



ASSOCIATION OF
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
GOVERNMENTS



GARB- WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE



Chair
Vacant

Vice-Chair
Matt Dukes
Midwest City Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer
David Bennett
The Village Councilmember

Executive Director
Mark W. Sweeney, AICP

AGENDA: THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 29, 2024
2:30 P.M.

Association of Central Oklahoma Governments
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THE GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, AT ACOG IN THE OKLAHOMA BOARD ROOM, 4205 N. LINCOLN BLVD., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

Please notify ACOG at 405.234.2264 (TDD/TTY Call 711 Statewide or email title.vi@acogok.org), by 5 p.m. Monday, February 26, if you require accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER ([ATTACHMENT 1](#))
 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - DECEMBER 14, 2023 ([ATTACHMENT 2](#))
 3. STAFF REPORT: John Harrington, Water Resources Director. *For information only.*
 - A. DROUGHT UPDATE ([ATTACHMENT 3-A](#))
 - B. SANDSTONE MAPPING PROJECT UPDATE ([ATTACHMENT 3-B](#))
 - C. 2024 LEGISLATION ([ATTACHMENT 3-C](#))
 4. PROGRESS REPORT: John Harrington, Water Resources Director ([ATTACHMENT 4](#)) *For information only.*
 5. NEW BUSINESS
 6. ADJOURN
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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
BETHANY	Hon. Nikki Lloyd Mayor	Hon. Chris Powell Vice-Mayor
		Hon. Kathy Larsen Councilmember
CALUMET	Hon. Terry Brungardt Trustee	Hon. Michael Snyder Trustee
CHOCTAW	Hon. Cody Brewer Councilmember	Hon. Chad Allcox Mayor
CRESCENT	Hon. Jim Neal Councilmember	Hon. Greg Cummings Mayor
DEL CITY	Hon. Floyd Eason Mayor	Hon. Pam Finch Vice-Mayor
		Hon. Claudia Browne Councilmember
EDMOND	Hon. Darrell Davis Mayor	Hon. Barry K. Moore Councilmember
EL RENO	Hon. Amy Neathery Councilmember	Hon. David Black Vice-Mayor
		Hon. Steve Jensen Mayor
FOREST PARK	Hon. Rashanna Baker Trustee	Hon. Stephen Miller Trustee
		Hon. George H. Smith Mayor/Trustee
GEARY	No Designee	Hon. Bobby Allen Mayor
GOLDSBY	Hon. Glenn Berglan Trustee	Hon. Darrell Ingram Vice-Mayor
GUTHRIE	Hon. Steven J. Gentling Mayor	Hon. Adam Ropp Councilmember
HARRAH	Hon. Tim Rudek Councilmember	Hon. Jeff Brzozowski Councilmember
JONES CITY	Hon. Missy Wilkinson Mayor	Hon. Chris Calvert Trustee
LANGSTON CITY	No Designee	Hon. Magnus Scott Trustee

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
LEXINGTON	Hon. Mike Donovan Councilmember	Hon. Max Punneo Vice-Mayor
LUTHER	Hon. Terry Arps Mayor	Hon. Carla Caruthers Trustee
MIDWEST CITY	Hon. Matt Dukes Mayor	Hon. Pat Byrne Vice-Mayor Hon. Rick Favors Councilmember
MOORE	Hon. Kathy Griffith Councilmember	Any Moore Councilmember
MUSTANG	Hon. Brian Grider Mayor	Hon. James Wald Councilmember
NICHOLS HILLS	Hon. E. Peter Hoffman, Jr. Councilmember	Hon. Sody Clements Vice-Mayor
NICOMA PARK	Hon. Mark Cochell Mayor	Hon. Mike Czerczyk Vice Mayor
NOBLE	Hon. Phil Freeman Mayor	Hon. George Schmerer Councilmember
NORMAN	Hon. Larry Heikkila Mayor	Hon. Stephen Holman Councilmember
OKARCHE	Hon. Jeff Brueggen Trustee	Hon. Jeff Sadler Trustee
OKLAHOMA CITY	Hon. Matt Hinkle Councilmember	Any Oklahoma City Councilmember
PIEDMONT	Hon. Rob Jones Councilmember	Hon. Byron Schlomach Councilmember Hon. Ryan Aller Councilmember
SLAUGHTERVILLE	Hon. Leah Grady Trustee	Hon. Eugene Dicksion Trustee
SPENCER	Hon. Frank Calvin Mayor	Hon. Charmin Williams Vice Mayor
THE VILLAGE	Hon. David Bennett Councilmember	Hon. Sean Cummings Vice-Mayor Hon. Melodie Moore Councilmember

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
TUTTLE	No Designee	Hon. Austin Hughes Councilmember
UNION CITY	Hon. Pat Derosa Trustee	Hon. Keith Dennis Trustee
		Hon. Ryan Dawson Vice-Mayor
WARR ACRES	Hon. Roger Godwin Mayor	Hon. Mike Schmidt Councilmember
		Hon. Vickie Douglas Councilmember
YUKON	Hon. Shelli Selby Mayor	Hon. David Enmark Councilmember
CANADIAN COUNTY	Hon. Tom Manske Commissioner	Hon. David Anderson Commissioner
		Hon. Tracey Rider Commissioner
CLEVELAND COUNTY	Hon. Rusty Grissom Commissioner	Hon. Rod Cleveland Commissioner
LOGAN COUNTY	Hon. Mark Sharpton Commissioner	Hon. Charlie Meadows Commissioner
		Hon. Monty Piearcy Commissioner
OKLAHOMA COUNTY	Hon. Carrie Blumert Commissioner	Hon. Myles Davidson Commissioner
		Hon. Brian Maughan Commissioner
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE (Associate Member)	Stephanie Wilson Base Civil Engineer	Brad Beam Deputy Base Civil Engineer



ATTACHMENT 2

SUBJECT:

MINUTES OF THE GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE:

DECEMBER 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee was convened at 3:19 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) in the Oklahoma Board Room, 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held, as indicated, by advance notice filed with the Oklahoma County Clerk and by notice posted at the ACOG offices at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

PRESIDING CHAIR

Hon. Matt Dukes, Mayor

ENTITY

Midwest City

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Glenn Berglan, Mayor
Hon. Steven J. Gentling, Mayor
Hon. Tim Rudek, Councilmember
Hon. Missy Wilkerson, Councilmember
Hon. Terry Arps, Mayor
Hon. Kathy Griffith, Councilmember
Hon. Phil Freeman, Mayor
Hon. Larry Heikkila, Mayor
Hon. David Bennett, Councilmember
Hon. Vickie Douglas, Councilmember
Hon. Shelli Selby, Mayor
Hon. Charlie Meadows, Commissioner
Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner

ENTITY

Goldsby
Guthrie
Harrah
Jones City
Luther
Moore
Noble
Norman
The Village
Warr Acres
Yukon
Logan County
Logan County

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Hon. Kathy Larsen, Councilmember
Hon. Terry Brungardt, Trustee
Hon. Cody Brewer, Councilmember
Hon. Claudia Browne, Councilmember
Hon. Darrell Davis, Mayor
Hon. Amy Neatherly, Mayor
Hon. Rashanna Baker, Trustee
Hon. Warren G. Carter, Councilmember
Hon. Chris Calvert, Trustee
Hon. John Kenney, Trustee
No Designee
Hon. Mike Donovan, Councilmember
Hon. Brian Grider, Mayor
Hon. Peter Hoffman, Councilmember
Hon. Mark Cochell, Mayor
Hon. Joe Frisby, Trustee
Hon. Matt Hinkle, Councilmember
Hon. Rob Jones, Councilmember
Hon. Leah Grady, Trustee
Hon. Frank Calvin, Mayor

ENTITY

Bethany
Calumet
Choctaw
Del City
Edmond
El Reno
Forest Park
Geary
Jones City
Lake Aluma
Langston City
Lexington
Mustang
Nichols Hills
Nicoma Park
Okarche
Oklahoma City
Piedmont
Slaughterville
Spencer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT (Cont.)

Hon. Trey Buck, Councilmember
Hon. Charlie Ross, Vice-Mayor
Hon. Tomas Manske, Commissioner
Hon. Rusty Grissom, Commissioner
Hon. Carrie Blumert, Commissioner

ENTITY

Tuttle
Union City
Canadian County
Cleveland County
Oklahoma County

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT

Brad Beam, Deputy Base Civil Engineer

ENTITY

Tinker Air Force Base

GUESTS PRESENT

Pete White
Jerry Steward
Nicole Truitt, Secretary to Bd. of Logan Co. Comm.
Justin Henry, Program Manager

ENTITY/AGENCY/BUSINESS

ACOG Legal Counsel
Attorney
Logan County
Oklahoma City

ACOG STAFF PRESENT

Mark W. Sweeney
John Harrington
Anita Kroth
Jimmy Smith

POSITION

Executive Director
Water Resources Director
Administrative Assistant
IT Operations Specialist I

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Presiding Vice-Chair Matt Dukes called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 26, 2023

Director Phil Freeman made a motion to approve the October 26, 2023 minutes of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee meeting. Director Steven Gentling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. STAFF REPORT

A. DROUGHT UPDATE

The drought outlook has not changed over the past two months, effectively stalling a positive wetter trend we started to see in July and August.

The Garber-Wellington Aquifer over the past eleven months (January to November) saw a cumulative recharge of 1.11 inches; this is about 43 percent of average recharge for this time of the year. The distribution of the recharge has been dominant in the eastern areas of the aquifer, while municipalities such as Edmond, Guthrie, and Yukon have received less than half the average recharge.

Surface water conditions have held steady this fall. All reservoirs are at or near capacity.

Most drought cycles in Oklahoma last 3-5 years. Although we are in El Nino conditions, the expected cool and wet weather has still not appeared. Long range modeling of the ENSO (El Nino - Southern Oscillation) trends suggest that the present El Nino conditions will only continue until summer 2024. Beyond that another La Nina is probable, with a possibility of continuing the present drought for another several years.

B. PROPOSED EPA LEAD AND COPPER REGULATION

The Environmental Protection Agency proposed a new rule Thursday aimed at strengthening its existing lead and copper pipe standards as part of the administration's goal of lowering unsafe pollution levels and protecting vulnerable people from exposure to harmful drinking water. The proposed rule would accelerate the Biden administration's goal

of achieving 100% lead pipe replacement within the next 10 years. The EPA said the undertaking could cost \$45 billion.

Water utilities would have 10 years to replace the pipes but be required to do at least 10% a year until the job was finished. Federal funding for this new rule is found in the administration's Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan to the tune of \$15 billion.

C. GARBER-WELLINGTON GROUNDWATER & SURFACE WATER PROJECTS UPDATE

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) has commented on the proposed Noble expansion to the Canadian River discharge. Additional surface water modeling will be addressing the comments.

Work has started on the 21604(b) federal grant. This project will be the final phase of the sand mapping project started in 2018. At least five cross-sections and net sand maps will be generated in Cleveland County, covering the Norman water well fields.

4. PROGRESS REPORT

John Harrington pointed out that the progress report was available for review in the agenda.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business stated.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



SUBJECT
DROUGHT UPDATE

DATE:
FEBRUARY 29, 2023

FROM:
JOHN HARRINGTON
Water Resources Director

INFORMATION:

The drought outlook has significantly changed for the better over the past two months, with January 2024 starting the new year in a wetter-than-expected fashion. The statewide average precipitation for January totaled 2.2 inches, surpassing the established normal by 0.63 inches and ranking as the 22nd wettest January since records began in 1895.

The recharge to the aquifer was equally impressive. Recharge for the month of January was 0.59 inches, almost double the average of 0.32 inches. Total recharge for all of 2023 was only 1.17 inches, about 44% of normal.

Based on the long-term forecast for spring 2024, there are indications that drought may be eliminated from Oklahoma by the end of spring. Unfortunately, we will also be transitioning from El Nino to La Nina conditions by the summer; thus, the chances of going back into drought sooner rather than later are probably better than average. To put it more succinctly, we are getting out of one drought cycle only to start another one.

Surface water conditions have held steady this winter. All reservoirs are at or near capacity.

ACTION REQUESTED:
For information only.



ATTACHMENT 3-B

SUBJECT:

SANDSTONE MAPPING PROJECT UPDATE

DATE:

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

FROM:

JOHN HARRINGTON
Water Resources Director

INFORMATION:

Work continues on the 21604(b) federal grant. This project will be the final phase of the sand mapping project started in 2018. Several cross-sections in southern Oklahoma County will be updated and at least five additional cross-sections and net sand maps will be generated in Cleveland County, covering the Norman water well fields.

Two strike lines (Line 46S and 48S) have been completed and Section 05D updated.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For information only.



SUBJECT:
2024 LEGISLATION

DATE:
FEBRUARY 29, 2024

FROM:
JOHN HARRINGTON
Water Resources Director

INFORMATION:

The legislative season is upon us, with about 20 water-related bills introduced so far this year. Only one of these bills (HB 3182) focuses on drought management. Other bills include:

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| HB 2313 | A fund created for flood control projects in business districts. |
| HB 3049 | Municipal Sanitary Systems Standards - Water; promulgating standards for municipal sanitary sewer systems; prohibiting the right of personal injury recovery for certain sanitary sewer overflow when standards are met. |
| HB 3182 | Emergency Drought Committee. |
| HB 3193 | Water and water rights; spacing rules; effective date. |
| HB 3195 | An act providing for creation and designation of critical groundwater management areas and criteria for such designation. |
| HB 3854 | An investment rebate program for the cost of water and wastewater infrastructure. |
| SB 659 | Five-year allocations of groundwater |
| SB 1331 | Water and Wastewater Grant Program |
| SB 1341 | Companion bill to HB 3195 |
| SB 1352 | Creates the Reservoir Capital Investment Fund, which shall consist of fees, appropriations, apportionments, federal grants, or gifts and donations. |
| SB 1580 | Directs the board of county commissioners to intervene in the event that a water district faces a water shortage or other emergency preventing the provision of water to a rural water district for a period exceeding 5 days. |
| SB 1812 | Wastewater influent/effluent testing. |
| SB 1914 | Groundwater irrigation districts |

Several bills are aimed at helping smaller cities and towns to finance improvements to aging infrastructure. HB 3195 creates a new groundwater management classification for critical groundwater areas. We will be monitoring these bills through the legislative season.

ACTION REQUESTED:
For information only.



SUBJECT:
PROGRESS REPORT

DATE:
FEBRUARY 29, 2024

FROM:
JOHN HARRINGTON
Water Resources Director

INFORMATION:

- 1) For 2024, ACOG staff will be focused on the 2021 604(b) project: Geologic Modeling Garber-Wellington Aquifer. This project will integrate and expand geophysical data from the Norman area into the existing database created by the 18604(b), 19604(b), and 20604(b) projects. Several cross-sections in southern Oklahoma County will be updated and at least five additional cross-sections and net sand maps will be generated in Cleveland County, covering the Norman water well fields.

In addition, the project will produce an aquifer-wide integrated 3D geologic model for integration into existing municipal groundwater models as part of future 604(b) projects.

Work commenced in October 2023. Two strike lines (Line 46S and 48S) have been completed and Section 05D updated.

- 2) A quality assurance project plan under the new EPA guidelines has been submitted for the project 22604(b) - Effects on Aquifer Recharge from the Proposed Turnpike in Norman, which will assess the effects on aquifer recharge from the proposed turnpike project.
- 3) Other quality assurance documents submitted to EPA this fall was the overall Quality Management Program document which describes the overall ACOG quality assurance program. This document was approved by the EPA in December 2023.
- 4) Workplans have been approved by EPA for two new 604(b) projects: the City of Norman Groundwater Model Update and the City of Noble Well Field Groundwater Model. The model update will include the net sand mapping of the 2021 604(b) project. The Noble groundwater model will be a companion model to the overall Norman project.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For information only.