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Water Research Institute Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan Monthly Update



I would like to thank everyone who returned their information and agreed to participate in the planning workshops scheduled to begin in June. We realize how busy everyone is, especially this time of year, and we want to say again how much we appreciate your willingness to help shape the future of Oklahoma's water resources.

Planning Workshops

During this third year of the public participation process, we will conduct the Planning Workshops.

The workshop will be held at the Metro Tech Springlake Campus in Oklahoma City. The first meeting will be **June 4**, the second **August 13**, and the final one **October 22**.

Each day of workshops is divided into morning and afternoon sessions each with five concurrent workgroups (see below).

Each participant will be assigned to

WORKSHOPS June 4 -- Aug 13 -- Oct 22
Morning Session: Water Supply 8:00-12:00
Workgroup 1: Theme 1 Balancing Water Supply & Demand
Workgroup 2: Theme 2 Water Conservation
Workgroup 3: Theme 3 Water Availability
Workgroup 4: Theme 4 Surface-Ground Water Relationship
Workgroup 5: Theme 5 Land Use Practices
Afternoon Session: Water Mgmt 2:00-6:00
Workgroup 6: Theme 6 Water Sales & Transfers
Workgroup 7: Theme 7 Inter-Govmnt Water Resource Mgmt
Workgroup 8: Theme 8 Inter-Agency Water Resource Mgmt
Workgroup 9: Theme 9 Stakeholder Involvement & Conflict Mgmt
Workgroup 10: Theme 10 Local and Regional Issues

one workgroup and will participate in that same workgroup at the three workshops.

We are finalizing the workgroup assignments and will be sending the information to the participants later this

week. We will also list the participants on our website next week.

Workshop participants provided management strategies for their top two theme choices. Many people gave us very detailed information and we have begun posting those ideas on our website. You will be able to search the ideas through our [Search Strategy Database](#). You may also comment on the strategies or enter your own strategy on [the Enter Your Water Management Strategy](#) page.

We are compiling briefing information for each theme that will be distributed to the participants before the workshops. We will also post the information on our website as we complete it.

Opportunity to be Involved

We will hold a "dry run" of the workshops on May 22 at 1 p.m. in the OSU Extension office in Oklahoma City. This has two purposes: 1. to allow us to "work out the kinks" in the workgroup protocol, and 2. to begin the process of developing management strategies. The results of this "dry run" will be made available to the workgroup participants. We will also forward any research questions to the appropriate people and have that available as well.

We hope to have 24 people participate in the practice. We will limit attendance to those who are not able to attend the workshops. If you are interested in participating please contact me at jeri.fleming@okstate.edu or call me at 405-744-9994.

Water Science Seminar

The dates for the Basic Water Science Seminar are set for **May 14 & 15 and will be held at the Metro Tech Springlake campus in OKC.** We are working with the Water Board and the OSU College of Ag to organize the Seminar. The focus of this seminar will be informing participants on basic hydrology, Oklahoma's water resources, how water availability is determined, water quality issues and an update from CDM

on the technical studies they are conducting.

All of the planning workshop participants are invited to attend. However anyone interested in learning more about our water resources may also attend, but space is limited. **If you are interested in attending and are not a planning participant please contact our office before May 1 at 405-744-9994.** The cost for non-participants is \$20.

Water Film Series

We had over 240 people attend our spring film series. Due to the great turnout we intend to select new films to show next spring. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

If you are interested in showing one of the films in your area, please contact me. We are happy to either send the film or come and participate in a discussion following the showing.

Governor's Water Conference and OWRI Research Symposium

Save the Date! The 2009 Conference and Symposium is scheduled for Nov. 3 – 5 at the Reed Center in Midwest City.

Other Information

I am always happy to visit with any group regarding the planning process so please don't hesitate to contact me to come speak to your group. I can be reached by email at jeri.fleming@okstate.edu or at the number listed below.

As always feel free to contact me with any questions.

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