledge of the Corps."*

*"...an excellent example of what the new trend line should be... the future in water resources planning."*

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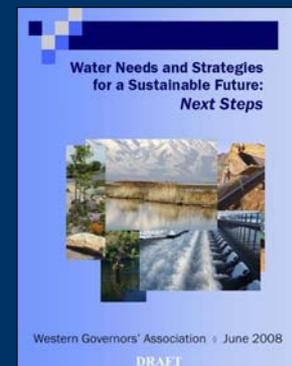
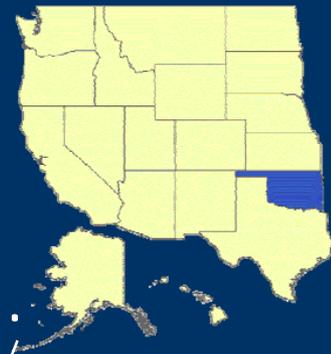
*"We believe Congress has provided the Corps' program a model that should be considered on a national scale for proper water planning."*



# Water Needs & Strategies for a Sustainable Future: Next Steps

## Western States Water Council

- Require federal water agencies to include “Integrated Water Resources Planning and Assistance” as a primary mission.
- Encourage state leadership in comprehensive water plan development; with federal assistance.
- Federal agencies should use state water plans to help determine national water policy and priorities.



*Sound science  
is the foundation  
of good public policy*

