Beginning in 1955, Dr. Lloyd Church traveled across the state with a team of legislators and concerned citizens who spent the next two years talking to water users about local and statewide water issues.

The report generated by this group led to a joint legislative resolution creating the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in 1957.
Governor Raymond Gary appointed seven members to the board who were well-versed in all water use interests: Guy James (Chairman), Joe Sykora, George Benz, John Curry, Glade Kirkpatrick, Forrest Nelson, and L.L. Males.
The board holds its first meeting on June 14, 1957, elects Guy James as Chairman and hires Francis Borelli as the executive director, authorizing him to hire staff and create an office where the agency can conduct business.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
June 11, 1957

The first official meeting of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, created by Senate Bill 138, membership being appointed by the Honorable Raymond Cary, Governor, was held at 533 State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with the following members in attendance:

Mr. Guy H. James
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Mr. Joe Sykora
Stroud, Okla.
Mr. George R. Benz
Bartlesville, Okla.
Mr. L.L. Males
Cheyenne, Okla.

Dr. Lloyd Church
Wilburton, Okla.
Mr. John Curry
Antlers, Okla.
Mr. Glade Kirkpatrick
Tulsa, Okla.

Acting Chairman, Mr. Guy James, conducted the election of officers. Officers elected as follows:

Mr. Guy H. James, Chairman
Dr. Lloyd Church, Vice Chairman
Mr. George R. Benz, Secretary-Treasurer.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. James, Chairman. Each member of the Board signed a Loyalty Oath before a Notary Public, to be presented to the Secretary of State, as provided by law.

Mr. James cited the fact that the State Budget Officer needed at least a tentative budget by the 21st of June, 1957. The Board agreed that the selection of a Director should have precedence so that the Director could be responsible for decisions as to personnel, inventory etc.

A motion was made by Dr. Church that Mr. Francis J. Borelli, Okarche, Oklahoma, be hired as Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board...
At its August 1957 board meeting, the OWRB approves the first 15 new permits.
The Scenic Rivers Act is passed in 1970 by the Oklahoma Legislature and agencies are instructed to assist in pollution control and elimination activities in these designated areas.
The McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System is formally dedicated at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa.
The OWRB begins its Mass Measurement program to gather vital water-level information about the state’s aquifers.
The OWRB prepares annual reports for the Oklahoma Legislature detailing programs and agency budget.
Concern over future water supply availability leads the Oklahoma Legislature to direct the OWRB to prepare a statewide water plan by 1975.
In 1972, the Oklahoma legislature changes Oklahoma Groundwater Law from a conservation law to a mining law to promote economic development.
The new law requires hydrologic yield studies to determine amount of water available for appropriation.
Growing public awareness and concern for controlling water pollution leads congress to pass the Clean Water Act in 1972.
In 1976, The OWRB adopts minimum Water Well Construction Standards to protect groundwater basins.
The OWRB begins reviewing stream water rights to determine where water is available for allocation.
The OWRB publishes the first edition of *Oklahoma's Water Atlas*. 
In 1978, the first legislatively required Maximum Annual Yield study is completed by the OWRB to set proportional allocation for the Tillman Terrace Groundwater Basin.
The Oklahoma Legislature authorizes the OWRB to issue loans and grants for public water projects.
The first Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan is submitted to the Governor and Legislature in 1980.
The OWRB publishes the first issue of the *Oklahoma Water News* and mails it monthly to permit holders to keep them informed about current water issues.
Rural Water Systems in Oklahoma is published by the OWRB in 1980 to provide maps and information on 398 systems for local economic development, planning, and emergency response.
The first annual Oklahoma Governor’s Water Conference is held in Oklahoma City, hosted by the OWRB. Governor George Nigh, Board Chairman Gerald Borelli, and Executive Director James Barnett lead the conference discussions on water resources development financing and water planning.
The Oklahoma Legislature creates the Statewide Water Development Revolving Fund in 1982 authorizing the OWRB to issue bonds for water infrastructure loans to public entities.
The OWRB initiates the Emergency Grant Program in 1982 to help disadvantaged communities address life, health, or property threatening situations.
Water: A Time For Action

AGENDA

8 A.M.  REGISTRATION, COFFEE

9:00 WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS
James H. Norick, Honorary Host
Robert J. LaFortune, Conference Chairman

9:20 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
The Honorable George Nigh

9:45 CONCURRENT SESSIONS, DISCUSSION
Water for Agriculture
Water for Commerce and Industry
Public Water Supply

NOON LUNCHEON PROGRAM
"National Water Policy — A New Partnership."
The Honorable Garrey C. Carruthers, Assistant
Secretary of Interior for Land and Water
Resources
The Honorable Marvin York, President Pro
Tempore, Senate
The Honorable Dan Draper, Speaker,
House of Representatives

2 P.M.  CONCURRENT SESSIONS, ACTION
RECOMMENDATIONS
Water for Agriculture
Water for Commerce and Industry
Rural Water
Municipal Water

4:15 CO-CHAIRMEN REPORTS, RESPONSE
Robert J. LaFortune
Gerald E. Borelli
Patty Eaton
Dr. Tom Hurst

4:45 CLOSING REMARKS, ADJOURN
Gov. Nigh
James H. Norick

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Dr. Carruthers
Mr. Draper
Mr. LaFortune
Mr. Borelli
Mr. York
Mr. Norick
Mrs. Eaton
Dr. Hurst

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have too much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."
—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Governor George Nigh invites you to share in seeking creative alternatives in addressing Oklahoma’s water issues of importance at the Governor’s Second Annual Water Conference on Tuesday, December 1, 1981, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Lincoln Plaza Inn, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Water: Meeting the Challenge
December 7, 1982
Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City

10:30 THE EPA'S CHANGING ROLE
Frederic A. Eidsness, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA

11:00 NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OKLAHOMA
Glenn H. Sullivan, Executive Vice-President, The Benham Group

NOON LUNCHEON PROGRAM - South Ballroom
Governor George Nigh
The Honorable Marvin York, President
Pro Tempore, Senate
The Honorable Dan Draper, Speaker, House of Representatives

CONSERVATION - CALIFORNIA'S HOTTEST EXPORT - Ronald B. Robie,
Director, California Department of Water Resources

2:40 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS - North Ballroom
Public Water Supply - Allegheny Room
Water for Commerce and Industry - Bluridge Room
Water for Agriculture - Cumberland Room

4:15-5:30 CRACKER BARREL SESSION - Gazebo
Cheese and crackers in a relaxed atmosphere and an opportunity to have your question answered by an expert.

MODERATORS AND PANELISTS

Public Water Supply - Allegheny Room
Moderator: William Morgan, Mayor, City of Norman
Panelists:
Dr. Jay Lehr, Executive Director, National Water Well Assn.
Andy Peck, Oklahoma Representative, Bureau of Reclamation
John Marsh, President, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
Larry E. Stephenson, State Director, FMHA
Ed Schermerhorn, Rate Review Committee, City of Tulsa

Water for Agriculture - Cumberland Room
Moderator: Perdie J. Deering, Former Editor, “Oklahoma Farmer Stockman”
Panelists:
Dr. Norman N. Durham, Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute, OSU
Bob Day, Irrigation Specialist, SCS
Dr. Billy Tucker, Extension Agronomist, OSU

Mini-Reports by:
Mike Mathis, Hydrologist Supervisor, OWRB
Joseph P. Maren, Section Supervisor, State Board of Agriculture
Robert Toole, Assistant Director, Oklahoma Conservation Commission
John Morgan, Assistant Manager of Pollution Abatement, Oklahoma Corporation Commission

Water Awareness Shinandoah Room
Moderator: JoAnn Puckett, President, League of Women Voters
Panelists:
R. Thomas Lay, General Counsel, OWRB
Dr. Wayne Pettijohn, Head of Department of Geology, OSU
Dr. Harry Mapp, Professor of Agricultural Economics, OSU
Jim Schoelten, Hydrologist-Meteorologist, OWRB

Water for Commerce and Industry
Bluridge Room
Moderator: Ronn Cupp, Director of Governmental Affairs, Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce
Panelists:
Charles Tyree, Chief, Environmental Affairs, OGE
Sen. Tim Leonard, Oklahoma State Legislature
Bill Bryan, Engineer, Cities Service Company
Harry Hansen, President, Pollution Control Assn., Inc.
Risse Stoes, Executive Director, Lake Eufaula Assn.
Dr. Wayne Turner, Professor, Rick Webb, Research Engineer, OSU School of Industrial Engineering
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insurance is first offered to Oklahoma communities in 1982.
Announcing

The Governor's Fourth Annual Water Conference
October 25, 1983
in Conjunction with
The 52nd Annual Convention and
Water Resources Seminar of the
National Water Resources Association
October 24-27, 1983
Tulsa Assembly Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma

AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 - WATER MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

8:00  Registration - Gathering, Third Level
9:30  Welcome, George Proctor, President
10:00  Keynote Address, The Honorable Wes Watkins
11:00  "Planning - A Skill for Water Managers"
Noon  Luncheon
1:30  "Computers and Information Systems for Water Management"
3:00  Adjourn

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 - JOINT SESSIONS
Oklahoma Governor's Water Conference / NWRA

9:00  Musical Interlude, The Marching Scots of McLain High School
9:30  Call to Order, George Proctor, NWRA President
10:00  Keynote Address, The Honorable Donald Hodel, Secretary of Energy
11:00  "The Rio Grande — Ribbon of Life," Bureau of Reclamation
11:20  Address - The Honorable Don Nickles
12:30  Awards Luncheon
1:30  Luncheon: Address, The Honorable George Nigh, Governor
2:30  Announcements, Gerald E. Borculo, Chairman
     Oklahoma Water Resources Board
     "Financing Water Projects, Oklahoma Style" Robert M. Cochran
     Senior Vice President, Stotz, Nicholas & Company

3:10  Panel Discussion - "Outlook for State and Regional Water Development"
     Commander, Division Engineer, Southwest Division
     Eugene Hinde, Director, Bureau of Reclamation Southwest Region
     Roland R. Williams, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service
     Alfred Clechob, Jr., Regional Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey

4:30  Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00  Opening Remarks
     Vern Faby, Director, North Dakota
     "The Continuing Struggle for Water Projects"
     The Honorable Allen Olson, Governor of North Dakota
9:30  "Developing Ground Water Resources," Dr. Wayne Petryjohn
     Chairman, Department of Geology, OSU
10:00  "World Water Watch," Valeri Mansell, Manager of Public
     Information Programs, Artistic Richfield Corporation, Los Angeles
10:45  "Financing Cost-Shared Projects," N. L. Hayes, Vice President
     Municipal Utilities Department, Merrill Lynch, New York City
     U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
11:45  Presentation - The Honorable Robert Bradleben
     Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
12:30  Luncheon
2:30  "Hydropower," Multi-Image Show by the Bureau of Reclamation
3:00  "Washington Report - J. W. "Jim" O'Meara,
     NWRA Executive Vice President
3:30  Committee Chair Reports, Adoption of Resolutions, Business Meeting
5:00  Adjourn
7:00  All States Banquet, John Spache, Master of Ceremonies
Fifth Annual
GOVERNOR'S
WATER CONFERENCE

Paying for Water—It's Up to Us
Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City

AGENDA—December 12, 1984

8 a.m. Registration, Coffee
9:00 Welcome—Gerald E. Borelli
Chairman, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
10:15 Keynote—Joan M. Kovacic
Evaluation Director, Ge. Counc., Interstate Conference on Water Problems
10:50 Keynote—James R. Nelson, PhD, P.E.
Prof. Agricultural Economics, OSU
11:00 Remarks—The Honorable
don N. Stilwell
The Honorable Wes Williams
Other Commissioners Invited
11:50 Coffee, Visit Exhibits
11:00 Interstate Water Issues
Michael C. Turpen, Attorney General
R. Thomas Lay, Gen. Counsel

12:15 Lunch Program, Introductions
The Honourable George Nigh
Governor
The Honourable Robert A. Olson,
Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Reclamation

3:10 WATER TO GROW ON—WATER FOR
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
Moderated by Charles L.Tyree
Chief, Environmental Affairs, OSU

Who Pays, Who Benefits from
Conservation?
Francis M. Eppolito, PhD, Asst. Prof.
Agricultural Economics, OSU

Conservation Practices as Means of
Improving Water Quality
John Hanwell, Director of Water
Quality Programs, Oklahoma
Conservation Commission

Oklahoma's Waterway—the Giant is
Awakening
Robert W. Portis, Port Director
Port of Chanute

How Much Regulation for
Industry's Water?
4:15–5:30 Cracker Barrel Session—Informal Question and Answer Period
"Around the Cracker Barrel."

5:10 R. Thomas Lay
R. Thomas Lay assumed his role as General Counsel of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in 1976. He received his BS degree from Oklahoma State University in 1970 and his JD degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1973. Subsequently, Lay served as Assistant Municipal Counselor for the City of Oklahoma City and later was engaged in private practice. He has served as Assistant Attorney General and is a member of the Oklahoma State, Oklahoma County and American Bar Associations. Lay's present duties involve him in all major aspects of Oklahoma water law.

Joan M. Kovacic
In addition to leadership of ICSV, Kovacic is an associate of the Washington, DC law firm of Tait, Stettinius and Hollister, serving as counsel on environmental, water quality and water resources matters. Kovacic earlier served as deputy director of USDA's Office of Water Program Operations, during which time she directed the multi-billion dollar grant program for the construction of municipal wastewater facilities and developed legislation including Clean Water Act amendments of 1981.

Kovacic holds a B.A. in social relations and an M.S. in public administration from Carnegie-Mellon University, a J.D. degree from George Washington University Law School and attended seminars at Harvard University and the Brookings Institute. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, District of Columbia Bar Association, U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Robert A. Olson
Prior to his appointment to Acting Commissioner Robert A. Olson was Assistant Commissioner—Planning and Operations. He managed the Boulder City, Nevada, area of the Department of Energy's Western Area Power Administration and directed WAPA's power activities in the southwest, including the marketing of power from Hoover, Davis, Parker and Glen Canyon Dams on the Colorado River. He is an electrical engineer, a graduate of South Dakota State University and an associate of the Bureau of Reclamation since 1963.

James R. Nelson
Nelson joined the faculty of Oklahoma State University in 1975 from a previous position on the faculty of the University of Idaho. He holds BS and MS degrees from Texas Technical University and a PhD degree from Oklahoma State University. Nelson has worked in rural development with emphasis on the development of land and water resources and the economics of rural community services. He has authored more than 100 papers on rural development and agricultural economics.

Michael C. Turpen
Michael C. Turpen was elected Attorney General in 1982, having served previously as Muskogee County District Attorney, Muskogee County Chief Prosecutor and First Assistant District Attorney. He is a graduate of the University of Tulsa and the TU College of Law. In 1975 Turpen was named the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year by the Oklahoma Bar Association.

He has served as adjunct professor at Northeastern State University, Connors State College and Oral Roberts University College of Law, and is the recipient of many awards including the 1981 Maurice Merrill Goldner Quill Award for his contribution of the outstanding article of the year to the Oklahoma Bar Journal.
The 2nd Edition of *Oklahoma's Water Atlas* is published by the OWRB.
In 1984, the first Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards are presented at the Governor’s Water Conference to honor individuals who have made significant contributions in the planning, development, management, and conservation of Oklahoma’s water resources.
Looking Back as We Plan Ahead
Sixth Annual GOVERNOR’S WATER CONFERENCE Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City

Early Bird Reception December 3, 1985 6:30-7:30 p.m. Gazebo, Hilton Inn West

AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE
December 4, 1985 8 a.m.
Registration, Coffee
9:00 Welcome — Gerald E. Borelli, Chairman, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
9:10 Edmond High School Show Choir Act II — Terry Attebery, Director
9:30 Keynote — The Honorable George Nigh, Governor

10:00 Coffee Break
10:50 Dam Safety — Who is Responsible? Slide Show Prepared by the National Association of Conservation Districts
11:20 Perspective from Capitol Hill Remarks by Members of Oklahoma Congressional Delegation
2:00 Is Cost-Sharing Leaving America’s Infrastructure High and Dry? Debate by Brian Robison, Chris Man Heritage Hall Upper School Glenda Ferguson, Coach

3:00 Ground Water Management A. Wayne Wyatt, Manager, High Plains Water Conservation District No. 1
3:30 Break
3:45 Oklahoma’s Reach to the Clouds Weather Modification Slide Show Prepared by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
4:05 Is Chloride Control in Oklahoma’s Future? Glenn Sullivan, P.E. The Benham Group
4:30 Closing Remarks, Adjournment
4:30-5:30 Cracker Barrel Session — Your opportunity to meet speakers, have your questions answered and visit around the cracker barrel.
WATER:
THE LIFEBLOOD
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Seventh Annual
GOVERNOR'S WATER CONFERENCE
Lincoln Plaza, Oklahoma City
October 28, 1986

Early Bird Reception
October 27, 1986
6:30—7:30 p.m.
Senate Room, Lincoln Plaza

AGENDA
October 28, 1986
Gold Crown Room
8 a.m. Registration, Coffee

9:00 Welcome—Introductory Remarks
Gerald E. Borelli, Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

9:20 Federal Water Policy—What’s in it for Oklahoma? Robert K.
Dawson, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

9:40 What’s in the Bureau’s Future?
C. Dale Duvall, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

10:00 Break

10:20 Remarks—Congressional Delegation
The Honorable Don Nickles
The Honorable Dave McCurdy
The Honorable James N. Jones
The Honorable Mike Synar

11:20 Weak Infrastructure: Down the Drain with Economic Recovery
Dr. Francis Tuttle, Oklahoma

Secretary of Commerce

11:40 How Much Quality Can We Afford?
John M. (Jack) Campbell,
Deputy Asst. Administrator
for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, EPA

12:15 Luncheon Program—Stars Room
Introductions, Special Award
Robert S. Kerr, Jr., OKWRR
Remarks — Water Pioneer Awards
Governor Nigh
Water and a Firmer Financial Future
The Honorable Henry Bellmon
David L. Walters

2:30 Program Resumes in Gold Crown Room
Edmond High School Show Choir
Act II, Terry Attebery, Director

2:50 Administration Water Policy—
Help or Hindrance? Joseph Haas, Associate Chief, USDA
Soil Conservation Service

3:10 Cost-Sharing and User Fees—
Another View Joseph Farrell,
President, American Waterways Operators, Inc.

3:30 Adjournment—Mr. Borelli

Conference Speakers
Robert K. Dawson
C. Dale Duvall
Joseph Farrell
Dr. Francis Tuttle
John M. (Jack) Campbell
The first OWRB bond loan is made in 1986 to Roger Mills Rural Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Management District #2.
Congress enacts the Clean Water State Revolving Fund infrastructure financing program to help communities address water quality issues.
Agenda

8 a.m.  Registration, Coffee

9:00  Welcome
Gerald E. Borelli, Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Introductory Remarks
Glenn Sullivan, Secretary
Dept. of Natural Resources
Conference Chairman

9:20  Clean Water Act Update
Robert E. Layton Jr.,
Administrator, Region VI, EPA

9:40  A New Direction for the Bureau
Joe D. Hall, Deputy Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation

10:00  Coffee Break

10:20  The New Water Resources Development Act
Col. Frank M. Patete
District Engineer, Tulsa District,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Outlook for Navigation
Harry N. Cook, President
National Waterways Conference

Remarks
Congressional Delegation

12 Noon  Luncheon Program

Introductions—Mr. Sullivan
Address, Presentation of
Water Pioneer Awards
Governor Henry Bellmon

12:40  Tulsa’s Stormwater Management Strategies
Stan Williams, Director, Dept. of Stormwater Management

2:00  Water Magazine—a Panel Discussing Current Issues
Moderator: Mr. Sullivan
Panelists:
Charles Huddleston, Attorney
Franco-American/Water Rights

Robert Johnson
Chief Staff Officer, NRWA
Is the Government Selling Rural Water Short?

Marshall Hawkins
Financial Consultant
Water Development Financing

R. Thomas Lay, Attorney
Ute Reservoir Water Rights

Myron Knudson, Director, Water Mgmt., Div., EPA Region VI
Matador Oil Co./Oklahoma Water Quality Standards

3:40  Adjournment—Mr. Sullivan

Water—A New Era
The Governor’s Water Conference

Eighth Annual
Governor’s Water Conference
December 16, 1987

Speakers

Robert E. Layton, Jr.  Joe D. Hall, PE.  Harry N. Cook  Col. Frank M. Patete  Governor Henry Bellmon
The Ninth Annual Oklahoma Water Conference

"Water Quality—Balancing the Interests"

December 14, 1988
Marriott Hotel
3233 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City

Luncheon Program
Remarks—Mr. Kerr
Glenn Sullivan, Secretary
Department of Natural Resources
Address—Governor Henry Bellmon
Legislative Accomplishments Prospects for the 42nd Session
Sen. Ray Giles, Chairman
Senate Natural Resources Committee
Sen. Ben Brown, Chairman
Natural Resources & Regulatory Services
Subcommittee, Comm. on Appropriations
Rep. Cal Hobson, Chairman
House Natural Resources Committee
Rep. Glen D. Johnson, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations and Budget
Presentation of Water Pioneer Awards
Adjournment—Mr. Kerr
The Tenth Annual  
Oklahoma Water Conference  

Oklahoma Water - From Dust Bowl to Wetlands  

12 noon  
The Washington Perspective  
*Congressional Delegation  
Sen. David Boren  
Sen. Don Nickles  
Rep. Wes Watkins  
Rep. Glenn English  
Rep. Dave McCurdy  
Rep. Mickey Edwards  
Rep. James Inhofe  
Rep. Mike Synar  
*contingent upon Congressional recess date  

12:30  
Luncheon Program  
Introductions and Remarks  
Mr. Kerr  

Prospects for Statewide Water Development Revolving Fund  
Rep. Cal Hobson, Chairman  
House Budget and Appropriations Committee  

Sen. Ben Brown, Chairman  
Senate Natural Resources and Regulatory Services Subcommittee of the Appropriations and Budget Committee  

Gubernatorial Address  
Governor Henry Bellmon  

Presentation of Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards  
Glenn Sullivan, Secretary  
Department of Natural Resources  

Adjournment—Mr. Kerr
The Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority becomes the first recipient of a Clean Water SRF loan in 1990 for the construction of the 21st lift station, the Westbank Interceptor Project, a force main, and a 54-inch outfall line.
Drowning in the High Cost of Water
A strategy conference to cope with the ever-increasing costs of providing water to the public. The issue is multi-faceted: the reduction in federal funds, increased cost-sharing and user fees and compliance costs of new EPA regulations.

Agenda
8 a.m. Registration, Coffee
8:30 Welcome—Robert S. Kerr, Jr., Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
8:40 Keynote
Drowning in the High Cost of Water
E. Donald Elliott, General Counsel
Environmental Protection Agency
9:00 Managing Our Water Resources
Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly
Director of Civil Works
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
9:20 Joe D. Hall, Deputy Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation
9:40 Coffee Break

Panel—Increased Costs . . .
Where's the Money to Come From?
Moderator:
James R. Barnett, Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
Panelists:
Jack Brown, Chairman
Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority
Henry Lamb, Executive Vice-President
Land Improvement Contractors of America
Larry Wornom, Director
Lincoln County Conservation District
Ernie Fawcett, President
National Rural Water Association
Wm. Don Kiser, Attorney
Fagin, Brown, Bush, Tinney & Kiser

11:15 The Washington Perspective
Sen. Don Nickles
Rep. Glenn English
Rep. Mickey Edwards
Rep. James Inhofe
Rep. Mike Synar
Rep. Wes Watkins
Noon Luncheon Program
Introductions and Remarks—Mr. Kerr
Water Funding Prospects in the 43rd Legislature
Sen. Darryl F. Roberts
Senate Majority Leader
Rep. Glen Johnson, Speaker-Designate
House of Representatives
Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Governor Bill Simon
Glenn Sullivan, Secretary
Department of Natural Resources
Address—The Governor-Elect
Adjournment—Mr. Kerr
Groundwater
Oklahoma’s Buried Treasure
“How well will we manage it?”

Morning Agenda

8 a.m.
Registration, Coffee

8:30
Welcome
Robert S. Kerr, Jr., Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:45
Keynote—New Respect for an Old Resource
Ramona Trovato, Director
Groundwater Protection Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

9:10
Panel—Defining the Problems
Moderator:
Kathy Peter, District Chief
U.S. Geological Survey

Panelists:
David G. Boyer, Hydrogeologist
K. W. Brown Environmental Services
College Station, Texas
Kathy McNally, Director of National Affairs
Oklahoma Farm Bureau
Phil Brown, Chief
Community and Business Programs
Farmers Home Administration

10:10
Coffee Break

10:30
Panel—Protecting a Fragile Resource
Moderator:
Glenn Sullivan, Engineer
Sullivan & Associates

Panelists:
Dr. Larry W. Canter, Director
Environmental & Groundwater Institute
University of Oklahoma
David Pope, Chief Engineer
Kansas Division of Water Resources
Blaine Reely, Director of Public Works
City of Enid

11:30
The Washington Perspective
Rep. Mike Synar

Noon
Luncheon Program
Introductions, Remarks
Mr. Kerr
Address
Sen. Don Nickles

Observations from the Oklahoma Legislature
Sen. Ray Giles, Chairman
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Rep. Larry Rice, Chairman
House Committee on Energy,
Environment and Natural Resources

Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Patty Eaton, Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Adjournment—Mr. Kerr

The 1991 Oklahoma Water Pioneers

The Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards were initiated in 1985 to recognize those men and women who have made significant contributions in the management, planning, development and conservation of Oklahoma’s water resources.

Their vision inspired those less daring; their strength of conviction upheld us; their devotion to progress for all Oklahomans provided abundant supplies of good water for our homes, cities, farms and industries.

Gov. Raymond Gary
Ed Edmondson
Heber Finch
Jack Grimmett
November 18, 1992
Marriott Hotel
3233 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City

Agenda

8 a.m.  Registration, Coffee

8:30  Welcome
Robert S. Kerr, Jr., Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:45  The Future of the Clean Water Act
and The Safe Drinking Water Act
Ben Lesser, Special Assistant
to the Assistant Administrator
for Water, U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency

9:10  The Consequences of “Can’t”
Eric J. Groves, Attorney
Groves & Tague, Oklahoma City

9:30  The Best Water in the Nation
Governor David L. Walters

9:50  Coffee Break

10:05  Drinking Water—the Widening Gap
Between Needs and Resources
Steven L. Elstein, Assistant
Director, Water Quality Issues
U.S. General Accounting Office

10:25  Regional Systems—The Dallas
Success Story
Mike Marcotte, Director
Dallas Water Utilities

10:45  Yes We Can! Financing Options
Robert M. Cochran
Executive Vice-President
Stiefel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.

11:05  How Can Small Systems Comply?
Walter E. Hill
Deputy Under Secretary for Small
Community and Rural Development
U.S. Department of Agriculture

11:25  Clean Water Act Impacts

11:45  Oklahoma Water Gazette
10-Minute News Updates
Moderator: Glen Cheatham, Jr.
Executive Vice-President
Arkansas Basin Development Assoc.

HB 2227—the Department
of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Sen. Cal Hobson, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Environmental
Task Force

Navigation—Montgomery Point L&D
Bob Portiss, Director
Port of Catoosa

Water Research at the Universities
Dr. Tom Collins, Director
Oklahoma State University Center
for Water Research

12:30  Luncheon Program
Introductions and Remarks
Mr. Kerr

Remarks
Congressman Mike Synar
Other Members of the Congressional
Delegation
Oklahoma Legislature
Sen. Kevin Easley
Rep. Larry Rice

Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Patty Eaton, Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Adjournment
Mr. Kerr

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rate of $70 per night; single or double. Please
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vember 9 by calling the
Marriott Hotel at (405)
842-6633.
November 17, 1993
Marriott Hotel
3233 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK

AGENDA

8:00 a.m.  Registration, Coffee

8:30  Introductory Remarks
Robert S. Kerr, Jr., Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Welcome
Governor David Walters

9:00  Federal Mandates: One Size Fits All?
Mayer Susan Savage, City of Tulsa

9:25  Communities in Crisis
Ann Cole
Small Community Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Regional Operations

9:50  Coffee Break

10:15  Panel: Meeting the Mandates with Innovation
Moderator: Connie Irby
Deputy Executive Director
Oklahoma Department of Commerce

Panelists:
Lonnie L. Farmer, Member, OWRB
Regional Rural Water Systems
Wayne Hill, City Manager, Guymon
New Ways in Wastewater Treatment
Lee Chew, County Commissioner
Washington County
Sales Tax Can Finance Infrastructure

11:15  The View from Capitol Hill
Oklahoma Congressional Delegation

11:45  Luncheon Program

2:45  Introductions and Remarks
Mr. Kerr

When EPA Came to Buffalo Gap
Robert E. Roberts, Secretary
South Dakota Department
of Environment and Natural Resources

Remarks
Members of the Oklahoma Legislature

Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Duane A. Smith, Assistant Director
OWRB

Oklahoma Water Gazette
10-Minute News Updates

Moderator: Mike Henson
Member, OWRB

Consequences of Flooding
Jack Page, Manager
Development Services
City of Tulsa PWA

Navigation Fuel Taxes
Bob Portiss, Director
Tulsa Port of Catoosa

Water Rights: Impact of the
Franco Decision
Diane Pedicord, General Counsel
Oklahoma Municipal League

DEQ: The First Half-Year
Roger Miner, Chairman
Oklahoma Environmental Quality Board

Questions and Answers

Adjournment
Mr. Kerr
Congress enacts the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan program to assist public water systems in providing clean, safe drinking water.
November 2, 1994
Marriott Hotel
3233 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City
Fifteenth Annual
Governor’s Water Conference

Planning Today for a Secure Tomorrow

Agenda

8:00 a.m. Registration, Coffee

8:30 Introductory Remarks
J. Ross Kirtley, Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:40 Water Resources: Strategies to Carry Us Forward
Senator Gene Stipe
Oklahoma Senate

9:00 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan
Patricia P. Eaton
Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

9:20 Sharing the Challenge: Floodplain Management into the 21st Century
Raymond “Buddy” Young
Region VI Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency

9:45 Coffee, Networking, Exhibits

10:10 Panel - Water Planning Issues on the Horizon
Moderator: Kathy D. Petersen
District Chief, U.S. Geological Survey

Agribusiness and Environmental Concerns
Drew Kirshen
Professor of Law, College of Law
University of Oklahoma

Indian Water Rights: The Tribal Perspective
Phillip D. Lujan
Associate Professor, Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma

Neosho River Basin: Multistate Planning and Multipurpose Uses
Col. Otis Williams
District Engineer, Tulsa District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

11:00 Oklahoma’s New Wetlands Strategy
Mason Mungle
Executive Director, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

11:15 Questions and Answers

11:30 Luncheon Program

11:35 The View from Capitol Hill
Oklahoma Congressional Delegation

The View from Capitol Hill

12:30 Introductions and Remarks
Mr. Kirtley

Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Ms. Eaton/Mr. Kirtley

Legislative Committee Updates
Joint Committee on Financing Environment, Infrastructure for Economic Development
Representative Randy Beutler, Co-Chairman

Kiamichi River Basin Water Supply Study
Senator Jack Bell, Chairman

Introduction of Gubernatorial Candidates
Patricia Reebo, President
League of Women Voters of Oklahoma

Lt. Governor Jack Mildren
Wes Watkins
Frank Keating

3:00 Adjournment
Mr. Kirtley
The OWRB publishes the 1995 OCWP update, which contains statewide water supply and demand numbers.
The bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City also destroys the OWRB’s downtown office, taking the lives of Trudy Rigney and Bob Chipman, and critically injuring many other OWRB staff.
The agency celebrates its resiliency every year with a special ceremony and participation in OKC Memorial marathon and other events.
November 15, 1995

Sixteenth Annual Governor's Water Conference

The Shifting Federal Role: Oklahoma's Opportunity to Redefine Water Policies

8:00 Registration

8:30 Welcome
J. Ross Kirtley, Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:45 Budgets in Crisis: If They Hand You a Lemon, Make Lemonade!
D. Craig Bell, Executive Director
Western States Water Council

9:05 Panel - The Downsizing Dilemma
Moderator: Christopher J. Brescia
Executive Director, Midwest Area
River Coalition - MARC 2000

Col. Timothy L. Sanford
Commander, Tulsa District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

A. Stanley Meiburg, Deputy Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6

Charles Rainbolt, State Director
Rural Economic & Community Development

Elizabeth Harrison, Area Manager
Bureau of Reclamation

10:20 Questions and Answers

10:25 Coffee, Networking, Exhibits

10:45 The Honorable Frank Keating
Governer of Oklahoma

1:05 Panel - New Directions, New Destinies
Moderator: Dick Seybolt, Member
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Bill Moyer, Executive Director
Oklahoma Municipal League

Rob Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
National Rural Water Association

12:20 Questions and Answers

12:30 Luncheon Program

Introductions, Remarks
Mr. Kirtley

Oklahoma Congressional Delegation
Questions & Answers

Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan
Gary L. Sherrer, Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Update from the Oklahoma Legislature
Speaker Glen Johnson
Representative Mike Mass
Senator Robert M. Kerr

Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Mr. Kirtley, Mr. Sherrer

3:00 Adjournment - Mr. Kirtley

1995 Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards

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- Norman N. Durham
- Billy Ray Wilson
- Oscar Hughes
- Paul E. Thornbrugh
Severe drought spurs creation of the Oklahoma Drought Management Plan and Drought Management Team to prepare for and respond to future drought emergencies.
Seventeenth Annual Governor's Water Conference
November 20, 1996
Marriott Hotel - Oklahoma City

"Working Together in Managing 21st Century Water Resources"

AGENDA

8:00 Registration

8:30 Welcome
J. Ross Kirtley, Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:45 Forging Unity from Diversity on Capitol Hill
J.D. Williams, Washington, D.C. Attorney
Specialist in Legal and Political Affairs

9:10 Panel - Partners in Infrastructure Financing
Moderator:
Gary L. Sherrer, Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Charles P. Rainbolt, State Director
Rural Development
James G. Fulmer, President, CEO
Oklahoma Finance Authorities

Joe S. Freeman, Chief
Financial Assistance Division
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Leo Presley, Director
Oklahoma Department of Commerce

10:15 Coffee, Networking, Exhibits

10:35 Partnering with the States in Regulation
William B. Hathaway, Director
Water Quality Protection Division
Region 6, U.S. EPA

11:00 Teamwork in Tempering Drought
Dr. Donald A. Wilhite, Director
National Drought Mitigation Center
University of Nebraska - Lincoln

11:25 Cloud Seeding as a Water Management Tool
Patrick H. Sweeney, President
Weather Modification, Inc., Fargo, N.D.

11:50 Luncheon Program
Introductions - Mr. Kirtley

The Honorable Frank Keating
Governor of Oklahoma

The View from the State Capitol
Senator Robert M. Kerr
Chairman, Senate Rules Committee

Speaker-Elect Loyd L. Benson
Oklahoma House of Representatives

Representative Mike Mass, Chairman
Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Appropriations and Budget Committee

The View From Capitol Hill
Senator Don Nickles
Other Members of the
Congressional Delegation Invited

Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards

2:30 Adjournment - Mr. Kirtley
Oklahoma and Arkansas agree to work to reduce phosphorus in the Illinois River and Lake Tenkiller.
OKLAHOMA WATER
A KALEIDOSCOPE OF ISSUES

18th Annual Governor's Water Conference

November 5, 1997
Marriott Hotel - Oklahoma City

AGENDA

8:00  Registration

8:30  Welcome
      J. Ross Kirtley, Chairman
      Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:45  Native American Water Issues
      Larry Echols/awk
      Professor of Law, Brigham Young University
      Bob Rabon, General Counsel
      Choctaw Nation, Chickasaw Nation
      Tim Vollmann, Regional Solicitor
      SW Region, U.S. Department of Interior

9:50  Coffee, Networking, Exhibits

10:10  State Agency Issues
       Panel Moderator: Richard Sevenoaks, Member
           Oklahoma Water Resources Board
           Duane A. Smith, Executive Director
           Oklahoma Water Resources Board
           Mark S. Coleman, Executive Director
           Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
           Dennis V. Howard, Commissioner
           Oklahoma Department of Agriculture
           John Hassell, Director, Water Quality Programs
           Oklahoma Conservation Commission

10:30  Introduction of Speakers

11:00  Can Good Water and Poultry Production Co-Exist?
       M. Susan Savage, Mayor
           City of Tulsa

11:20  Legal and Environmental Issues Affecting Animal Feeding Operations
       Janie Simms Hipp, Attorney
           National Agricultural Law and Research Center

11:45  Interstate Water Gazette
       Moderator
           Glen Cheatham, Jr., Executive Vice-President
           Arkansas Basin Development Association

12:30  Luncheon Program
      Introductions - Mr. Kirtley
      Brian Griffin, Secretary of Environment
      Chairman, Governor's Animal Waste and Water Quality Protection Task Force
      Legislative Issues
      Speaker Loyd L. Benson
      Oklahoma House of Representatives
      Senator Billy Mickle
      Majority Floor Leader, Oklahoma Senate
      Senator Bill Gustafson
      Senate Minority Leader
      Representative Larry Rice
      Chairman, House Committee on Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
      Representative Al Sadler
      Chairman, Natural Resources Subcommittee
      House Appropriations and Budget Committee
      Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
      Duane A. Smith, Executive Director

2:30  Adjournment - Mr. Kirtley

1997 Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards

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Wayne A. Pettyjohn, Ph.D.
Lonnie L. Farmer
John "Jack" Story, Jr.
AGENDA

9:30  Registration, Coffee, Exhibits

10:00 Welcome
    J. Ross Kirtley, Chairman
    Oklahoma Water Resources Board
    Welcome to Muskogee
    Jim Bushnell, Mayor

10:15 National Outlook for Water Development
    Dr. Joseph W. Westphal
    Assistant Secretary of the Army
    for Civil Works

10:40 The Corps' Mission in Oklahoma
    Col. Leonardo V. Fior, District Engineer
    Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

11:00 State of the State's Environment
    Duane A. Smith, Executive Director
    Oklahoma Water Resources Board
    Dennis V. Howard, Secretary of Agriculture
    Mike Thralls, Executive Director
    Oklahoma Conservation Commission
    Jon L. Craig, Director, Water Quality Division
    Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

12:00 Luncheon Program
    Musical Interlude
    Parkview School Jazz Band
    Jim Gilmartin, Director
    Introductions - Mr. Kirtley
    Legislative Update

1:40 Insight to Oklahoma Water Law
    Drew Edmondson, Attorney General
    State of Oklahoma

2:00 Native American Issues
    Chris Kenney, Native American Coordinator
    U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
    Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
    Cherokee Nation
    Bill Anoatubby, Governor
    Chickasaw Nation

2:45 Is Drought Our Destiny?
    Albert Ashwood, Director
    Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management
    Dr. Kenneth C. Crawford, Director
    Oklahoma Climatological Survey

3:10 Environmental Initiatives for Oklahoma
    Brian C. Griffin, Secretary of Environment
    Patsy Bragg, Vice-Chair,
    Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority

3:40 A Delicate Balance:
    Environment and Economy
    Gregg Cooke, Region 6 Administrator
    U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

4:00 Adjournment - Mr. Kirtley

1998 Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
    Bill Secrest
    Robert W. "Bob" Portiss

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Rollin' on the River
Toward Changin' Times

19th Annual
Governor's Water Conference

Muskogee, Oklahoma
September 29-30, 1998
The Oklahoma Legislature directs the OWRB to establish the Beneficial Use Monitoring program to track lake and stream water quality conditions across the state.
The first DWSRF loan is provided to Cushing Municipal Authority for $5 million to fund a new water treatment plant and storage tower.
The OWRB expands its outreach efforts in 1998 by developing its first website.
In 1999, the OWRB develops the first map of relative vulnerability of groundwater to pollution in 30 hydrogeologic basins.
November 17, 1999

Agenda

8 a.m. Registration

8:30 Welcome
Lonnie Farmer, Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:35 Lieutenant Governor Mary Fallin

8:50 Water Quality Issues 2000 and Beyond
Carolyn S. Richardson
Director of Environmental Advocacy
California Farm Bureau Federation

Gregg Cooke
Administrator, Region 6
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Patsy Bragg, Chair
Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority

9:45 Water for Oklahoma 2000
PANEL
Chuck Thomas, Member
Stillwater City Commission

Gene Whatley, Executive Director
Oklahoma Rural Water Association

Zach D. Taylor, Executive Director
Association of Central Oklahoma Governments

Purcy Walker, Commissioner
Beckham County District 3

10:25 Break - Coffee/Exhibits

10:45 The Federal Agencies Look Ahead
PANEL
Col. Leonardo V. Flor, District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Tulsa District

Mark F. Becker, Hydrologist
U.S. Geological Survey

Larry Caldwell, State Conservation Engineer
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Elizabeth Cordova-Harrison, Area Manager
Oklahoma - Texas Area, Bureau of Reclamation

11:00 The Industry Underwrites Hail Suppression
Carroll Fisher, Insurance Commissioner
Oklahoma Insurance Department

Greg Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation

Duane A. Smith, Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

12:40 p.m. Luncheon Program

Introductions – Mr. Farmer

Water Pioneer Awards
Mr. Farmer, Mr. Smith

Legislative Outlook – 21st Century
Congressman Ernest Istook
Congressman Frank Lucas
Congressman Wes Watkins
Speaker Loyd Benson, House of Representatives
Representative Randall Erwin
Representative Larry Rice
Senator Mark Snyder
Senator Rick Littlefield

Luncheon Address
Larry Watkins, General Manager
Electric Cooperatives of Oklahoma

Grant Presentation 2000 Ceremony
Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP)
Representative Mike Mass
Mr. Smith

2:30 Adjournment
Mr. Farmer

1999 Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards

Sidney D. Williams
James Eddie Phillips
Jimmie Pigg

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The OWRB publishes the first monthly *Oklahoma Water Resources Bulletin* to provide a summary of drought conditions from multiple sources.
8:00 AM Registration
2nd Level - Myriad Convention Center

8:30 Welcome
Grady Grandstaff, Chairman, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:40 Governor's Address
Frank Keating, Governor of Oklahoma

9:00 State/Tribal Water Compact and Water Marketing Update
Howard Barnett, Governor Keating's Chief of Staff and a representative of the Choctaw and/or Chickasaw Nation

9:30 Thirsting for Power: Potential Impact of New Powerplants on Oklahoma Water Supplies
Ted Coombes, President, Southwest Power Resources Association

9:50 Water Gazette
Terrorism - Protecting Our Water Sources
Albert Ashwood, Director, Oklahoma Department of Civil Emergency Management

Compacting to Protect State Water Rights
Dean Couch, General Counsel, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Well Drillers Advisory Council
Danny Ewbanks, Ewbanks Inc. Fairview, Oklahoma

Economic Impact of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System
Scott Robinson, Director Port of Muskogee

10:20 Coffee/Exhibits

10:40 National Agenda for Water
Robert (Robbi) Savage, Executive Director, Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators - Washington DC

11:00 Big Plans for Small Systems
Robert Johnson, CEO, National Rural Water Association, Duncan, Oklahoma

11:20 Meeting Oklahoma's Future Water Infrastructure Financing Needs
Gene Rainbolt, Chairman of the Board, BancFirst

11:40 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan - a New Focus
Duane Smith, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

12:00 Noon - Luncheon Program
The Texas Water Plan, a Regional Approach
Texas State Senator J.E. “Buster” Brown

Washington DC Outlook
Oklahoma Congressional Delegation

State Legislative Outlook
Senator Cal Hobson, Vice Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee, Oklahoma State Senate

Senator Jim Dunlap, Republican Floor Leader, Oklahoma State Senate

Representative Larry Adair, Speaker, Oklahoma House of Representatives

Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP)
Announcement of 2002 Grant Recipients
Mr. Smith

Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Mr. Grandstaff, Mr. Smith

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Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Mr. Grandstaff, Mr. Smith

2:30 Adjournment
The OWRB publishes *My Water Well* to educate well drillers and well owners about inadvertent contamination of groundwater sources.
The OWRB publication *Conserving Oklahoma’s Water* wins the American Library Association award with colorfully illustrated tips on how to conserve water in and outside the home.
Oklahoma’s Certified Floodplain Managers Program becomes the first state program in the nation to obtain accreditation from the Association of State Floodplain Managers.
A water quality standard of 0.037 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for total phosphorus in Scenic Rivers is promulgated by the OWRB.
Celebrating Water
Past Successes/Future Challenges

AGENDA

8 a.m.  Registration
8:30  Welcome
  Grady Grandstaff, Chairman
  Oklahoma Water Resources Board
  Bill LeFortune, Mayor
  City of Tulsa.

8:50  Addressing Interstate Water Quality Issues
  Brian Griffin, Secretary of Environment
  State of Oklahoma.

9:10  Celebrating 50 Years of Clean Water
  Allan Stokes, Chief Operations Officer
  America’s Clean Water Foundation

9:50  Tribal Water Rights and Water Quality Administration
  Tatia Walen, Professor
  University of Oklahoma College of Law
  Lindsay G. Robertson, Associate Professor
  University of Oklahoma College of Law
  Michael Brophy, Attorney
  Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite

10:20  Coffee/Exhibits

10:45  A Century of Water for the West: The Bureau of Reclamation’s Centennial Celebration
  Larry Walkowski, Manager
  OK-TX Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation

11:05  The Legal Ramifications of Water Transfer
  Drew L. Kercher, Earl Sneed Centennial Professor, University of Oklahoma
  Gary Allison, Professor
  University of Tulsa College of Law

11:40  Science for a Changing World
  Kim T. Winton, Oklahoma District Chief
  U.S. Geological Survey

Noon  Luncheon Program

OK Water Pioneer Awards
State of the State’s Water
  Duane A. Smith, Executive Director
  Oklahoma Water Resources Board

The Outlook from Washington D.C.
  Oklahoma’s Congressional Delegation

State Legislative Outlook
  Sen. Rick Littlefield
  Rep. M.C. Tefft

Oklahoma’s Gubernatorial Candidates
  Brad Henry
  Steve Largent
  Gary Richardson

2:30  Adjournment
November 4
Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer Symposium
1:00 Registration
1:30 Welcome and Introductions
Grady Grandstaff, Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
1:45 Water 2025 Initiative: Preventing Crises and Conflict
John Keys, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
2:05 Can Private Property Rights be Protected Without Strong Regulations?
Gregory Ellis, General Manager
Edwards Aquifer Authority (San Antonio)
2:25 Water Law Issues in Senate Bill 288
Drew L. Kershon, Earl Sneed Centennial Professor
University of Oklahoma
2:45 Coffee Break
3:00 Study Overview and Technical Challenges
Moderator: Duane Smith, OWRB Executive Director
Randell Ross, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Noel Osborn, OWRB
Neil Suneson, Oklahoma Geological Survey
Scott Christenson, U.S. Geological Survey
4:00 Local Water Management Issues
Dick Scalf, Ada Water Resources Board
Jim Crosby, Manager, City of Yukon
Senator Jay Paul Gumm
Representative Susan Winchester
5:00 Adjournment
6:00 Reception

November 5
8:00 Registration
8:30 Welcome and Introductions
Grady Grandstaff, Chairman
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
8:50 Keynote Address
Governor Brad Henry
9:10 State of the State’s Water
Duane Smith, Executive Director
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
9:30 Western States Water Issues
Paul Sweeney
NRCS Liaison to Western Governor’s Association
9:50 EPA Update
Miguel Flores, Director of Water
EPA Region 6
10:10 Corps of Engineers Activities
Christine Altendorf
Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
10:30 Coffee Break/Exhibits
10:45 Cabinet Secretary Panel - Water for the Environment,
Agriculture, Tourism and Recreation, and Transportation
Miles Tolbert, Secretary of Environment
Terry Peach, Secretary of Agriculture
Kathryn Taylor, Secretary of Commerce & Tourism
Phil Tomlinson, Secretary of Transportation
12:00 Luncheon Program
U.S. Coast Guard Public Service Awards
Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Featured Luncheon Speaker, George Nigh
Water Outlook from Washington DC
Oklahoma Congressional Delegation (invited)
State Legislative Water Perspective
Speaker Larry Adair
Representative Jari Askins
Representative Danny Hilliard
Senator Jay Paul Gumm
The OWRB issues its first Clean Water SRF leveraged bond issue.

The OWRB issues notes for the state match for the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program.
OWRB reaches a lending benchmark of more than $1 billion for construction of water and wastewater projects.
OKLAHOMA WATER: A QUALITY OF LIFE

25th Annual Governor’s Water Conference

October 19-20, 2004

Tuesday, October 19

A Symposium on Tribal Claims and Water

1300 Registration

1330 Welcome & Overview
Duane A. Smith
OWRB Executive Director
Justice Yvonne Kager
Oklahoma Supreme Court

1:50 Land of Many Cultures: American Indians in Oklahoma
Bob Blackburn, Director
Oklahoma Historical Society

2:10 Coordination of State/Tribal Water Quality Administration
Miles Tellert
Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment

2:30 Negotiating Indian Water Rights Claims
Susan Cottingham, Director
Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

2:50 EPA Perspective on Tribal Water Claims
Chuck Sheehan, Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

3:10 Break

3:15 Congressional Viewpoint
Ryan Jackson, Counsel
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

3:45 Town of Taos & Aleya’s Water Rights Adjudication
Tomas Benrudzile, Town Attorney
Taos, New Mexico

4:05 Tribal Perspectives
Chad Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation
John Berry, Chairman
Quapaw Tribe
Bill Anlotahby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation

5:05 Resolution of Tribal Water Claims
Lindsay Robertson, Associate Professor
OU College of Law

5:25 Adjournment to Reception

Wednesday, October 20

Governor’s Water Conference Program

8:00 Registration

8:30 Welcome and Introductions
Ervin Mitchell, OWRB Chairman

8:35 Video: “Oklahoma Water: A Quality of Life”

9:05 Keynote Address
Lt. Governor Mary Fallin

9:15 Congressional Senate Candidate Forum
Representative Brad Carson
Dr. Tom Coburn

9:50 Water Development Infrastructure Financing
Scott Meacham, Director
Oklahoma Office of State Finance

10:05 Planning for the Future of the Grand River Basin
Kevin Emley, General Manager
Grand River Dam Authority

10:20 Break/Exhibits

11:35 Infrastructure Financing Panel
Moderator: Joe Freeman, OWRB
Ted Lockin, Mayor of Bartlesville
Dennis Krueger, General Manager, Kiowa Electric Cooperative
Dr. Joe Towner, Chairman, Potawatomi Co. Dev. Authority
Chris Cokro, Senior Vice President, Capital West

11:55 Water Magazine
Oklahoma River Development Project
Jim Fasenmack, Studio Architecture, Oklahoma City

Arkansas River Vision Plan
Kevin Connor, Carter & Burgess, San Antonio, TX

Navigation Update
Scott Robinson, Director, Port of Muskogee

Interstate Compact News
Dick Seybolds, Chairman
Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission

12:15 Luncheon Program
Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
State of the State’s Water
Duane Smith, OWRB Executive Director
Miles Tellert, Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment

Water Outlook from Washington, D.C.
Oklahoma’s Congressional Delegation (invited)

Oklahoma State Legislative Water Perspective
House Speaker-Elect Iari Ashkins
Representative David Braddock
Senator Johnmie Crutchfield
Senator Jay Paul Gumm

1:30 Adjournment

Coordinated by The Oklahoma Water Resources Board
Duane A. Smith, Executive Director

Registration Coordinator: Mary Neill Brueggen
Conference Coordinators: Mike Melton, Mary Schooley, Brian Vance, Darla Whiteley, and Barry Fogerty
The OWRB develops an on-line well search program to help businesses, researchers, and individuals determine availability of groundwater by geographic reference.
The OWRB issues the first DWSRF leveraged bond.
The Oklahoma Legislature passes Senate Bill 288 to protect springs and streams emanating from the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer, the State’s only designated Sole Source Aquifer.
The EPA approves Oklahoma’s new phosphorus standard for Scenic Rivers.
The OWRB initiates a special study of Arbuckle-Simpson aquifer to determine the acceptable yield from the aquifer that will not deplete the natural flow of springs and streams.
“Oklahoma Water A Quality of Life” video is released and sent to school districts across the state to inform students about the importance of Oklahoma’s water.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006

1:00 REGISTRATION
1:30 Welcome and Overview
   Duane A. Smith, Executive Director, OWRB
   Rep. Guy Liebmann

1:50 Comprehensive Water Planning in New Mexico
   John D’Antonio, New Mexico State Engineer

2:10 Panel—Oklahoma’s Water Planning Process
   OCWP Study Organization and Management
   Mike Mathis, OWRB Water Plan Coordinator
   Stakeholder Involvement and Participation
   Dr. Will Focht, Director
   Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute
   Water Infrastructure Inventory
   Trish Weedn, Executive Director
   Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils
   Federal Planning Assistance
   Sue Haslett, Planning and Environmental
   Division Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
   Tulsa District

3:10 Partnerships in Regional Water Planning
   Representative of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

3:25 Break

3:40 Future Water Policy Considerations
   Rudy Herrmann, OWRB Chairman

3:55 Planning for Environmental Protection
   Steve Thompson, Executive Director
   Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality

4:10 Banking on Bristow’s Water Future
   Kel Kelly, President, Spirit Bank

4:25 Panel—Incorporating Water User Concerns
   Municipal Interests
   Danny George, Executive Director
   Oklahoma Municipal League
   Agricultural Interests
   Terry Peach, Secretary of Agriculture
   Industrial/Navigation Interests
   Ronn Cupp, Senior Vice President
   Government Affairs, The State Chamber

5:10 Watershed Planning in Oklahoma
   Clay Pope, Executive Director
   Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts

5:25 Summary & Adjournment to Reception

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006

8:00 REGISTRATION
8:30 Welcome and Introductions
   Rudy Herrmann, OWRB Chairman

8:45 Keynote: The Worst Hard Time
   Timothy Egan, Author

9:30 The Oklahoma Drought
   Ken Crawford, Director
   Oklahoma Climatological Survey

9:50 Coffee Break/Exhibits

10:10 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive
   Water Plan
   Duane Smith, OWRB Executive Director

10:30 State of the State’s Environment
   Miles Tolbert, Secretary of Environment

10:50 Legal Considerations in Oklahoma Water
   Planning
   Gary D. Allison, Professor of Law
   University of Tulsa

11:00 Oklahoma’s Future: Strategies for Our 2nd
   Century
   Larry Rice, Executive Assistant to the President
   University of Tulsa

11:30 Oklahoma Legal Briefs
   Attorney General Drew Edmondson

Noon LUNCHEON PROGRAM
   Gubernatorial Address
   Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
   Water Outlook from Washington D.C.
   Michele Nellenbach, Senior Professional Staff
   Member, U.S. Senate Committee on
   Environment & Public Works
   State Legislative Water Perspective
   Rep. Lance Cargill, House Speaker Designate
   Rep. Don Armes
   Sen. Charlie Laster

2:30 Adjournment
The OWRB develops an interactive online map for groundwater levels that can graph reported levels over time.
The OWRB launches the online Water Information Mapping System (WIMS), a map viewer with 40 water-related data layers, and an application for submission of well logs.
The OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division (FAD) receives the EPA’s first ever Pisces Award for advancing Clean Water Act goals. Four years later the FAD will receive EPA’s first ever Sustainable Health Protection Award for its Drinking Water SRF program.
The OWRB launches its online water quality data viewer, providing users with instant access to water monitoring data across the state.
The Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan update process is initiated during the Governor’s Water Conference. This update will include a statewide public input component.
The first annual Water Appreciation Day at the Capitol is hosted by the OWRB to partner with other agencies and organizations in highlighting the importance of water to state legislators.
The OWRB, USGS, and Oklahoma Climatological Survey publish “Hydrologic Drought of Water Year 2006: A Historical Context”, warning that Oklahoma may see an extended dry cycle.
28th Annual Governor’s Water Conference & 5th Annual OWRRI Water Research Symposium

Cox Convention Center
Oklahoma City, OK
October 23-25, 2007

WATER for LIFE

Tuesday, October 23

8:00 Registration

8:15 Welcome

8:30 Session 1A: The Arbuckle-Simpson Hydrology Study—Hydrology of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

Session Chair: Noel Odum, Water Resources Geologist, Oklahoma Water Resources Board Chair, Oklahoma State University

Neil Odum, OWRB

Geologic Framework of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

Dr. Todd French, Assistant Professor, School of Geology, OSU

Groundwater Hydrology of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

Scott Ashton, Hydrologist, National Water Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey

Groundwater Balance of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

P. Barber, Verso, Occidental Center for Natural Hazards & Disaster Research, Occidental Univ.

9:00 Breakfast Poster Competition Session

10:30 Session 1B: The Arbuckle-Simpson Hydrology Study—Putting the Pieces Together for Water Management

Session Chair: Noel Odum, OWRB

Meeting Goals, Managing Engineer, Hydrophobic Resources Consultants

Modeling of Water Resources in the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

Dr. William Parker, Research Ecologist, Oklahoma Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, OSU

Simulations of Groundwater Flow in the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

Scott Conners, USGS

11:45 Luncheon

AM: WRRC Water Resources Research in Oklahoma: From Floods to Droughts and Everything in Between: A Gary Worley Retrospective

Jerry Worley, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

PM: Session 2: Updates & New Developments

Session Chair: Dr. Glenn Brown, OSU

Issues with Starrin Water Quality Based Endpoints for a Quantitative Risk

Dr. Dave Stain, Geosystems & Agriculture Engineering, OSU

Harmful Algal Bloom Management Policy for the City of Oklahoma Tulsa District Resources

Dr. Gregory G. Stump, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District

Research & Funding Trends in Environmental Enhancement Breakthrough Processes & Endvenues

Dr. Greg Hargreaves, USDA-ARS

2:00 Break/Student Poster Competition Viewing

3:30 Session 2: The Grand Lake Watershed Interstate Public/Private Plan

Session Chair: Dr. Michael Smolen, OSU

Introduction to Cooperative Programming in the Four States & the Four State Alliance Partnership

Dr. Michael Smolen, OSU

Grand Lake—It’s a Big Watershed

Carl McAdoo, Grand Lake Watershed Alliance Foundation

Great Lake Watershed Implementation (Oklahoma) & Four State Planning Efforts

Dr. Ken昕, Oklahoma Geospatial Coordination

Watershed Education Programs & Stakeholder Groups in the Creek Creek & Elk River Watershed of Missouri

Dave Drey, University of Missouri Extension

Watershed Education Programs & Stakeholder Groups in the Neosho River Watershed of Kansas

Jay Sargent, Pittsburg State University

5:00 Adjunction to Reception

Wednesday, October 24

8:00 Registration

8:15 Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Marlene Shurley, President, OSU

Oklahoma’s Water Future

Dr. John P. Lathy, President, The Futures Corporation

9:15 Session 3: Defining Water Sustainability

Session Chair: Dr. Ken Winson, Director, Oklahoma Water Science Center, USGS

Assessment of Water Availability in Regional Aquifer Systems Using MODFLOW Fic Process

David T. Shuchert, Research Hydrologist, USGS

Precipitation Variability & Sustainability of Water Supply & Demand

Dr. Jerrold Edelman, USGS

An Introduction to Ecological Flows

John Smith, Senior Ecologist, USGS

Oklahoma Water Science Center

Water Rights Of The Nauo Community

10:45 Break

Thursday, October 25 (Rooms A & B)

8:00 Registration

8:15 Welcome & Remarks

Dr. Shurley, OSU, Executive Director

8:30 Sustainable Water Management

Lisa Toth, Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment

8:50 Breakfast

Robert W. Johnson, Commissioner, Board of Reclamation

9:10 Responding to Climate Change

Climate Change in Western Oklahoma

Ken Cammack, State Geologist, Oklahoma Geologic Survey

The National Climate Change Strategy

James R. Brown, Chair, Planning and Analysis Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

10:00 Break

10:15 A View from the State Legislature

Senator Ken Core, Co-Chair, Interstate Water Resource Management

Rep. Paul Quigley, Co-Chair, Energy & Environment Committee

Representative Gay LeArmist, Chair, General Government & Transportation Committee

Representative Shiek McRrel, Vice Chair, Natural Resources Committee

11:00 Water Outlook from Washington DC

Oklahoma’s Congressional Delegation

Adjournment

2007 Oklahoma Water Pioneers

Ken Crawford
Jerry Johnston
Don Kiser
More than 2,000 Oklahomans attend 42 public input meetings across the state to guide policy development for the OCWP.
The OWRB publishes the award-winning centennial edition of the *Oklahoma Water Atlas*. 
October 28
GOVERNOR’S WATER CONFERENCE AGENDA
7:45  Registration
8:15  Welcome
   Mark Nichols, Chairman, OWRB
   J.O. Strong, Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment
8:30  Comprehensive Water Planning in Oklahoma: Duane Smith, OWRB
      Executive Director
9:15  The Corps of Engineers’ Water Planning Role: Steve Stockton, Director of
      Civil Works, Corps of Engineers
9:30  The Corps Tutu District - Working with Oklahoma: Col. Anthony
      Funnikett, Tutu District Engineer
9:45  Break
10:15 OCWP Public Participation, Will Focht, Director, OCWP
10:35 Panel: OCWP Technical Studies
   Overview: John Retting, Camp Dresser & McKee Inc.
   Statewide Water Supply/Demand Analyses: Kelly DeNatale, Senior
   Water Resources Engineer, CDM
   Public Water Provider/Infrastructure Survey: Bryan Mitchell, Deputy
   Project Manager for the OCWP, CDM
11:45 Break
Noon Conference Luncheon
Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards
Chairman Nichols, Duane Smith
Legislative Water Perspective
   Senator Glenn Coffee, Co-President Pro Tempore
   Representative Dale DemMaw
Water Outlook from Washington, DC
   Representative Mary Fallin
   Representative Tom Cole
1:40 Break
2:00 Interior Update
   Kris Polly, Dep Asst Sec for Water and Science, Dept of Interior
2:20 The New State/Federal Water Planning Model
   Fred Caver, President, Caver & Associates Inc.
2:40 The Great Lakes Compact
   Cameron Davis, President, Alliance for the Great Lakes
3:00 Water Supply Management in a Variable Climate
   Ken Crawford, Director, Oklahoma Climatological Survey
3:20 Arkansas-Simpson Study Proposed Management Options
   Noel Osborn, Water Resources Geologist, OWRB
   Scott Christensen, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey
4:20 Adjourn to Reception
October 29
Registration and Poster Viewing
6:15 Welcome
   Duane Smith, OWRB Executive Director
   Mayor Mick Cornett, Oklahoma City
7:45 The Energy Water Nexus
   Tom Price, Jr., Senior VP Corporate Development, Chesapeake
9:00 The Tribal Role in Water Plan Development
   Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation
9:20 Nexus Between Water Supply Planning & Environmental Flows - The
      Texas Experience
   Bill Mullican, Water Science & Cons, Texas Water Dev Board
9:40 Partnerships in Oklahoma Water Quality
   Steve Thompson, Executive Director, ODEQ
12:00 Break & Poster Viewing
   Panel: Protecting Oklahoma’s Water Interests
   Michael Fuhr, Director, Nature Conservancy of Oklahoma
   Jeff Todd, Attorney, Oklahoma Farm Bureau Legal Foundation
   Diane Peddord, General Counsel, Oklahoma Municipal League
   Bob Perkins, Director, Tulsa Port of Catoosa
11:20 Panel: Regional Water Solutions for Oklahoma
   Rob Johnson, CEO, National Rural Water Association
   Steve Lewis, Manager, City of Norman
   Kelly Hurst, Engineer, Chickasaw Enterprises
Noon Conference Luncheon
4-H Speech Contest Winners
   From Wall Street to Main Street: The Financial Crisis & Its Impact on
   Water Infrastructure: Chris Cochran, Capital West Securities Inc.
   Rick Smith, Municipal Finance Services Inc.

October 29
OWRRI WATER RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AGENDA
1:30 Session 1: Updates and New Developments
   Chair: Ed Rosson, Adjunct Professor, Environmental Science, OSU
   3:00 Break & Poster Viewing
   3:30 Session 2: Trends in Water Use
   5:00 Adjourn to Reception & Poster Viewing

October 30
Registration and Poster Viewing
6:15 Welcome & Introductions: Glenn Brown, Symposium Chair, and
   Professors, Biomechanics and Agricultural Engineering, OSU
   Bums Hargis, System CEO & President, OSU
8:30 Session 3: Climate Change and Water Planning in Oklahoma
   Chair: Jürgen Gebreel, Research Hydraulic Engineer, ARS USDA
   10:00 Break & Poster Viewing
   10:30 Session 4: Information/Data Flow Through Federal Agencies
   Chair: Kim Winton, District Chief, USGS
   12:00 Symposium Luncheon
   Announcement of Poster Contest Winners
   Presentation, Transbasin Water Supply in the Kingdom of Utah:
   Jürgen Gebreel, ARS USDA
   1:30 Session 5: Water Research by Tribes in Oklahoma
   Chair: Talle Redcorn, Minerals Council, Osage Nation
   3:00 Break
   3:30 Session 6: Water Budgets as a Basis for Water Resource Management
   Co-Chairs: Noel Osborn, OWRB, and Jeanne Schneider,
   Meteorologist, ARS USDA
5:00 Adjourn

2008 Water Pioneers
Garner Garrison
Mason Mungle
Robbie Robbins
Eleven Regional Input Meetings for the OCWP are held across the state to address issues generated by the public.
The OWRB hosts a “Basic Oklahoma Water Law” seminar to educate OCWP public input participants.
The OWRB expands its online access to active and historical statewide groundwater level measurements for all wells in the Mass Measurement Program.
Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the OWRB offers $280 million in loans for “shovel ready” water and wastewater infrastructure projects.
The OWRB reaches a lending benchmark of over $2 billion for water and wastewater infrastructure funding.
Three OCWP Planning Workshops, a Water Science Seminar, and a public input strategy seminar are held for participants in the public input process for the OCWP.
31st Annual Oklahoma Governor’s Water Conference and 8th Annual OWRRI Water Research Symposium

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Norman, Oklahoma

Welcome
Rudy Herrmann, OWRB Chairman

Federal Update
Congressman Mary Fallin
Colonel Michael Teague, Tulsa District Engineer, USACE

Water Plan Update
Kyle Arthur, Director of Planning, OWRB
John Reibling, CDM
Ken Samour, C.H. Guernsey
Bill Focht, OWRRI

OCWP Environment Panel
Moderator: Richard Hatcher, Director, OK Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
Mike Fehr, The Nature Conservancy
Barney Austin, INTERA
Tracy Beyer, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, OSU
Shannon Brewer, OK Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

OCWP Agriculture Panel
Moderator: Terry Peach, OK Sec. of Agriculture
Dr. Larry Sanders, Professor & Extension Economist, OSU
Tom Buchanan, Director, Lugar-Altus Irrigation District
Mike Amrighi, Owman/CEO, A Bar Ranch/Amrighi Livestock

OCWP Tribal Panel
Moderator: Bill Anechobee, Chickasaw Nation Governor
Chris Tweeten, Chairman, MT Reserved Rights Compact Commission
Chris Kenney, Director, USBR Office of Native American Affairs
Stephen Greetham, Special Counsel for the Chickasaw Nation

Adjourn

A Shared Resource, A Shared Responsibility

2010 Oklahoma Water Pioneers

Drew Edmondson
Mike Anechobee
Diane Peddicord
The OWRB initiates the first statewide Water Conservation Grant Program.
The Oklahoma Legislature passes a bill to prevent out-of-state water permits from impairing Oklahoma from meeting its obligations under interstate compacts.
The OWRB completes the first stream water allocation model on the upper Canadian River to determine water availability.
After holding a public meeting to report scientific findings and answer stakeholder questions, the OWRB and USGS publish the Arbuckle-Simpson Study Final Report.
The Oklahoma Legislature forms a joint committee to consider water policy recommendations of the OCWP update.
The Oklahoma Legislature adopts the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan 2012 Update.
The Water for 2060 Act passes, establishing a statewide goal of using no more fresh water in 2060 than was used in 2010.
The OWRB administers $1,125,000 in Emergency Drought grants to four communities.
The OWRB publishes the *Public Water Supply Planning Guide* to assist local water systems’ planning efforts.
In 2012, voters approve the $300 million Water Infrastructure Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund, allowing the OWRB to continue to issue bonds.
The OWRB initiates the Groundwater Monitoring and Assessment Program (GMAP) to provide accurate and ongoing water level and water quality data on Oklahoma’s aquifers.
The OWRB approves the Final Order determining the Maximum Annual Yield for the Arbuckle-Simpson and an Equal Proportionate Share of 0.2 acre-feet per acre per year.
The US Supreme Court sides with Oklahoma in the Tarrant County Regional Water District lawsuit to obtain water rights from within Oklahoma.
Keynote Speaker:
Steven Solomon
In Water: The Epic Struggle for Wealth, Power, and Civilization, Steven Solomon offers the first-ever narrative portrait of the power struggles, personalities, and breakthroughs that have shaped humanity from antiquity’s earliest civilizations, the Roman Empire, medieval China, and Islam’s golden age to Europe’s rise, the steam-powered Industrial Revolution, and America’s century. According to Solomon, freshwater scarcity is one of the twenty-first century’s decisive, looming challenges and is driving the new political, economic, and environmental realities across the globe.

2013 Oklahoma Water Pioneers
Each year the Oklahoma Water Pioneer Award is presented to those men and women who have made significant lifetime contributions to the planning, development, management, and conservation of Oklahoma’s water resources. This year’s recipients are Bob Blaisdell and Patty Eaton.

Bob Blaisdell served for two decades as Data Chief and Assistant District Chief of the U.S. Geological Survey’s Oklahoma District. In 2010, he was appointed by the President as Federal Commissioner to the Indian River Compact. He retired from the USGS in 2010 after more than 43 years of service.

Patty Eaton was Oklahoma’s first Secretary of Environment, serving jointly as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (1990-95). She is a long-time board member of the Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority, and served six years as the Tulsa Water and Sewer Commissioner.

Water for 2060
With passage of the “Water For 2060 Act” in 2012, Oklahoma established a goal of consuming no more fresh water in 2060 than is consumed today, reflecting a fundamental Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) recommendation. For more information, please visit www.ocwp.ok.gov/2060.
The Water for 2060 Advisory Council is created.
The OWRB and USGS release the Garber-Wellington Hydrology Study Report.
The OWRB hosts OCWP “Hot Spot” meetings to provide information and solicit input from the state’s most drought-vulnerable areas.
Four Water for 2060 grants are approved to support drought management efforts.
Historic rainfall in May eliminates nearly five years of drought in Oklahoma.
Due to popular demand, the OWRB publishes the third edition of Lakes of Oklahoma in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
The Oklahoma Produced Water Working Group is developed to determine ways in which produced water can be recycled.
Keynote Speakers

Robert Glennon is one of the nation’s foremost experts on water policy and the recipient of four National Science Foundation grants. Glennon serves on an advisor to the US Army Corps of Engineers on water issues and is a frequent speaker on water issues around the country. He is also an author of WaterPolicy.org, a website dedicated to promoting water policy and technical information.

Glenon is the author of WaterSense: America’s Water Crisis and What We Must Do to Solve It. This book has become a go-to resource for water policy professionals and stakeholders.

In 2018, Glennon and his team collaborated with the American Water Works Association to produce the book "WaterSense: America’s Water Crisis and What We Must Do to Solve It." The book has been praised for its comprehensive analysis of water issues and its call to action for stakeholders to take decisive action to address water challenges.

In addition to leading 3300’s weather team, Barnes Lane has served as a weather meteorologist at WDBJ in Albemarle, NC, forecasting severe weather in the southeastern region of the United States. He has also served as a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Asheville, NC, and has worked as a freelance meteorologist for several local television stations.

Lane has contributed to several projects in the field of meteorology, including the development of a new weather forecasting model for the National Weather Service. His work has been recognized by the National Weather Service and by the American Meteorological Society, for which he has received numerous awards.

Water Pioneers

Robert Kenny has long been involved with water issues in his state. Kenny is a member of the Oklahoma water regulatory board from 1990 to 2003, and he later served on the National Water Law Board and the US Water Law Board.

Kenny was an assistant director of the National Water Law Board, and he has served as a member of the Oklahoma Water Board and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

In 2000, Kenny was named one of the 100 most influential people in the water industry by Water magazine.

Kenny has been recognized for his contributions to the water industry and has received numerous awards, including the 2000 Outstanding Water Law Board Member Award and the 2001 Oklahoma Water Resources Board Award.

In 2002, Kenny was named one of the 100 most influential people in the water industry by Water magazine. This recognition was based on his contributions to the water industry and his leadership in addressing water-related issues.

Kenny has continued to be active in the water industry, serving on numerous boards and committees and contributing to the development of water policy and regulations. He has also been recognized for his contributions to the field of water management and for his work in promoting the importance of water conservation.
The Oklahoma Legislature passes bill authorizing the OWRB to promulgate and implement Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) rules.
The State of Oklahoma, Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and Oklahoma City reach a water settlement agreement.
The Scenic River Joint Study Committee issues the draft Final Report “Oklahoma-Arkansas Scenic Rivers Joint Phosphorus Study” reaffirming the validity of the 0.037 phosphorus criteria.
The OWRB approves rules to facilitate ASR project implementation.
The Produced Water Working Group releases its report and recommendations.