

**GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION SURVEY
STATE WATER PLAN ISSUES**

Category	Issue	DISAGREE			AGREE	
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Conjunctive Use	Regulations should recognize the connection between surface and groundwater.					
Conservation	Private lawn watering systems should have rain sensors to turn off sprinklers.					
Conservation	The water plan should take a look at easing some of the current restrictions on reuse of treated municipal wastewater.					
Conservation	Cities should only allow watering on either odd or even days, or during certain hours.					
Conservation	Preference for funding and other economic incentives to communities that are actively and successfully promoting water conservation.					
Domestic/Residential Use	Domestic wells should be tested for more contaminants - not just coliform bacteria. This should be part of every transfer of title where a potable well exists.					
Ecological Use	The plan should include legislation to maintain adequate in-stream flows to ensure quality wildlife habitats.					
Economic Issues	A state-wide mechanism is needed for fair distribution of large scale water project costs without windfall profit or economically debilitating prices.					
Economic Issues	Infrastructure plans need to emphasize economic development so needs of growth are met.					
Economic Issues	Infrastructure plans need to emphasize local habitat sustainability over economic development.					
Economic Issues	Recreational aspects (especially fishing and hunting) are included in any studies done on economic value/impact of water projects.					
Education	Domestic well owners need education on how to take care of their well water.					
Education	I would like to see public school education curriculum developed around efficient use of water.					
Education	More education is necessary about how to properly use fertilization and other lawn chemicals because of the impact on local streams.					

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Education	Our State's education system should require students to read Bob Kerr's vision for water in Oklahoma ["Land, Wood, and Water"]					
Education	Public education on water should be done through radio or TV ads rather than info sheets that come with their water bills.					
Education	Statewide mandatory public education about water conservation.					
Funding	We should implement increasing block rates [step-up rates, where increased use results in higher rates] for water usage to encourage water conservation.					
Funding	A dedicated, dependable source of funding for water resource planning, management, and education at the state level is vital to efficient management and wise use of water.					
Funding	The legislature must provide mechanisms to replace aged infrastructure.					
Funding	There are no incentives to repair CRP terraces once they break, and there should be.					
Funding	Water rates will need to increase to offset costs due to rural water district tie-ins.					
Impoundments	A federal or state cost-share program should be developed to dredge out farm ponds to restore or increase holding capacity.					
Impoundments	City planners should be required to build more holding ponds or neighborhood ponds.					
Impoundments	There should be a new lake on the South Canadian River between Union City and Norman.					
Impoundments	We should address the issue of sedimentation in our reservoirs - not just for storage capacity but also other uses of our reservoirs.					
Impoundments	We should consider using retention ponds to use the captured water for other uses besides drinking water to help alleviate demand on potable water.					
Planning	A comprehensive management plan that addresses red cedar and salt cedar (two species that waste water) needs to be devised in order to increase stream flow.					

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Planning	We need to speed up the planning and implementation of the Water Plan - 2011 is too late.					
Planning	We should prepare to protect [the] slow-recharging Ogallala Aquifer by considering it fully in this statewide plan.					
Property Rights	End private ownership of groundwater. All water should be a public resource, not a private commodity.					
Property Rights	The domestic well rights should not be changed.					
Property Rights	Groundwater should always be a property right.					
Quality	The plan should address waste of surface water resources by non-point source pollution.					
Quality	Abandoned water wells should be plugged properly. More enforcement of this issue is necessary.					
Quality	Water quality issues should be given equal weight to water quantity issues.					
Quality	We have to look at water quality and the costs necessary to maintain that quality.					
Quantity	Alternate sources must be identified when groundwater or surface water in an area is not available.					
Reclamation	Legalize and promote use of graywater systems in Oklahoma.					
Reclamation	Require rainwater catchment systems.					
Reclamation	Reuse of treated effluent for uses such as crop and landscape irrigation should be mandated.					
Recreational Use	Recreational activities need to be given higher priority in water resources planning.					

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Regionalization	Regional coalitions of water utilities need to be required to supply affordable water throughout Oklahoma in the future.					
Research	Aquifer recharge systems should be encouraged in this state.					
Sales and Transfers	Prohibit large-scale, out-of-state water transfers.					
Sales and Transfers	We need a law that would prohibit large-scale use of groundwater being used to develop mineral resources.					
Sales and Transfers	The plan should include an option to limit water sales to other states when water becomes scarce in Oklahoma.					
Sales and Transfers	The plan should include limiting interbasin water transfers to avoid transport of aquatic nuisance species.					
Sales and Transfers	The plan should look at economic sustainability before allowing sales and transfers of water instate.					
Sales and Transfers	The water plan should identify the regions and volumes of surface water that can be exported from other regions of the State to support the needs in central and western Oklahoma.					
Sales and Transfers	Water in this state is a state-owned resource - surplus water should be transferred to areas where water is scarce.					
Sales and Transfers	Water rights in this state should be given priority to the people in the watershed first.					
Water Regulation	End the groundwater mining policy. Planning for a 20-year life is ridiculous. Groundwater should be managed for sustainability.					
Water Regulation	Environmental documentation for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans needs to be made more reasonable.					
Water Regulation	Require cities to install moisture sensors in automatic sprinklers so they won't operate in the rain.					
Water Regulation	The impact of housing developments with individual wells and septic systems on the environment needs to be accounted for and addressed by law and/or water policy.					

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Water Regulation	The plan should include working with Congress to designate recreation as an authorized purpose of federal reservoirs.					
Water Regulation	The State should implement licensing for irrigation contractors.					