

# Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan Timeline

Policy Development

The three-day Town Hall meeting in May 2010 will provide a structured forum for the discussion of OCWP policy issues by participants and eventual consensus on draft recommendations.

Before submittal to the State Legislature, the draft Water Plan will be subjected to a final round of review at 11 regional feedback meetings.

The Water Plan will be formally considered by the nine-member Water Resources Board in October 2011. Following approval, the final OCWP will be submitted to the Oklahoma State Legislature and Governor in February 2012.

Basic Water Science Seminar held to educate OCWP participants on general water science and technical aspects of the Water Plan

First OCWP Planning Workshop

Second OCWP Planning Workshop

Third and final OCWP Planning Workshop

Seminar to brief OCWP participants on development of water policy strategies

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2009 2010

Fourth Annual Water Appreciation Day

AMEC completes water allocation models for the Kiamichi and Little River watersheds, joining previously completed models for the Blue River and Muddy Boggy Creek stream systems

OWRB's Financial Assistance Program exceeds \$2 billion funding level

OWRB completes Arbuckle-Simpson Hydrology Study

Congress passes FY-2010 Energy & Water Appropriations Act earmarking over \$2.7 billion for OCWP and associated studies

Governor's Water Conference and Research Symposium: "Understanding Oklahoma Water"

Fifth Annual Water Appreciation Day

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2009 2010

OWRB and CDM update Programmatic Work Plan Identifying technical issues for study

OWRB launches Water Rights Administration System

CDM finalizes provisional water demand projections and initiates development of regional- and basin-level water resource planning reports

OCWP Water Research Advisory Board meets to evaluate research project funding

CDM completes initial Oklahoma H2O GIS supply/demand gap tool, developed to identify areas of potential water shortages through 2060

CDM completes a report on instream flows in Oklahoma, examining relevant policy

CDM completes provisional physical water supply availability report

First meeting of OCWP Instream Flow Workgroup

OWRB initiates Community Impact Measure Project to investigate economic, social, and environmental benefits of local water infrastructure investments

CDM develops statewide method for analysis of reservoir yields

USGS completes historical Oklahoma water use report

Congress passes Omnibus Appropriations Act earmarking almost \$3 million for OCWP and associated studies

CDM completes model and analysis of weather effects on municipal water demands

CDM completes Provider Survey Summary Report

Six community projects receive OCWP water conservation grant awards

CDM and OWRB finalize regional stream system and watershed planning region delineations

First meeting of multi-agency workgroup to discuss OCWP's water quality component

Technical Studies

Growing population and increased water demand, intense competition for water and deteriorating infrastructure, increasingly variable climate, vulnerabilities posed by drought and flooding, and many other factors present serious challenges in how Oklahoma will balance and manage the use of its water resources. As a result, the OWRB and its cooperators are incorporating innovative techniques in addition to traditional planning methodologies to guide Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan activities. As the state approaches its 2012 Water Plan deadline, the update process is blending direct input from the public with science, technology, engineering, and related disciplines to establish a sound and progressive water future for Oklahoma citizens. Integral to the update are the many partnerships between the OWRB and other state and federal agencies, universities, organizations, and engineering firms. These partners possess advanced expertise to address emerging water issues and problems.

Wide-scale implementation of plans and strategies will separate the document from its more policy-oriented predecessors. Beginning immediately, projects specifically included in the OCWP or inspired by its data and concepts will receive particular attention for funding and implementation through 2060 and beyond.



# OKLAHOMA COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN (2006-2012)

May 2006: The State Legislature pledges Gross Production Tax Funds over five years to update the OCWP.

## Policy Development

To develop a fair, inclusive and widely supported Water Plan, the OWRB is utilizing the Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute to coordinate unprecedented public input that will shape the state's water policy over the next 50 years.

Dozens of statewide and regional public meetings and workshops involving thousands of Oklahomans have provided the forum for identification of the state's priority water issues and facilitated selection of informed citizens to refine those issues into reasonable policy recommendations for consideration by the State Legislature.

Central to the Water Plan's integral funding mechanism is the Corps of Engineers' Planning Assistance to the States Program and other COE authorities, such as the Washita and Southeast Study initiatives, which have provided an economical state matching fund vehicle to accomplish OCWP technical work.

This partnership with the COE has helped establish a nationally recognized model for state-federal partnerships through which states now set their particular water planning priorities, utilizing federal expertise and experience to make water projects a reality.

To maximize state and potential federal dollars for the Water Plan effort, the OWRB continues to actively seek all feasible cost-sharing opportunities while leveraging funds for planning assistance.

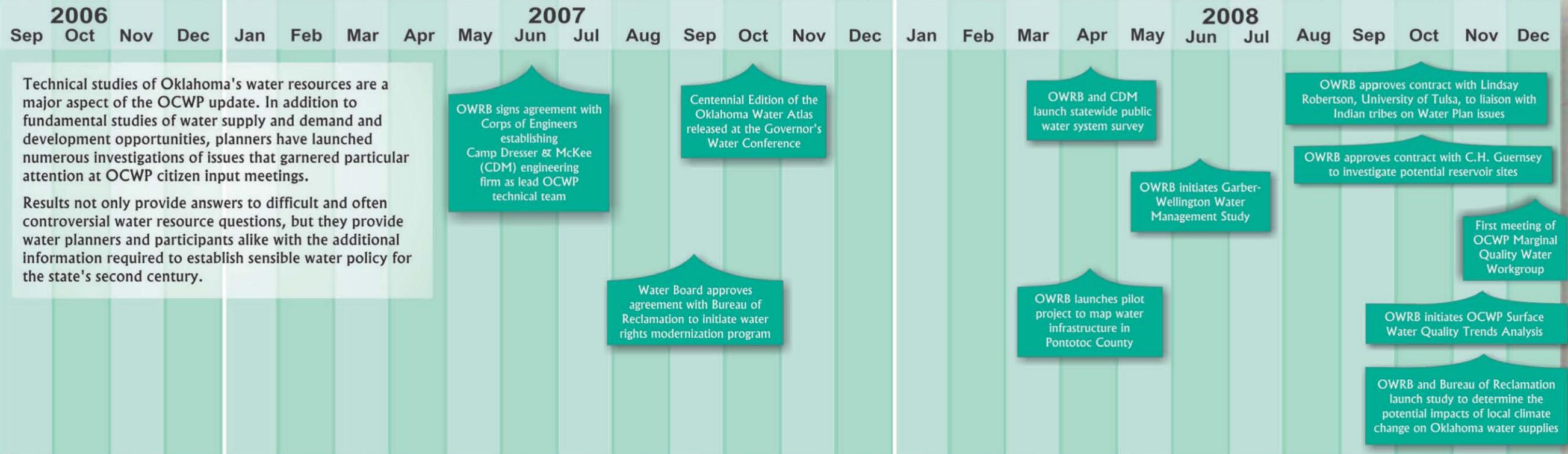


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## Technical Studies

Technical studies of Oklahoma's water resources are a major aspect of the OCWP update. In addition to fundamental studies of water supply and demand and development opportunities, planners have launched numerous investigations of issues that garnered particular attention at OCWP citizen input meetings.

Results not only provide answers to difficult and often controversial water resource questions, but they provide water planners and participants alike with the additional information required to establish sensible water policy for the state's second century.



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