

# Water Research Institute Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan Monthly Update

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We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday! It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. I wanted to let you know that the University will be closed from Dec. 24 – Jan. 4. Therefore, our office is closed as well. I will check my email so; if you need to contact us please don't hesitate to email me at [jeri.fleming@okstate.edu](mailto:jeri.fleming@okstate.edu).

*We wish all a happy holiday season!*

## Regional Input Meetings

The reports from each of the regional meetings are now available on our website. We are now in the process of finishing up the statewide report summarizing the Regional Input Meetings and determining the themes for the workshops. Once the report is finished I will post it on the website along with the workshop information.

I have received several questions regarding who will be participating in these planning workshops. We are beginning the selection process now. We will be sending out letters to those who participated in the regional meetings to ask who will be able to attend the workshops. We may then have to narrow the list down somewhat and we will do that in a way that will ensure a fair balance of all interests. The final list will be approved by our Planning Advisory Board, which consists of the Sec. of Environment, Sec. of Agriculture, and the four board members of the Water Board that are on their planning subcommittee.

## Planning Workshops

The workshops will be held in the Oklahoma City area. I am currently working on finalizing the location and dates and should have that done in the next few weeks. We anticipate holding the first workshop the beginning of June, the second in mid-August, and the final workshop the end of October. We are trying to schedule them about 10 weeks apart to allow time to get questions answered before the next workshop.

Each day of workshops is divided into a morning and an after-

noon workshop, with up to six concurrent workgroups each (see graphic at right). We will invite about 20 people to participate in each workgroup, so there will be about 240 people participating. I want to clarify that the participants will be in either a morning workgroup or an afternoon workgroup; therefore, we are only asking you to come for half of a day instead of an entire day. We hope this makes it easier for people to participate. Also, the workshops will be open to the public; however, space may be limited.

## Website

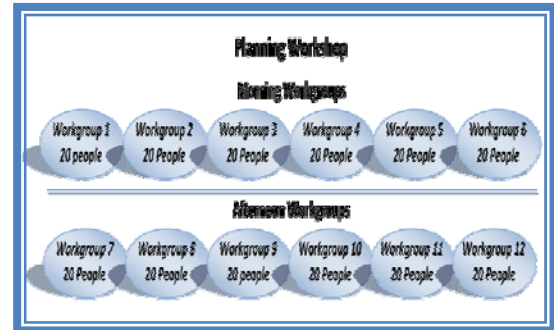
We have added a new page to the website. The [Enter Your Water Management Strategy](#) page is now available. The purpose of this page is so you can begin to enter and discuss your well thought-out plans for how to better manage Oklahoma water. We have also added a page so you can search what strategies have been entered. This provides you an opportunity to see what other people think and gives you an opportunity to expand on a thought or provide insight into why something may or may not work.

If you have more general comments about the process or water in general you can still enter those on our [Make a Comment](#) page. You can also still search the comment database. We will continue to leave all information on the website throughout the process.

## 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](mailto:jeri.fleming@okstate.edu) or at the number listed below.

If you do not have internet access and would like a copy of the information we have available on our website please give us a call and we will be happy to drop it in the mail to you. As always feel free to contact me with any questions.



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