The OWRB defines policy and conducts the state’s water business through a nine-member Board appointed by the Governor. The Board meets monthly to make decisions regarding the appropriation, allocation, distribution, and management of Oklahoma’s water resources.

The mission of the OWRB is to enhance the quality of life for Oklahomans by managing, protecting, and improving the state’s water resources to ensure clean, safe, and reliable water supplies, a strong economy, and a healthy environment.

This mission is accomplished through the following agency programs:

**Water Use Permitting**
As the state’s designated water management agency, the OWRB allocates surface water and groundwater supplies for beneficial uses including agriculture, fish and wildlife propagation, hydroelectric power generation, irrigation, municipal and industrial use, navigation, and recreation.

**Data and Mapping**
The OWRB provides water-related information through the interpretation of spatial data using standard and customized GIS applications.

**Financing**
The OWRB manages a AAA-rated financial assistance program that provides low-interest loans and grants for public water and wastewater system improvements as well as stormwater management and green infrastructure projects.

**Well Driller Licensing**
The OWRB is responsible for ensuring responsible well construction that protects the state’s groundwater quality and provides information to the public through the agency’s well log database.

**Dam Safety**
As the coordinating state agency for Oklahoma’s dam safety program, the OWRB ensures the safety of more than 4,700 state dams, requiring inspections for all jurisdictional size dams based on downstream development.

**Floodplain Management**
As the coordinating state agency for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the OWRB provides education and certification, promoting sensible floodplain development.

The OWRB actively engages in scientific research regarding Oklahoma’s water resources. Other state governmental organizations rely on OWRB data to regulate and aid industries and municipalities in Oklahoma.

The OWRB prioritizes its efforts to improve agency services by updating technology, streamlining application processes, and increasing partnerships and customer outreach.

More information can be found on the OWRB website:

[www.owrb.ok.gov](http://www.owrb.ok.gov)

With passage of the Water for 2060 Act in 2012, Oklahoma established a statewide goal of consuming no more fresh water in 2060 than was consumed in 2010. An Advisory Council was created in 2013 by the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President Pro Tempore to make recommendations for meeting the Water for 2060 goal. The Advisory Council’s final report was published in 2015. Learn more at [www.owrb.ok.gov/2060](http://www.owrb.ok.gov/2060).