Final Review of 2012
OCWP Update
Substantive Changes to Priority & Supporting Recommendations

OWRB Meeting
September 13, 2011
General:

• Considerable “word-smithing” to better communicate original intent; only substantive changes presented

• Priority/Supporting Recommendations and categories reordered and regrouped in a more logical fashion:
  – Some have been grouped with others, lifted from others as a unique recommendation, re-titled, or eliminated altogether

• Minor changes in who should do what:
  – workgroups/agencies vs. more study
Water Project & Infrastructure Funding:
• Specific coordination of program investigation assigned to OWRB rather than “team of professionals”

Regional Planning Groups:
• OWRB will work directly with State Legislature, with input from a workgroup, to develop RPG concept

Excess & Surplus Water:
• Removed the two Grand Region planning basins from consideration due to jurisdictional issues
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Priority Recommendation Edits

Instream/Environmental Flows:
• No Substantive Changes

State/Tribal Water Consultation and Resolution:
• No Substantive Changes

Water Efficiency, Recycling & Reuse:
• No Substantive Changes
Water Supply Reliability:

• Specified funding through State Legislature
• Added timeline (2022) for backlogged MAY studies
• Utilize RPGs, rather than workgroup(s) to investigate implementation of “regionally appropriate” reliability-related recommendations
• Specific inclusion of reservoir yield protection in conjunctive management implementation
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Water Supply Reliability: (continued)

- Added: “…transitioning to a more conservation-oriented approach in the calculation of groundwater basin yields and allocation of groundwater use permits, including the consideration of more sustainable use and development of state groundwater supplies”
Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring:

- Expanded to consider additional state/federal water monitoring programs
Additional Changes to Priority Recommendations

• Proposed by OWRB Water Planning Committee:
  1. Regional Planning Groups:
    • non-regulatory
  2. Excess/Surplus Water:
    • clarification that new definition/procedure apply to only new permits
  3. Water Supply Reliability:
    • removed “implementation” and replaced it with “consideration”
    • clarified make-up of input group
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Nonpoint Source Pollution:
• No substantive changes

Dam Safety & Floodplain Management:
• Added as a unique recommendation
• Originally included in “Water Management & Administration” recommendation
• Augmented by specific comments provided by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission:
  – Proposes funding and incentives
  – Addresses liability associated with downstream development
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Interstate Water Issues:

• Removed recommendation to investigate development of an Ogallala groundwater compact

• New Language:
  
  – The State should explore the creation of standing planning committees through existing interstate stream water compacts or other federal/state forums to work proactively with neighboring states on shared water resource management issues and thus limit potential interstate conflicts and litigation.
Additional Issues for Consideration:

- Some were integrated into Priority/Supporting Recommendations
- Others were removed from Executive Report because they require no action at this time.
- All remain cataloged in OCWP Recommendations report
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