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Oklahoma Water Resources Board To Hold Public Meeting on Clean Water State Revolving Fund FY 2006 Intended Use Plan

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 23, to present and receive comments on the draft FY 2006 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan and Priority Project List. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the OWRB's Oklahoma City office, 3800 North Classen Boulevard.

Initiated by 1987 amendments to the Federal Clean Water Act, the CWSRF loan program was established in Oklahoma to provide a renewable financing source to help Oklahoma's communities address their water pollution control needs while protecting the state's surface and groundwater quality. The program provides eligible public wastewater systems with low-interest financing for construction and improvement of treatment works, urban stormwater runoff projects, and nonpoint source pollution control activities. Repayments of these loans, along with annual federal and state funds and investment income, provide financing for future loans.

The OWRB's Financial Assistance Division administers the CWSRF loan program and is responsible for preparing the annual Intended Use Plan, a document which establishes program goals, identifies sources and uses of funds, and provides a ranked listing of eligible proposed projects. It is anticipated that approximately $114.6 million will be available for water pollution control loans during FY 2006.

A copy of the draft plan may be obtained at the OWRB website (www.owrb.state.ok.us) or by contacting Julie Cunningham at (405) 530-8800. Entities wishing to be included on the State's FY 2006 Intended Use Plan should contact the OWRB and submit a pre-application form available at www.owrb.state.ok.us/financing/loan/loan_forms.php.

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