

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (Board) has made a tentative determination of the maximum annual yield of fresh groundwater from the Garber Wellington Groundwater Basin in portions of Cleveland, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Payne and Pottawatomie counties. The tentative order proposes to set the amount of groundwater that may be withdrawn from the Garber Wellington Groundwater Basin on an annual basis at 2 acre-feet per acre. After a final determination has been made, existing temporary permits shall lapse and regular permits shall be issued for the determined amount. In addition, water well spacing of 1,320 feet will be applicable for the water wells drilled after the final maximum annual yield determination is made.

This determination of the maximum annual yield of the basin will not affect "prior rights" to use groundwater. "Prior rights" are groundwater rights established by the Oklahoma Groundwater Law prior to July 1, 1973, and recognized by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

A public hearing on the Tentative Maximum Annual Yield Order shall be held and conducted by the Board in the second-floor Board Room at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, 3800 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on October 30-31, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

At the hearing, the Board shall present evidence of the hydrogeologic findings and determinations upon which the tentative maximum annual yield of the basin has been based. In addition, any interested party may attend the hearing and present evidence or comment in response to, support of, or in opposition to the Board's tentative findings. Appearance at the hearing may be in person and/or by legal counsel, and may be presented orally and/or in writing.

Prior to the public hearing, copies of the pertinent materials relied upon by the Board shall be available for the examination on the Oklahoma Water Resources Board website, <http://www.owrb.ok.gov/studies/groundwater/garber.php>; at the offices of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, 3800 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and at the following locations:

The Oklahoma County Metropolitan Library, 300 Park Ave., Oklahoma City, OK
The Norman Public Library, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK
The Shawnee Public Library, 101 N. Philadelphia Ave., Shawnee, OK
The Chandler Public Library, 1021 Manvel Ave., Chandler, OK
The Guthrie Public Library, 201 North S. Division St., Guthrie, OK
The Stillwater Public Library, 1107 S. Duck St., Stillwater, OK

Materials available for inspection include:

1. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Investigations Report 2013-5219, Hydrogeology and Simulation of Groundwater Flow in the Central Oklahoma Aquifer, Oklahoma, 1987 to 2009, and Simulation of Available Water Storage, 2010-2059;
2. USGS Water-Supply Paper 2357-A, Ground-Water-Quality Assessment of the Central Oklahoma Aquifer, Oklahoma: Results of Investigations;

3. Garber-Wellington Groundwater Basin; Hydrologic Survey and Simulation of Water Available in Storage, Oklahoma Water Resources Board unpublished report, May 2019.

See Title 82 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 1020.5, 1020.6 and 1085.2. For more information, contact the Oklahoma Water resources Board at (405) 530-8800.