

SENATE CHAMBER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. 1

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 1341 by substituting the attached floor substitute (Request No. 3643) for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

Brent Howard
Senator Howard

I hereby grant permission for the floor substitute to be adopted.

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Senator Paxton, Chair (required)

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Senator Green

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Senator Boren

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Senator Bullard

Senator Deever

Senator Dossett

Senator Treat, President Pro Tempore

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Senator Newhouse

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Senator Rader

Senator Woods

Senator McCortney, Majority Floor Leader

Note: Energy and Telecommunications committee majority requires seven (7) members' signatures.

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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1341

6 By: Howard and Bullard

7 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to water and water rights; amending
9 82 O.S. 2021, Sections 1020.12, 1020.15, 1020.16,
10 1020.19, 1085.2, as last amended by Section 3,
11 Chapter 164, O.S.L. 2023, and 1085.11 (82 O.S. Supp.
12 2023, Section 1085.2), which relate to groundwater
13 use, reporting, metering of wells, and permitting;
14 modifying reporting requirements for certain water
15 use; providing for fines and penalties; modifying
16 permitting exclusions; requiring Oklahoma Water
17 Resources Board investigation and actions for certain
18 usage complaint; requiring notice to landowner prior
19 to inspection; directing metering and measurement of
20 certain groundwater usage subject to Board
21 monitoring; directing implementation of metering
22 schedule and phase-in; requiring Board to implement
23 certain priorities relating to groundwater use;
24 directing rule promulgation by certain dates;
expanding duties of the Board relating to groundwater
monitoring and data collection; updating statutory
language; updating statutory references; providing
for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.12, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1020.12. A. Holders of permits shall be required to
report to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board at least annually their

1 use of water pursuant to their permits. Holders of permits shall
2 remit the report not later than January 31 of the year following the
3 permitted use and the report shall contain usage data based on the
4 provisions of Section 1020.19 of this title and Section 5 of this
5 act. Willful failure to report ~~annual~~ usage may result in
6 penalties, fines, or cancellation of the permit by the Board upon
7 proper notice and hearing as provided in the Administrative
8 Procedures Act. Nonuse, conservation, or usage practices that
9 result in less usage than the permitted annual yield shall not
10 result in diminishment of the permit holder's future permitted
11 annual yield.

12 B. Holders of permits which use groundwater in connection with
13 an animal feeding operation which houses swine and primarily uses a
14 liquid waste management system where animals are primarily housed in
15 a roof-covered structure shall be required to indicate such use in
16 their annual water use report. Such holders shall also indicate
17 whether or not the animal feeding operation is licensed pursuant to
18 the Oklahoma Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act.

19 C. The Board shall notify the ~~State~~ Oklahoma Department of
20 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry of the names and addresses of all
21 permit holders who report usage of groundwater in connection with an
22 animal feeding operation which houses swine and which primarily uses
23 a liquid waste management system where animals are primarily housed
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1 in a roof-covered structure and who are not licensed pursuant to the
2 Oklahoma Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.15, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1020.15. A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall
6 not permit any groundwater user to commit waste by:

7 1. Drilling a well, taking, or using groundwater without a
8 permit, except for domestic use as defined in this title;

9 2. Taking more groundwater than is authorized by the permit;

10 3. Taking or using groundwater in any manner so that the water
11 is lost for beneficial use;

12 4. Transporting groundwater from a well to the place of use in
13 such a manner that there is an excessive loss in transit;

14 5. Using groundwater in such an inefficient manner that
15 excessive losses occur;

16 6. Allowing any groundwater to reach a pervious stratum and be
17 lost into cavernous or otherwise pervious materials encountered in a
18 well;

19 7. Permitting or causing the pollution of a fresh water strata
20 or basin through any act which will permit fresh groundwater
21 polluted by minerals or other waste to filter or otherwise intrude
22 into such a basin or subbasin. The Board shall be precluded from
23 determining whether waste by pollution will occur pursuant to the
24 provisions of this paragraph if the activity for which the applicant

1 or water user intends to or has used the water as specified under
2 Section 1020.9 of this title is required to comply with rules and
3 requirements of or is within the jurisdictional areas of
4 environmental responsibility of the Department of Environmental
5 Quality or the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and
6 Forestry;

7 8. Drilling wells and producing groundwater therefrom except in
8 accordance with the well spacing previously determined by the Board;
9 provided, well spacings less than one thousand three hundred twenty
10 (1,320) feet from any adjoining landowner's well shall only be
11 permitted upon special exception by the Board;

12 9. Using groundwater for air conditioning or cooling purposes
13 without providing facilities to aerate and reuse such water; or

14 10. Failure to properly plug abandoned water wells in
15 accordance with rules of the Board and file reports thereof.

16 B. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 7 of subsection A
17 of this section, ~~any employee of the Board having evidence that an~~
18 ~~act of waste is being committed in his or her presence, or after~~
19 ~~investigation of a complaint filed by another individual, shall take~~
20 ~~steps to assure that the waste ceases~~ upon review of reporting,
21 audits of usage, an investigation of a complaint filed by any
22 person, or by the Board's own independent determination, the Board
23 shall take action to cease such waste and impose fines and penalties
24 on such user as provided in Section 1020.22 of this title. Such

1 steps shall include, but shall not be limited to ~~pursuing voluntary~~
2 ~~compliance~~, obtaining the issuance of a cease and desist order by
3 the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board,
4 imposing progressive fines and penalties related to the severity and
5 frequency of waste, instituting action in a court of competent
6 jurisdiction to enjoin the waste, ~~pursuing a suspension~~ suspending
7 or revoking ~~of~~ any permit or other administrative remedies by the
8 Board, and filing a complaint in the district court of the county
9 wherein such violation has occurred, and it shall be the duty of the
10 district attorney of ~~said~~ such county to prosecute such complaint.

11 C. In cases of waste by pollution pursuant to paragraph 7 of
12 subsection A of this section, any complaint or investigation, or any
13 enforcement matter other than an individual proceeding involving the
14 suspension of an Oklahoma Water Resources Board permit shall be
15 referred to and subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of
16 Environmental Quality or other appropriate state environmental
17 agency or state agency with limited environmental responsibility.

18 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.16, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1020.16. A. All persons engaged in the commercial
21 drilling or commercial plugging of groundwater wells, monitoring
22 wells, observation wells, wells utilized for heat exchange purposes,
23 including but not limited to heat pump wells and geothermal wells,
24 and in the commercial drilling or plugging of geotechnical borings

1 and all persons engaged in the commercial installation of water well
2 pumps in this state shall make application for and become licensed
3 with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. Persons required to be
4 licensed pursuant to this section shall pay an annual fee as
5 required by the Board. The fees shall be deposited and expended as
6 provided in subsection D of this section.

7 B. The Board may prepare examinations and establish other
8 requirements for applicants to obtain, maintain, and renew licenses
9 and operator certifications. The examinations shall test the
10 knowledge and skills of:

11 1. Water well drillers in the construction, alteration, and
12 repair of wells and boreholes, including proper sealing and
13 abandonment of wells and boreholes, and the rules promulgated by the
14 Board regarding water well and borehole drilling and plugging; and

15 2. Pump installers in the planning, installation, operation,
16 and repair of pumping equipment and water wells including sealing
17 and abandonment, pumping efficiency, and the rules promulgated by
18 the Board regarding pump installation.

19 C. The Board may inspect any water well, monitoring well,
20 boring, water well pump, or abandoned well and borehole. Upon
21 ~~consent of~~ notice to the owner of the land on which the well or
22 borehole is located or as allowed by district court order,
23 authorized representatives of the Board may enter upon and shall be
24 given access to the premises for the purpose of inspection. If the

1 Board finds noncompliance with applicable laws or rules or that a
2 health hazard exists, the Board may disapprove use of the well and
3 shall provide notice to the owner of the land on which the well is
4 located and to the well driller, if known, of the disapproval. If a
5 well has been disapproved, it shall not be used until brought into
6 compliance and any health hazard is eliminated. Any person
7 aggrieved by the disapproval of a well may request a hearing before
8 the Board.

9 D. 1. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Water
10 Resources Board the Well Drillers and Pump Installers Remedial
11 Action Indemnity Fund. The Indemnity Fund shall be administered by
12 the Board.

13 2. The Indemnity Fund shall be excluded from budget and
14 expenditure limitations. Except as otherwise provided by subsection
15 E of this section, the monies deposited in the Indemnity Fund shall
16 at no time become part of the general budget of the Oklahoma Water
17 Resources Board or any other state agency. Except as otherwise
18 provided by subsection E of this section, no monies from the
19 Indemnity Fund shall be transferred for any purpose to any other
20 state agency or any account of the Board or be used for the purpose
21 of contracting with any other state agency or reimbursing any other
22 state agency for any expenses. Monies in the Indemnity Fund shall
23 only be expended for remedial actions necessary, without notice and
24 hearing, to protect groundwater from pollution or potential

1 pollution from wells, or boreholes under the jurisdiction of the
2 Board that do not meet minimum standards for construction or that
3 have been abandoned or as may be recommended by the Well Drillers
4 and Pump Installers Advisory Council.

5 3. The fees collected pursuant to subsection A of this section
6 shall be first credited to the Well Drillers and Pump Installers
7 Remedial Action Indemnity Fund. The Indemnity Fund shall be
8 maintained at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

9 4. Expenditures from the Indemnity Fund required pursuant to
10 the provisions of this section shall be made pursuant to the
11 provisions of ~~The~~ the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act upon terms and
12 conditions established by the Office of Management and Enterprise
13 Services and shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for
14 each well, borehole or pump for which action is taken.

15 5. Except in situations where the Board has assessed and
16 declared a health or safety emergency and a claim by the owner of
17 the well or borehole for costs of remedial action is not paid by
18 private insurance or other relief, the Board shall seek
19 reimbursement as recommended by the Well Drillers and Pump
20 Installers Advisory Council for any remedial action taken or
21 required by the Board. Any monies received as reimbursement shall
22 be deposited in the Well Drillers and Pump Installers Remedial
23 Action Indemnity Fund except as otherwise provided in subsection C
24 of this section.

1 E. When the Well Drillers and Pump Installers Remedial Action
2 Indemnity Fund reaches Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), the
3 fees, monies received as reimbursement, and administrative penalties
4 recovered under paragraph 1 of subsection G of this section shall be
5 deposited in a separate account in the ~~Water Resources Board~~ OWRB
6 Revolving Fund designated as the Well Drillers and Pump Installers
7 Regulation Account, which shall be a continuing account not subject
8 to fiscal year limitations. Monies in ~~said~~ such account shall be
9 used by the Board for inspections, licensing, enforcement and
10 education, reimbursing per diem and travel costs for members of the
11 Well Drillers and Pump Installers Advisory Council pursuant to the
12 State Travel Reimbursement Act, and as otherwise determined to be
13 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

14 F. Before any person or firm licensed pursuant to this section
15 shall commence the commercial drilling or plugging of any well or
16 borehole or commence commercial installation of any pump, the person
17 or firm shall file with the Board all data or information as the
18 Board may by rule require to assure the protection of the
19 groundwater in the well or borehole. After completion, the driller
20 shall file a completion report showing all such data together with a
21 log of the well and pumping test data if applicable.

22 G. 1. The Board may, after notice and hearing, impose on any
23 person administrative penalties of up to Five Thousand Dollars
24 (\$5,000.00) and may revoke, suspend or deny renewal of any license

1 or operator certification for each violation of the rules of the
2 Board regarding license or certification requirements, the
3 requirement to obtain a license or certification, or minimum
4 construction or installation standards. The administrative
5 penalties shall be deposited in the Well Drillers and Pump
6 Installers Remedial Action Indemnity Fund except as otherwise
7 provided in subsection E of this section.

8 2. In addition to imposing administrative penalties, the Board
9 may issue orders prohibiting actions by holders of valid licenses
10 and operator certifications and by persons who are required to
11 become licensed under the provisions of this section that constitute
12 violations of rules promulgated pursuant to this section and
13 requiring actions to remedy violations or other noncompliance with
14 minimum standards rules for the construction of wells and borings,
15 the plugging of wells and borings, and the commercial installation
16 of water well pumps.

17 H. If a respondent fails, refuses or neglects to comply with an
18 order of the Board to pay an administrative penalty or to take
19 certain action, the Board may present the matter to the Attorney
20 General who is empowered to take action to collect the
21 administrative penalty or to compel compliance with the order of the
22 Board. One-half (1/2) of all penalties collected by the Attorney
23 General shall be deposited in the Well Drillers and Pump Installers
24 Regulation Account established pursuant to subsection E of this

1 section and one-half (1/2) shall be deposited in the Attorney
2 General's Revolving Fund created in Section 20 of Title 74 of the
3 Oklahoma Statutes.

4 I. The Board is authorized to create a Well Drillers and Pump
5 Installers Advisory Council. The Board shall establish rules
6 stating the qualifications for membership and organization of the
7 Council. Meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of the
8 Executive Director of the Board. The Council shall have the
9 following duties:

10 1. To recommend rules to the Board, provided such written
11 recommendations have been concurred upon by a majority of the
12 membership of the Council; and

13 2. To review and recommend approval or denial of use of monies
14 in the Well Drillers and Pump Installers Remedial Action Indemnity
15 Fund for:

16 a. remedial actions to protect groundwater from pollution
17 or potential pollution from wells, or boreholes under
18 the jurisdiction of the Board which do not meet
19 minimum standards for construction or that have been
20 abandoned, and

21 b. inspections, licensing, the pursuit of enforcement
22 action with the proper authorities and education by
23 the Board.

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1 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 ~~Section 1020.19. Upon request of a majority of the landowners~~
4 ~~residing within a basin or subbasin, the Board is authorized to~~
5 ~~require that water wells be metered and that such meters as the~~
6 ~~Board shall approve be utilized by the applicant and placed under~~
7 ~~seal, subject to reading by the agents of the Board at any time.~~
8 ~~The Board may also require that the applicant report the reading of~~
9 ~~such meters at reasonable intervals~~ A. All holders of a permit from
10 the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to take and use groundwater in
11 this state shall equip all water wells with a water well flow meter
12 or an alternative measuring system, including, but not limited to,
13 pump and center pivot remote monitoring telemetry devices or running
14 time records of a pump time's capacity. Wells that are connected by
15 a common pipeline may be measured by one flow meter or alternative
16 measuring system at the point of distribution. The water well flow
17 meter or alternative measuring system shall have contemporary,
18 verifiable records, as defined by the Board. The meter or
19 alternative measuring system shall remain on the well and in proper
20 operating condition at all times when groundwater is being produced.
21 Data from the meter or alternative measuring system shall be
22 transmitted to the Board annually or as otherwise required by the
23 Board. The meter and measurement requirements of this section shall
24 be implemented pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of this act.

1 B. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the Oklahoma Water
2 Resources Board shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement
3 the provisions of Sections 1 through 8 of this act no later than
4 August 1, 2025.

5 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1020.19A of Title 82, unless
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall promulgate rules to
9 establish a phase-in schedule and plan for the meter and measurement
10 requirements established in Section 1020.19 of Title 82 of the
11 Oklahoma Statutes to ensure that the requirements are implemented
12 statewide not later than eight (8) years following the effective
13 date of this act. The phase-in schedule and plan shall be submitted
14 as proposed permanent rulemaking to the Legislature not later than
15 February 1, 2025.

16 B. The first phase of meter and measurement implementation
17 shall begin with the Elk City aquifer, North Fork of the Red River
18 aquifer, and the southwest Oklahoma aquifer. The provisions of
19 Section 1020.19 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be
20 implemented in the aquifers listed in this subsection not later than
21 November 1, 2026.

22 C. After an aquifer has undergone three (3) years of metering
23 under Section 1020.19 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the
24 provisions of this section, the Board shall use the collected data

1 to review water usage of each aquifer and determine if revisions of
2 well placement and spacing or a moratorium for new permits in the
3 aquifer is needed.

4 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1020.19B of Title 82, unless
6 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall promulgate rules and
8 implement policies for the purposes of focusing agents, employees,
9 and systems to:

10 1. Accept, audit, and review reporting on a timely basis from
11 permitted groundwater users;

12 2. Modernize its data collection system with respect to
13 permitted groundwater users and implement a program to receive and
14 index usage reports by an online or electronic system that can
15 accept real-time data collection;

16 3. Investigate any claims of waste pursuant to Section 1020.15
17 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

18 4. Impose fines and penalties for overuse of water allotments
19 by any permitted well user or waste pursuant to Section 1020.15 of
20 Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1085.2, as
22 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 164, O.S.L. 2023 (82 O.S. Supp.
23 2023, Section 1085.2), is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 1085.2. In addition to any and all other authority
2 conferred upon it by law, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall
3 also have authority:

4 1. Generally to do all such things as in its judgment may be
5 necessary, proper or expedient in the accomplishment of its duties;

6 2. To make such contracts and execute such instruments as in
7 the judgment of the Board are necessary or convenient to the
8 exercise of any of the powers conferred upon it by law. Provided,
9 however, no contract shall be made conveying the title or use of any
10 waters of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state to any person, firm,
11 corporation or other state or subdivision of government, for sale or
12 use in any other state, unless such contract ~~be~~ is specifically
13 authorized by an act of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Legislature and thereafter as
14 approved by it;

15 3. To negotiate contracts and other agreements with the federal
16 government to arrange for the development of water resources and for
17 the storage and distribution of water for beneficial purposes;
18 provided, however, that the Board shall act in such capacity only as
19 an intermediary in assisting others, and under no circumstances
20 shall the Board have any power or authority to build, construct or
21 finance any waterways, dams or other such projects for itself,
22 except as may be otherwise specifically provided by the laws of this
23 state;

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1 4. To develop statewide and local plans to assure the best and
2 most effective use and control of water to meet both the current and
3 long-range needs of the people of ~~Oklahoma~~ this state; to cooperate
4 in such planning with any public or private agency, entity or person
5 interested in water, and is directed to prepare such plans for
6 consideration and approval by the Legislature; and to aid, at all
7 times, counties, incorporated cities and towns and special purpose
8 districts in the state in promoting and developing flood control and
9 water conservation in the state;

10 5. To employ and fix the compensation of such officers, agents,
11 attorneys, technical personnel and employees of the Board as it
12 shall deem necessary to the proper performance of its duties;

13 6. To adopt and use an official seal;

14 7. To promulgate such rules and make orders as it may deem
15 necessary or convenient to the exercise of any of the powers or the
16 performance of any of the duties conferred or imposed upon it by
17 this or any other law;

18 8. To institute and maintain, or to intervene in, any actions
19 or proceedings in or before any court, board, commission or officer
20 of this or any other state or of the United States to stop or
21 prevent any use, misuse, appropriation or taking of any of the
22 waters of this state which is in whole or in part in violation of
23 any law, or of any rules, orders, judgments or decrees of any court,
24 board, commission or officer of this or any state or of the United

1 States; and to institute and maintain or intervene in any other
2 action or proceeding where the Board deems it necessary to the
3 proper execution and discharge of any of the powers or duties
4 conferred or imposed upon it by law;

5 9. To determine, charge and receive fees to be collected in
6 advance for the filing and examination of applications for permits
7 to:

- 8 a. construct water use works,
- 9 b. appropriate groundwater,
- 10 c. appropriate stream water,
- 11 d. establish vested rights,
- 12 e. inspect water use works,
- 13 f. file other papers,
- 14 g. make copies of documents,
- 15 h. make prints of maps and drawings,
- 16 i. certify copies of documents, maps and drawings,
- 17 j. file transfers of water rights,
- 18 k. gauge wells and ditches, changes in point of diversion
19 and changes in place of use of water,
- 20 l. test wells, and
- 21 m. hold hearings, make records and provide transcripts of
22 hearings.

23 Such fees shall not be collected from any state agency or state
24 institution;

1 10. To negotiate contracts or water compacts with the federal
2 government or any department or bureau thereof, or with any other
3 state for the purpose of obtaining assistance and cooperation in the
4 accomplishment of the purpose of flood control and water
5 conservation and use in the state. To that end, the Board may match
6 funds with the federal government and with other states upon such
7 terms as shall be agreed upon and approved by the Governor of the
8 state, with the limitation that contracts or water compacts with
9 other states for the division and apportionment of the cost and use
10 of the water controlled by interstate projects shall be submitted to
11 and approved by the Legislature of the state and the Governor of the
12 state, and Congress and the President of the United States
13 conformable to the ~~State~~ Oklahoma Constitution and ~~Federal~~
14 ~~Constitutions~~ the United States Constitution;

15 11. To accept gifts and grants of money and property or any
16 interest therein;

17 12. To provide funding from federal and state monies for water
18 and wastewater project purposes to eligible entities for preliminary
19 engineering reports and planning and feasibility studies;

20 13. To sell or dispose of real or personal property held by the
21 Board when no longer needed in such manner as provided by law;

22 14. To make appropriations of water to all special purpose
23 districts;

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1 15. To execute and deliver, without actual consideration
2 therefor, a written release of any easement or easement deed
3 heretofore given to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission ~~of the~~
4 ~~State of Oklahoma~~, the Planning and Resources Board or the Oklahoma
5 Water Resources Board on lands situated in this state, whenever it
6 shall appear to ~~said~~ the Oklahoma Water Resources Board that the
7 need for such easement or easement deed no longer exists; provided,
8 the owner of the lands affected shall file a written application for
9 such release with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board;

10 16. To review disputes involving service areas or territories,
11 rates for raw or treated water, and abrogation clauses in contracts
12 among municipalities and rural water districts or not-for-profit
13 rural water corporations; to recommend mediation and refer parties
14 in appropriate disputes to mediators and provide technical
15 information to such mediators; and to recommend other means of
16 resolving disputes; provided, that no party to such dispute may
17 initiate action in any district court regarding the dispute until
18 written notice of the dispute has been filed with the Board;
19 provided further, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not be
20 construed to diminish any right of access to the court granted to a
21 party by law;

22 17. To provide workshop training sessions for board members of
23 rural water districts and not-for-profit rural water corporations
24 throughout the year on a regional basis for the purpose of study and

1 instruction in the areas of financing, law and the ethics, duties
2 and responsibilities of such board members. Such training shall be
3 provided by the Board in conjunction with the Oklahoma Rural Water
4 Association as required by law. To the extent possible, the Board
5 shall attempt to schedule training workshops in three-hour segments
6 to be held in any public facility at a time convenient to the
7 attendees;

8 18. To establish an agency special account through the Office
9 of Management and Enterprise Services and the ~~State Treasurer's~~
10 Office of the State Treasurer as necessary for the collection and
11 distribution of funds, including funds of sponsors and registration
12 fees related to conferences, meetings and training sessions; and

13 19. To accredit persons having requisite knowledge in
14 floodplain management and in minimization and prevention of flood
15 hazards and losses;

16 20. To impose fines and penalties for overuse of water
17 allotments by any permitted well user or any unpermitted well user
18 who is not a domestic user pursuant to this title. Such fines and
19 penalties shall be progressive in nature related to severity and
20 frequency of overuse or unpermitted use and shall result in
21 suspension or revocation of a permit upon multiple infractions by
22 any permitted user over the entirety of the user's permits; and

23 21. To perform audits and spot checks on permitted users during
24 production of water or to enter into and negotiate the terms of a

1 memorandum of understanding between the Board and other state
2 agencies or districts concerning the contemporary verification of
3 such usage.

4 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1085.11, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1085.11. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall
7 compile, index and publish all available data concerning the water
8 resources of this state in forms that will be accessible for use by
9 any citizen of this state. Such information shall include rainfall
10 reports and other precipitation data; records of public and private
11 water storage facilities; data on quantity and rate of stream flow;
12 locations of natural and artificial springs; data on water insoak
13 and runoff; extent and depth of underground water reservoirs;
14 reports from well-drilling logs; reports of annual permits and usage
15 within groundwater basins; reports on quality of water found in
16 various parts of ~~Oklahoma~~ this state; and an up-to-date compilation
17 of all Oklahoma Statutes, rules and regulations pertaining to the
18 conservation, storage, use and distribution of water resources.

19 SECTION 9. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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