

# Agency Update

**Red River Valley Association**  
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**Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
(9 members)**

**Executive  
Director**

**Administrative  
Services**

**Financial  
Assistance**

**Planning &  
Management**

**Water Quality &  
Monitoring**

**MISSION: To protect and enhance the quality of life for Oklahomans by managing and improving the state's water resources to ensure clean and reliable water supplies, a strong economy, and a safe and healthy environment.**

# 2012 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan

- Most technically sound, extensively vetted Plan
- Executive Report with statewide information
- 13 Regional Reports
- Identified Policy Recommendations



**Overriding goal to provide safe, reliable water supplies to meet needs of all Oklahomans.**

Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan

OCWP

**BIG 8**

**PRIORITY**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**



**Infrastructure Financing**



**Conservation, Reuse, Recycling**



**Monitoring**



**Supply Reliability**



**Fish & Recreation Flows**



**Excess/Surplus**



**State/Tribal Resolution**



**Regional Planning**

# Division Updates

- FAD
  - CWSRF Call for Wastewater/Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects
  - REAP Grant Application Period for SFY 2019 through 5 pm September 4, 2018.
  - Community/Water System Mapping Project

# Division Updates (cont.)

- WQD
  - 2017 Beneficial Use Monitoring Program Report complete and posted online
  - Water Quality Division WQS Triennial review underway
    - Updating Human Health Criteria to protect drinking water supplies
    - Updating Selenium Aquatic Life Criteria to protect the Fish & Wildlife Beneficial Use
  - Illinois River
    - Reviewing Illinois River Joint Study recommendations related to Water Quality Standards

# Division Updates (cont.)

- P&M
  - Produced Water Working Group continues work on solutions for reuse of produced water
  - GW Basin Hydro Investigations - Tech. Studies
    - Garber-Wellington Aquifer Study completed 2017
    - Rush Springs Aquifer Study completed August 2018

# 2018 OWRB Rule Amendments

- In 2018, the OWRB approved amendments to three existing Chapters: Fees (5), Oklahoma Water Quality Standards (45), and Financial Assistance (50).
- OWRB also enacted one NEW Chapter: 32 – Aquifer Storage and Recovery

## Water Quality & Monitoring

Rule Amendments pertain to updating Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards as related to water reuse.

## Financial Assistance

Amendments to improve efficiencies within the loan & grant programs and expand customer service.

## Planning & Management

NEW Chapter which provides water rights & quantity administration related to aquifer storage and recovery.



# OWRB Legislative Update

- Statutory changes this past session:
  - HB 3405 - Greatly expanding access to marginal quality water resources by allowing for the responsible and safe completion of marginal quality water wells by drillers.
  - SB 1515 - A language correction to the statutory authorization of a small revolving fund as per the recommendation of an Operational Audit of the OWRB.



# CONNECTIONS

39<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Oklahoma Governor's  
Water Conference &  
Research Symposium

**Reed Conference Center  
Midwest City, OK  
Dec. 5-6, 2018**

# Water for 2060 Excellence Award

## 3 Categories:

- Public Water Supply
- Energy / Industry
- Crop Irrigation / Ag Production



- Nominations due by September 30, 2018.
- Presented at the 2018 Governor's Water Conference & Research Symposium

# Connect with Us!



The screenshot shows the website for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB). The header includes the text "theoklahomawaterresourcesboard" and "thewateragency". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Board Meetings", "Rules", "Forms", "FAQ", "Reports", "OCWP", "About Us", and "News". A sidebar on the left lists various services: "Water Use Permitting", "Financial Assistance", "Well Drilling", "Water Quality Standards", "Monitoring & Assessment", "Groundwater Studies", "Surface Water Studies", "Dam Safety", "Floodplain Management", "Drought Management", and "Interactive Maps & Data". The main content area features a "60 YEARS OKLAHOMA'S WATER AGENCY SINCE 1957" banner with the tagline "INNOVATION • COLLABORATION • SOUND SCIENCE • SERVICE". Below the banner are several featured tiles: "Water For 2050", "Oklahoma Drought Portal", "Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan", "Oklahoma Water News", "Lakes of Oklahoma", and "Interactive Maps & Data". A "News" section lists recent updates, and a "Calendar" section shows upcoming events like "Board Meeting" and "Water Appreciation Day". A "Resources" section is also visible. Red arrows point from the "Interactive Maps & Data" link in the sidebar to the "Interactive Maps & Data" tile, and from the "Interactive Maps & Data" tile to the "Interactive Maps & Data" link in the sidebar. Another red arrow points from the "Interactive Maps & Data" link in the sidebar to the "Interactive Maps & Data" tile.



# Questions?

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