The Oklahoma Water Pioneer Award was initiated in 1985 to honor the men and women who have made significant contributions in the planning, development, management, and conservation of Oklahoma’s water resources.
1985
Francis J. Borelli
Dr. Lloyd Church
Bernice Crockett
Jacques Cunningham
Ferdie J. Deering
L.B. (Ed) Edinger
Nolen Fuqua
Newton Graham
Sen. Robert S. Kerr
Robert S. Kerr Jr.
Glade Kirkpatrick
1985
Richard Longmire
L.L. (Red) Males
Donald McBride
Forrest Nelson
Harold Norris
P. Ward Perryman
Frank Raab
Marvin Scherler
Harold Scoggins
Leonard Solomon
David Strickland
V. Ray Trent
1986
Col. Francis Wilson
A.A. Sewell
Orville Saunders
George Reid
James Irwin
W.R. Holway
James "Buster" Hight
Marvin Edmison
Early Cass
Lt. Gov. Spencer Bernard
Clarence Base
1987
H. Duane Stratton
Joseph Rarick
Guy Keith
R.K. Johnson
Charles Huddleston
Houston Adams
OKLAHOMA WATER PIONEERS

1988
Loyd Pummill
Ira Husky
Robert Harbison
George Failing
Morrison Cunningham
Julius Cox
Clarence Burch

1989
Gov. George Nigh
E.F. "Doc" Coker
M.G. Barclay
Robert Anderson
OKLAHOMA WATER PIONEERS

1990
Hoyt Shadid
Lt. Col. Eddie Morris
George Hill

1991
Jack Grimmett
Gov. Raymond Gary
Herber Finch
Ed Edmondson

1992
Paul Horton
Sen. Ray Giles
OKLAHOMA WATER PIONEERS

1993
Larry Wornom
Paul Miller
J.D. Fleming

1994
J.K. Lindsey
Bonita Hoeme
Gerald Borelli
OKLAHOMA WATER PIONEERS

1995
Billy Ray Wilson
Paul Thombrugh
Oscar Hughes
Norman Durham

1996
Sen. Henry Bellmon
Donald Vandersypen
Phillip Klutts
Ladd Hitch
James Hewgley
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1997
John "Jack" Story
Dr. Wayne Pettyjohn
Lonnie Farmer

1998
Bill Secrest
Bob Portiss

1999
Sidney Williams
Jimmie Pigg
James Eddie Phillips
2000
Jim Murphy
James Leake
Michaele (Mike) Henson

2001
James Norick
Ken McFall
Phillip Lorenz
Robert Johnson
2002
Murray Williams
Mae Cooper
Frank Condon

2003
Clifford Younger
Wes Watkins
Mark Coleman
2004
Joe Taron
Glenn Sullivan

2005
Jay Galt
Julian Fite

2006
Ervin Mitchell
W.C. Austin
2007
Don Kiser
Jerry Johnston
Ken Crawford

2008
Robbie Robbins
Mason Mungle
Garner Garrison
2009
James Barnett
Steven Moore
Gene Whatley
Jon Craig

2010
Atty. Gen. Drew Edmondson
Mike Melton
Diane Pedicord
2011
Thomas Lay
Rick Smith

2012
Ed Brocksmith
Ronn Cupp
Rep. Phil Richardson

2013
Bob Blazs
Patty Eaton
OKLAHOMA WATER PIONEERS

2014
Jack Keeley
Mike Thralls

2015
Bob Chipman
Trudy Rigney
Dick Seybolt
Bill Sims
OKLAHOMA WATER PIONEERS

2016
Gov. Frank Keating

2017
Glen Cheatham
Pete White
Jim Townsend

2018
Rudy Herrmann
Arthur Wayne “Dub” Sloan
OKLAHOMA WATER PIONEERS

2019
Tom Buchanan
Ann Keeley
Arnold Miller

2021
Ronnie Graves
Ken Komiske
Linda Lambert
OKLAHOMA WATER PIONEERS

2022
Mary Fallin
Charlette Hearne
James Inhofe

2023
Drew Kershen
Mike Paque
Duane Smith