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## Agency Mission

Manage, protect, and improve Oklahoma's water resources to meet long-term water supply, water quality, flood mitigation, and infrastructure needs.

## Division and Program Descriptions

Note: Please define any acronyms used in program descriptions.

## Dam Safety Engineering & Planning

*The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) coordinates the Oklahoma Dam Safety Program to ensure the safety of more than 4,700 dams in the state.*

## Floodplain Management Engineering &amp; Planning

*The OWRB is Oklahoma's coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and partners with other state and federal agencies and local governments to prevent and reduce the adverse effects of flooding.*

## Water PlanningEngineering &amp; Planning

The OWRB is required by statute to develop and implement the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan to provide supply and demand projections, conduct studies and surveys, and facilitate public meetings and workgroups to develop and recommend innovative solutions to Oklahoma's water challenges for the next 50 years.

## Infrastructure Financing Financial Assistance

*The OWRB's financial assistance programs assist communities in their efforts to protect and conserve Oklahoma's water resources for current and future generations through cost-effective financial products, technical assistance and high quality customer service.*

## Monitoring & Studies

### Water Assessment, Trends, and Environmental Research

*The OWRB is directed by statute to monitor lakes, streams, and groundwater. Programs provide water quality and quantity data needed to determine trends and condition of water resources, and information necessary to protect and sustain healthy waterbodies for all uses for today and the future needs. .*

### Data Management & Accessibility

### **Water Assessment, Trends, and Environmental Research**

*The OWRB manages data and creates accessible data collected as part of technical studies and statewide programs on the state's waters as required or contracted. These data include surface water on both lakes and rivers and groundwaters, collected both discretely through monitoring visits and real-time through data collection platforms. The WATER division maintains the AQWQS database to house discrete chemistry, water level, physical, flow, and biological data. The division also maintains a separate database for real time data. Each of these data management platforms also flow through data accessibility portals that include interactive tools, dashboards, and other management tools. Finally, OWRB data are also available through a variety of regional and national data portals.*

## WATER Quantity Monitoring

*The OWRB manages statewide groundwater and surface water gauging programs that provide critical water quantity and availability information to a host of internal, state and federal programs.*

### Bathymetric Mapping and Yield

The OWRB conducts bathymetric surveys to determine sedimentation, storage capacity and determination of reliable yield of reservoirs across the state.

## Water Rights PermittingWater Rights Administration

The OWRB appropriates stream water and groundwater for all uses of water in Oklahoma with the exception of domestic use.

## Technical Studies Water Rights Administration

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*The OWRB conducts in-depth analysis of water quantity for the state's surface and groundwater resources, including maximum annual yield studies and stream water allocation modeling.*

## Well Driller & Pump Installer Licensing

## Water Rights Administration

The OWRB licenses well drilling and pump installation professionals to ensure the integrity of water well construction and prevent potential pollution of state groundwaters.

FY'26 Budgeted Department Funding By Source							
Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local <sup>1</sup>	Other <sup>2</sup>	Total
1001001	Administrative Services	\$2,300,500	\$27,731	\$863,359	\$0	\$155,700	\$3,347,290
8800010	Administrative Services IT	\$2,543,898	\$0	\$193,752	\$0	\$0	\$2,737,650
2002001	WATER - Administration and Other	\$282,796	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$282,796
2002040	WATER - Data Science and Management	\$122,867	\$209,726	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$332,593
2002041	WATER - Groundwater Monitoring	\$700,791	\$164,253	\$168,134	\$0	\$0	\$1,033,178
2002042	WATER - Streams Monitoring	\$467,057	\$215,000	\$577,858	\$0	\$0	\$1,259,915
2002043	WATER - Lakes Monitoring	\$565,082	\$285,700	\$219,780	\$0	\$0	\$1,070,562
2002050	WATER - USGS Cooperative Agreements	\$82,350	\$293,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$375,750
8800020	WATER IT	\$268,849	\$168,220	\$8,606	\$0	\$0	\$445,675
4002260	Hazard Mitigation Financial Assistance	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
4004030	Financial Assistance - Clean Water Revolving Fund	\$0	\$1,985,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,985,780
4004040	Financial Assistance - Financial Assistance Program	\$0	\$0	\$765,683	\$0	\$0	\$765,683
4004050	Financial Assistance - Drinking Water Revolving Fund	\$0	\$968,550	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$968,550
4004970	Financial Assistance - American Rescue Plan Act	\$0	\$1,455,407	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,455,407
8800040	Financial Assistance IT	\$0	\$813,849	\$86,935	\$0	\$0	\$900,784
7005010	Water Rights Administration - Water Rights Permitting	\$812,642	\$0	\$839,309	\$0	\$0	\$1,651,951
7005030	Water Rights Administration - Well Drillers	\$446,376	\$0	\$137,000	\$0	\$0	\$583,376
7005040	Water Rights Administration - Technical Studies	\$0	\$0	\$1,989,625	\$0	\$0	\$1,989,625
7007001	Water Rights Administration - Administration	\$202,939	\$0	\$131,170	\$0	\$0	\$334,109
8800070	Water Rights Administration IT	\$67,706	\$0	\$23,030	\$0	\$0	\$90,736
7503090	Engineering and Planning - Floodplain Management	\$138,778	\$1,570,405	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,709,183
7503120	Engineering and Planning - Dam Safety Program	\$14,248	\$5,718,057	\$39,034	\$0	\$0	\$5,771,339
	Engineering and Planning - Oklahoma Comprehensive Water						
7503130	Plan [OCWP]	\$0	\$0	\$1,471,053	\$0	\$0	\$1,471,053
7504970	Engineering and Planning - American Rescue Plan Act	\$0	\$91,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$91,716
8800075	Engineering and Planning IT	\$4,196	\$44,452	\$11,836	\$0	\$0	\$60,484
CAPITAL SECTION (LOANS AND GRANTS)							
9404030	Financial Assistance - Loans to Governmental Entities [CWSRF]			\$231,579,595		\$200,000,000	\$431,579,595
9404040	Financial Assistance - FAP Loans					\$500,000,000	\$500,000,000
9404050	Financial Assistance - Drinking Water SRF [DWSRF]			\$314,747,756		\$200,000,000	\$514,747,756
9404260	Hazard Mitigation Loans	\$1,000,000		\$21,000,000			\$22,000,000
9503860	PREP - FY26 - Logan	\$2,000,000					\$2,000,000
9603860	PREP - FY26 - Canadian	\$2,000,000					\$2,000,000
9703860	PREP Grant Program	\$200,000					\$200,000
9904040	Financial Assistance - Emer Grant to Gov't Entities		\$2,000,000				\$2,000,000
9904910	Financial Assistance - ASCOG [REAP]	\$111,800		\$142,640			\$254,440
9904911	Financial Assistance - COEDD [REAP]	\$111,800		\$149,600			\$261,400
9904912	Financial Assistance - EOEDD [REAP]	\$111,800		\$152,183			\$263,983
9904913	Financial Assistance - Grand Gateway EDA [REAP]	\$111,800		\$48,088			\$159,888
9904914	Financial Assistance -Kiamichi Develop Assoc [REAP]	\$111,800		\$48,217			\$160,017
9904915	Financial Assistance - NODA [REAP]	\$111,800		\$133,789			\$245,589
9904916	Financial Assistance - OEDA [REAP]	\$111,800		\$263,492			\$375,292
9904917	Financial Assistance - SODA [REAP]	\$111,800		\$79,956			\$191,756
9904918	Financial Assistance - SWODA [REAP]	\$111,800		\$263,064			\$374,864
9904919	Financial Assistance - Assoc of Central OK Govts [REAP]	\$55,900		\$92,377			\$148,277
9904920	Financial Assistance - Indian Nations County Govts [REAP]	\$55,900		\$32,629			\$88,529
9904970	Financial Assistance - ARPA Grants	\$6,625,662					\$6,625,662
Total		\$22,039,737	\$16,012,246	\$576,259,550	\$0	\$900,155,700	\$1,514,467,233
1. Please describe source of Local funding not included in other categories:							
2. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding if applicable for each department:							
71000 - Bond Proceeds Clearing Account \$900,000,000 - 72000 - OK Governor's Water Conference Fund \$155,700							



FY'27 Top Five Incremental Appropriated Funding Increase Requests				
Request by Priority	Request Description	Is this a Supplemental Request? (Yes/No)	Timeframe (One-Time or Recurring)	Appropriation Request Increase Amount (\$)
Request 1:	2025 Water Plan: Water Rights Admin. & Management	No	Recurring	\$907,000
Request 2:	2025 Water Plan: Water Monitoring & Public Info.(w/passthrough)	No	Recurring	\$3,315,000
Request 3:	2025 Water Plan: Water Storage, Dam Safety and Flood Mgmt	No	Recurring	\$985,000
Request 4:	2025 Water Plan: Water for Oklahoma Fund (Infrastructure loan/grant passthrough)	No	Recurring	\$50,000,000
Request 5:	Water District Technical Assistance/Voluntary Metering Incentives	No	One-time	\$1,350,000
Top Five Request Subtotal:				\$56,557,000
Total Increase above FY-26 Budget (including all requests)				\$46,281,338
Difference between Top Five requests and total requests:				-\$10,275,662

\* Capital requests in the table above should be listed in the next table.

What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?			
Description of requested increase in order of priority	Total Project Cost (\$)	Needed State Funding for Project (\$)	Submitted to LRCPC? (Yes/No)
Priority 1 N/A			

Does the agency have any costs associated with the Pathfinder retirement system and federal employees? If so, please describe the impact.
Yes, we have 54 employees enrolled in Pathfinder and 51 in OPERS.

\* Include the total number of federally funded FTE in the Pathfinder system.

How would the agency be affected by receiving the same appropriation for FY '27 as was received in FY '26? (Flat / 0% change)
The agency would perform its statutory responsibilities, but may not be able to invest time and effort in to modernizing applications or procedures.

How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY '27?
The agency would perform its statutory responsibilities, but may not be able to invest time and effort in to modernizing applications or procedures.

Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '27?		
Description of requested increase in order of priority	Fee Increase Request (\$)	Statutory change required? (Yes/No)
Increase 1 None		

Federal Funds							
CFDA	Federal Program Name	Agency Dept. #	FY 26 budget (\$)	FY 25 actuals (\$)	FY 24 actuals (\$)	FY 23 actuals (\$)	FY 25 budgeted FTE (#)
11.469	Congressional Identified Awards, Projects	2002041; 2002043; 8800020	\$95,180	\$139,199	\$5,952	\$0	0
14.228	Community Development Block Grants	7503090	\$387,968	\$106,394	\$512,196	\$391,112	0
15.980	National Groundwater Monitoring Network	2002041	\$96,993	\$7,661	\$56,552	\$87,011	0
21.027	ARPA - Grants	9904970	\$6,625,662	\$32,051,345	\$238,864,054	\$436,607,275	0
66.204	Multipurpose Grants to States and Tribes	2002043	\$0	\$740	\$4,627	\$254,295	0
66.419	Water Pollution Control State and Interstate	2002042; 2002043	\$215,000	\$282,870	\$307,697	\$773,795	1
66.447	Sewer Water and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants	9404030	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$554,000	0
66.454	Water Quality Management Planning	2002040	\$120,468	\$51,662	\$41,871	\$117,400	1
66.458	Capitalization Grants - Clean Water State Revolving Fund	9404030	\$38,860,000	\$25,579,037	\$25,037,000	\$25,068,000	0
66.461	Wetland Grants	2002043	\$120,000	\$49,262	\$60,342	\$200,000	0
66.468	Capitalization Grants - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	9404050	\$128,506,122	\$36,405,855	\$76,346,000	\$86,346,000	0
66.608	Environmental Information Exchange Network	2002040; 8800020	\$245,258	\$203,140	\$146,708	\$90,000	0
66.608	Environmental Information Exchange Network	8800040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	0
97.023	Community Assistance Program State Support	7503090	\$300,532	\$183,059	\$195,606	\$396,381	3
97.039	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	7503090	\$20,336	\$5,613	\$0	\$0	0
97.041	National Dam Safety	7503120	\$5,744,657	\$858,339	\$478,049	\$1,895,502	4
97.045	Cooperating Technical Partners	7503090	\$326,455	\$586,328	\$1,067,844	\$952,263	0
97.047	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities	7503090	\$547,966	\$192,512	\$0	\$0	0

Federal Government Impact	
1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?	
\$98,000 a month	
2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?	
No, they are adequate.	
3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?	
Dam safety would be placed under significant risk. In particular monthly funding for Rehabilitation of High Risk Dams.	
4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?	
FY 2026, outside of dam safety, OWRB should be unaffected unless the federal government withholds approved grants.	
5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?	
No additional funds requested from the Fed.	

FY 2026 Budgeted FTE							
Division #	Division Name	Supervisors	Non-Supervisors	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$100K	\$100K+
10	Administrative Services	7	13	0	8	9	3
20	Water Assessment Trends and Environmental Research	9	20	0	15	13	1
40	Financial Assistance	7	17	0	13	9	2
70	Water Rights Administration	6.6	23.88	0	23.88	6	1
75	Engineering and Planning	3	7	0	4	5	1
Total		32.6	80.88	0	63.88	42	8

FTE History by Fiscal Year							
Division #	Division Name	FY 2026 Budgeted	FY 2026 YTD	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2017
10	Administrative Services	20.0	19.0	20.0	22	21	
20	Water Assessment Trends and Environmental Research	29.0	28.0	29.0	32.8	29	
40	Financial Assistance	24.0	24.0	23.0	22.5	22.9	
70	Water Rights Administration	30.5	29.5	30.0	22.9	20.9	
75	Engineering and Planning	10.0	10.0	10.0	11.5	10.6	
*70	Planning and Management				0	0	
Total		113.5	110.5	112.0	111.7	104.4	88.0

Performance Measure Review					
	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021
<b>Data Management and Dissemination</b>					
<b>Increase Data Accessibility and Transparency</b>					
Measure 1 Number of visits to the data portal, number of data downloads (if and when available), and data requests	750	200	N/A	N/A	N/A
Measure 2 Number of data visualization tools developed and redesigned	17	15	15	N/A	N/A
Measure 3 Number of cooperative portals linking to the OWRB WATER Portal or receiving OWRB produced data	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Provide Public Outreach and Education Regarding the Data Portal</b>					
Measure 1 Number of trainings, instructional guides and videos, webinars, etc. given	22	25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Measure 2 Number of social media posts and presentations made conferences/meetings	15	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Measure 3 Development of new partnerships and collaborations	4	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Monitoring and Studies</b>					
Conduct statewide water data collection efforts, assessments, trend analysis, and technical studies.					
Measure % of Scheduled sites monitored and reported on	100	100	100	100	100
Conduct long-term monitoring for flood, drought, and water quantity trends analysis.					
Measure Number of instrumented long-term stations.	70	55	50	40	40
Conduct Hydrologic Data Analysis and Reporting					
Measure Number of gauges with hydrologic analysis, drought reporting, and incorporation into external data uses.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Increase Data Accessibility and Transparency</b>					
Measure 1 Number of visits to the data portal, number of data downloads (if and when available), and data requests	750	200	N/A	N/A	N/A
Measure 2 Number of data visualization tools developed and redesigned	17	15	15	N/A	N/A
Measure 3 Portal or receiving OWRB produced data	3	3	3	3	3
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Measure 2 Number of social media posts and presentations made conferences/meetings	15	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Measure 3 Development of new partnerships and collaborations	4	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Infrastructure Financing</b>					
<b>Maintain AAA rating by Standard and Poor's</b>					
Measure Maintain an acceptable (at least 100%) annual coverage level under a no-default scenario.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Return on Investment</b>					
Measure Exceed the National Average on Return on Federal Investment	345%	361%	362%	381%	430%
<b>Percentage of REAP funds obligated annually for completion of projects</b>					
Measure Percentage of REAP Funds Obligated	96%	92%	129%	91%	102%
<b>Ensures disbursement requests are being received and disbursed in a timely manner.</b>					
Measure Disbursements as a % of assistance provided	75%	77%	71%	68%	74%
<b>Technical Studies</b>					
<b>Review and publish supplemental reports for minor aquifer characterization between FY 2023-29.</b>					
Measure Percentage of Completion	10%	10%	0%	NA	NA
<b>Publish 13 groundwater hydrologic basin yield investigations between FY 2023-27.</b>					
Measure Number completed	5	2	1	NA	NA
<b>Aligning OCWP Excess/Surplus Calculations with Water Rights Administration</b>					
Measure Percentage of Completion	100.00%	75%	75	NA	NA
<b>Water Rights Permitting</b>					
<b>Identify and contract with a database consultant/firm to produce a new Water Rights Database to improve reliability and provide further public-facing data use.</b>					
Measure Percentage of Completion	10%	5%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Complete Maximum Annual Yield Determinations</b>					
Measure Percentage of Completion	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cancellation/Reduction Proceedings for All Stream Water Permit Holders as Required by Rule</b>					
Measure Percentage of Completion	10%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>Well Driller &amp; Pump Installer Licensing</b>					
<b>Increase the awareness of the importance of the license renewal, increase field inspections, and improve the efficiency of the well drillers program to address the OWRB's rules and regulations violations. Perform well inspections, firm visits, and provide outreach to contractors, distributors, and the public.</b>					
Measure Number of Inspections	440	124	93	110	88
<b>Dam Safety</b>					
<b>Improving the Oklahoma Dam Safety Program based on FEMA's Model State Dam Safety Program benchmarks</b>					
Measure Weighted percentage	86%	86%	88%	88%	88%
<b>Floodplain Management</b>					
<b>Improving the Oklahoma Floodplain Management Program based on FEMA's Tiered State Framework, where a score above 58 points is considered 'Advanced State'.</b>					
Measure Point system	39	31	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Planning</b>					
<b>Update previous OCWP (2012), including all data, maps, and projections, for current OCWP (2025), including establishment and facilitation of new and existing focus groups related to OCWP recommendations.</b>					
Measure Percentage of Completion	80%	60%	60%	40%	10%

Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)			
	FY'23-25 Avg. Revenues	FY'23-25 Avg. Expenditures	June 2025 Balance
<b>21000 - Drillers and Installers Indemnity Fund</b>			
Use: Emergency Plugging of Water Wells. Fund only used if there is a well emergency. Revenue: Portion of Well Drilling Operator Fees	\$38,350	\$1,133	\$68,400
<b>21500 - OWRB Revolving Fund</b>			
Use: General Operations and Indirect Costs related to Projects. Revenue: Service Contracts with Other State Agencies and Local Governments; Indirect Cost Reimbursements; Copies	\$1,827,011	\$2,746,671	\$5,168,499
<b>22500 - REAP Fund</b>			
Use: REAP Grant Awards. Revenue: Transfers from Agency General Appropriations; Reimbursements from Unused REAP Grants Note: FY24 - No language in Statute to transfer from 19401 to 22500 fund.	\$889,313	\$1,006,587	\$5,656,545
<b>22600 - Hazard Mitigation Financial Assistance Fund</b>			
Use: Hazard Mitigation Loans Revenue: Appropriations	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
<b>23500 - Arbuckle-Simpson Hydrologic Study - Phase 2</b>			
Use: Phase 2 of the Arbuckle-Simpson Hydrologic Study. Revenue: Special One-Time Appropriation	\$0	\$95,392	\$1,638,431
<b>24000 - OWRB Revolving Fee Fund</b>			
Use: Operations for Water Rights Permitting, Water Well Drillers and Dam Safety programs. Revenue: Water Use and Well Drillers Fees	\$903,774	\$708,710	\$1,014,852
<b>24500 - Well Drillers and Installers Regulatory Fund</b>			
Use: Education and Training for Well Drillers Program Revenue: Transfer from Drillers and Installers Indemnity Fund over \$50,000	\$36,198	\$0	\$192,674
<b>25000 - Community Water Infrastructure Development Fund</b>			
Use: Operations for Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan Revenue: Legislated Percentage of Gross Production Tax	\$2,917,749	\$2,751,900	\$5,405,090

FY 2026 Current Employee Telework Summary						
List each agency physical location (not division), then report the number of employees associated with that location in the teleworking categories indicated. Use "No specified location" to account for remote employees not associated with a site. Use actual current employees (headcount), not budgeted or actual FTE.			Full-time and Part-time Employees (#)			
Agency Location / Address	City	County	Onsite (5 days onsite, rarely remote)	Hybrid (2-4 days onsite weekly)	Remote (1 day or less weekly onsite)	Total Employees
3800 NORTH CLASSEN BLVD	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	113		0	113
Total Agency Employees						113