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RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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November 29-30, 2023

### SILVER

Illinois River Watershed Partnership  
Northwest Water Action Team  
OGE Energy Corp.  
Oklahoma Alliance Consultants  
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality  
Oklahoma Municipal League/  
Oklahoma Municipal Utility Providers  
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## WATER MEANS BUSINESS

Hosted by the  
Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
& Oklahoma Water Resources Center

## November 29

- 7:30 Registration, Exhibits, & Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:30 Welcome (Oklahoma Ballroom E-F)**  
Jennifer Castillo, Chairman, Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
Governor Kevin Stitt (video)  
Senator James Lankford (video)
- Oklahoma Agriculture Update**  
Blayne Arthur, Secretary of Agriculture
- Perspectives from Oklahoma Legislators**  
Senator Darcy Jech  
Representative Dell Kerbs  
Representative Carl Newton  
Representative John Pfeiffer  
Representative Kevin Wallace
- Keynote: Optimizing the Adoption of Water Reuse & Stormwater Management**  
Shannon Spurlock, Pacific Institute
- 10:00 Break & Exhibits**
- 10:20 Concurrent Sessions**
- Understanding & Improving Climate Resiliency (University Ballroom A)**  
Renee McPherson, University of Oklahoma  
Katherine Welch, Oklahoma State University  
Brad Rogers, Oklahoma Conservation Commission  
Robert Nairn, University of Oklahoma  
Kiranmayi Mangalgi, Oklahoma State University
- Collaborative Water Supply Planning Across Sectors (University Ballroom B-C)**  
John Rehring, Carollo Engineers  
Dani Quissell, North Dakota Water Users Association  
Eric Lee, City of Tulsa  
Shellie Chard, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality  
Will Archer, Mountain Park Master Conservancy District
- 12:00 Lunch (Oklahoma Ballroom E-F)**
- Addressing the World's Water Crisis**  
Matt Hangen, Water4
- Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards**  
Drew Kershen  
Mike Paque  
Duane Smith
- 1:45 Concurrent Sessions**
- Student Water Research Lightning Talks (University Ballroom A)**
- Flood Mitigation Planning (University Ballroom B-C)**  
Senator Markwayne Mullin (video)  
Representative Lonnie Sims  
Bobby Howard, Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
Marty Chester, FEMA Region 6  
Paul Streets, City of Midwest City
- 3:15 Break & Exhibits**
- 3:30 Plenary Session: Advancing Groundwater Solutions Today (Oklahoma Ballroom E-F)**  
Kevin Wagner, Oklahoma Water Resources Center  
Congressman Frank Lucas (video)  
Jerod McDaniel, Panhandle Ag Producer  
Mike Shannon, City of Guymon  
Daran Rudnick, Kansas State University  
Dean Edson, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
- 5:00 Reception & Poster Presentations (Oklahoma Ballroom G-J)**

## November 30

- 7:30 Registration, Exhibits, & Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:30 Welcome (Oklahoma Ballroom E-F)**  
Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
Congressman Tom Cole (video)  
Ken McQueen, Secretary of Energy & Environment
- Water for 2060 Excellence Awards**  
Master Irrigator Program, OSU Extension:  
*Advanced training program for ag producers on irrigation scheduling and crop management.*  
Johnston Seed Company:  
*Promotion of cover crops as a conservation tool and contributions to sustainable agriculture.*  
City of Edmond:  
*Conversion of system equipment to recycle water and increase efficiency.*  
Okmulgee County Rural Water District #1:  
*Implementing multiple strategies to maximize efficiency and sustainability.*
- Perspectives from Business & Industry Organization Leaders**  
Rodd Moesel, Oklahoma Farm Bureau  
Bud Ground, Environmental Federation of Oklahoma  
Dalton Miller, The State Chamber  
Steve Nikolai, Grand River Dam Authority
- 10:00 Break & Exhibits**
- 10:30 Concurrent Sessions**
- Groundwater Assessment & Outreach (University Ballroom A)**  
Zachary Tomlinson, Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
Colin Baciocco, U.S. Geological Survey  
Lara Fly, Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
Jon Fields, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Caitlin Barnes, Oklahoma State University  
Paul Weckler, Oklahoma State University
- Making the Case for Investment in Water Resources (University Ballroom B-C)**  
Congresswoman Stephanie Bice (video)  
Jeff Walker, Texas Water Development Board  
Trey Lam, Oklahoma Conservation Commission  
Dani Quissell, North Dakota Water Users Association  
Tony Clyde, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 12:00 Adjournment**



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.  
HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!**