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## Oklahoma Governor's Water Conference & Research Symposium

## December 3, 2025

### 7:30 Breakfast (Oklahoma Ballroom A-F)

### 8:30 Welcome (Oklahoma Ballroom A-F)

Governor Kevin Stitt (video)

Thomas Gorman, Chairman, Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)

#### Keynote

Teaching Old Pipes New Tricks: Putting AI to Work in Water Branko Kerkez, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Michigan

### **Insights from Oklahoma Legislators**

Senator Chuck Hall

Senator Grant Green

Senator Darcy Jech

Representative Mike Dobrinski

Representative Dell Kerbs

Representative Carl Newton

### 10:00 Break

### 10:30 Concurrent Sessions

## Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) Overview (Oklahoma Ballroom G-J)

**Key Technical Findings** 

John Rehring, Vice President, Carollo Engineers

Stakeholder Engagement

Amber Wooten, Associate Vice President, Carollo Engineers

Statewide & Regional Water Policy & Funding Priorities Julie Cunningham, Executive Director, OWRB

### Lightning Sessions (University C)

Mamata Pandey, Graduate Student, Oklahoma State University (OSU)

Joy Brato Shil, Graduate Student, OSU

Abinava Yeshwanth Kalayambakam Janardhan, Graduate Student, OSU

Jacob Kettner, Graduate Student, OSU

Alok Pandit, Graduate Student, OSU

Digvijay Mohite, Graduate Student, OSU

Navdeep Saasan, Graduate Student, OSU

Aaron Long, Graduate Student, OSU

Andrew Fleet, Water Conservation Educator, Oklahoma Cooperative

Extension Service, OSU

Megan Ryan, Graduate Student, OSU

Saikumar Payyavula, Graduate Student, OSU

Charles Liu, Undergraduate Student, OSU

### 12:00 Luncheon (Oklahoma Ballroom A-F)

Energy & Environment Update
Jeff Starling, Oklahoma Secretary of Energy & Environment

### **Oklahoma Water Pioneer Awards**

Gary Sherrer Grant Victor

### Messages from Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation

### 1:30 Concurrent Sessions

## OCWP Water Policy & Management Recommendations (Oklahoma Ballroom G-J)

Modernizing Oklahoma's Water Rights Administration Chris Neel, Division Chief, Water Rights Administration, OWRB

Regional Water Planning: A Decade of Insights Jeremy Rice, Hydrologist, Freese & Nichols

Pioneering Regional Planning in South Delaware County Jered Davidson, Attorney, The Public Finance Law Group

### Water Quality Challenges & Innovations (University C)

Jason Masoner, Research Hydrologist, US Geological Survey Jeri Fleming, Environmental Education & Outreach, Grand River Dam Authority Jeff Sadler, Assistant Professor/Water Resources Extension Specialist, OSU

Afsaneh Kaghazchi, Graduate Student, OSU Brandon Brown, Fisheries Supervisor, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

Jessica Beyer, Research Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma (OU)

### 3:00 Break

### 3:15 Plenary Session

# OCWP Water Data & Information Recommendations (Oklahoma Ballroom A-F)

Introductions

Kevin Wagner, Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Center (OWRC)

Oklahoma Hydronet: Statewide Integrated Water Monitoring Tyson Ochsner, Professor, Plant & Soil Sciences, OSU

Data that Drives Accurate Weather & Climate Forecasting

Joel Lisonbee, Regional Drought Information Coordinator Southern Plains Drought Early Warning System

Controlling Invasive Species Spread & Other Targeted Monitoring Programs
Trey Lam, Executive Director, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

### 4:30 Reception (University A-B)

**Student Poster Contest** 

## **December 4, 2025**

### 7:30 Breakfast (Oklahoma Ballroom A-F)

Welcome (Oklahoma Ballroom A-F)

Student Poster Contest Winners Kevin Wagner, Director, OWRC

Agriculture Update

Blayne Arthur, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture

### **Water for 2060 Excellence Awards**

Mark DeLeon

City of Guymon

### **OCWP Water Supply & Storage Recommendations**

Yohanes Sugeng, Division Chief, Engineering & Planning, OWRB

### Keynote

Creating Alternative Water Supplies Through Innovation & Collaboration Bruno Pigott, Executive Director, WateReuse Association

### 10:15 Break

8:30

### 10:30 Concurrent Sessions

# OCWP Water Infrastructure & Workforce Recommendations (Oklahoma Ballroom G-J)

Water for Texas: Statewide Infrastructure Funding

Bryan McMath, Executive Director, Texas Water Development Board

Providing Technical Assistance for Water System Sustainability Ahndria Ablett, Director of Water Resources, Choctaw Nation

Improving the Resilience of Oklahoma's Small Water & Wastewater Systems Brandon Bowman, State Programs Director, Oklahoma Rural Water Association

Oklahoma's Water Workforce Issues & Solutions

Cole Niblett, Oklahoma Water Team Leader, Garver

### Water Sustainability (University C)

Bryony Puxley, Graduate Student, OU

Zachary Tomlinson, Water Resources Geologist, OWRB

Lara Joy, Water Resources Geologist, OWRB

Yanhua Xie, Assistant Professor, OU

Shadi Fathollahifard, Graduate Student, OU

Tucker McCoy, Water Resources Geologist, OWRB

### 12:00 Adjourn