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Barnsdall Public Works Authority receives \$275,373 from OWRB for dam improvements

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Barnsdall Public Works Authority (Authority) received approval for a \$275,373 loan Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s infrastructure. The study and planning of upgrades and improvements to the wastewater system will be financed by a 100% principal forgiveness loan through the Oklahoma Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

The Authority will utilize the proceeds to survey, test, design and engineer the reconstruction of the Lake Waxhoma spillway which has experienced extensive damage caused by recent flood events. This nonpoint source (NPS) rehabilitation effort will help to protect impaired waterbodies that could impact water quality of an un-named tributary to Dog Thresher Creek in the Bird Creek watershed.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the Authority’s customers will save an estimated \$409,100 compared to traditional financing.

The CWSRF program is administered by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board with partial funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The CWSRF program has provided approximately \$2.2 billion in water quality loans to provide communities the resources necessary to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources statewide.



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Since 1983, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board has approved over \$5.9 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

“We are grateful to State Senator Bill Coleman and Representative Judd Strom for their support of our financial assistance programs,” said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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