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***Water Board to Host June 29 Public Meeting
On Clean Water Fund 2005 Use Plan***

The Financial Assistance Division of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 29 to present and receive comments on the draft *FY 2005 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan and Priority Project List*. The meeting, to be held at the Water Board's Oklahoma City office at 3800 North Classen Boulevard, will begin at 1:30.

Initiated by the 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 surface and groundwater quality. The program enables eligible public sewer entities to receive low-interest financing for projects, including treatment works and urban storm water 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 administers the program and is responsible for preparing the annual Intended Use Plan, a document that establishes program goals, identifies sources and uses of funds, and provides a ranked listing of projects proposed by entities requesting to receive loan funds.

It is anticipated that approximately \$127.9 million will be available for water pollution control loans during FY 2005. To date, 30 communities have requested proposed projects to be placed on the FY 2005 Project Priority List to receive financing in the amount of approximately \$120.6 million.

A copy of the draft plan is available on OWRB Web site at www.owrb.state.ok.us or may be obtained by contacting Julie Cunningham at (405) 530-8800. Entities wishing to be included on the State's FY 2005 Intended Use Plan should contact the OWRB and submit a pre-application form available at www.owrb.state.ok.us/forms/faforms.

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