

Presentation by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
to the City Council and Residents of Norman

THE HEALTH OF OUR WATER

*"Water is life, and clean water means health."
~ Audrey Hepburn*



**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 14
6 PM - 7:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 W GRAY**

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Residents of Norman are invited to attend a presentation to the City Council on the status of our water quality by Derek Smithee, Division Chief, Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB). A panel discussion will follow the presentation.

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TOPIC: HEALTH OF OUR WATER

Learn about water quality trends at Lake Thunderbird, including information about impairments and the data behind them as well as water quality information from our streams, river and groundwater.

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PANEL DISCUSSION, Q&A

Panel includes Derek Smithee, (OWRB); Dr. Roger Frech, (COMCD); Amanda Nairn, (ECAB); and Ken Komiske, Norman Utilities Director. You'll find bios for our panelists on the reverse side of this flyer.

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Parents who are attending the presentation can drop their children off at the Central Library (Lowry Room) at 225 N. Webster for fun, educational activities sponsored by students from the University of Oklahoma.



PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Oklahoma Water Resources Board
Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District
Norman's Environmental Control Advisory Board
City of Norman

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MEET THE PRESENTER AND PANELISTS

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DEREK SMITHEE

Derek Smithee, Division Chief, Water Quality Programs Division, OWRB

Derek R. Smithee is Chief of the Water Quality Programs Division for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. In that capacity since 1995, he oversees Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards (WQS) and Standards Implementation rules, lake's work including diagnostic and feasibility studies and restorations, and much of Oklahoma's surface and groundwater monitoring programs. Specific widely recognized programs include the Beneficial Use Monitoring Program (BUMP), Use Support Assessment Protocol Rules and the WQS Implementation Advisory Council established to assure that Oklahoma's environmental agencies are compliant with state law.

He serves on and chairs numerous state and federal work groups. Nationwide this includes: the USDA/EPA Nutrient Criteria Advisory Committee, Large Rivers Work group, Bacteria/Recreation Work group, WQS Managers Association and Chairs the National State/EPA WQS Work group and the Association of Clean Water Administrators (formerly ASIWPCA) Monitoring, Standards and Assessment Task Force.

In Oklahoma he serves on many similar work groups and advisory committees as well. He was instrumental in the development of numerous state and federal regulations including WQS Implementation Rules, Anti-degradation requirements, numerical aquatic life and human health criteria, and Use Support Assessment Protocols.

He received his M.S. from the University of Oklahoma in 1987 in Environmental Science.

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DR. ROGER FRECH

Roger Frech, President of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District (COMCD)

Norman, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Dr. Frech retired from the University of Oklahoma as a David Ross Boyd Professor in 2010 after teaching in the Department of Chemistry for 40 years. He received his B.S. degree from MIT and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, both in chemistry. He and his wife have lived in Norman since 1970 and have one daughter at OU and another at Norman High.

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AMANDA NAIRN

Amanda Nairn, Chair of the Norman Environmental Control Advisory Board (ECAB)

Amanda Nairn has lived in Norman since 1993 and is an active community volunteer. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma and was Assistant Director of Little River Zoo from 1998-2003. She serves as a volunteer with the following organizations: Chair of the City of Norman Environmental Control Advisory Board, Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District board member, member of the Norman Strategic Water Supply Plan Ad Hoc Committee, founding board member of Watershed Restoration Incorporated (WRI, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization), member of Environmental Education Planning Committee for the Cleveland County Conservation District (partners with Norman Public Schools to conduct environmental education workshops), and board member of the Longfellow Middle School Parent Teacher Association (after serving on the Jefferson Elementary PTA board). Along with her husband, Bob, Amanda received the United Way of Norman Volunteer of the Year Award for Service to Youth/Education for their outdoor classroom and environmental education initiatives at Jefferson Elementary.

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KEN KOMISKE

Ken Komiske, Director of Utilities for the City of Norman

Ken Komiske has BA in Environmental Engineering as well as an MBA. He has been with the City for 12 years but has over 30 years of experience in the water and wastewater field in the public and private sectors. He has experience in management, planning, engineering, financing and operations of water and wastewater utilities in eleven states. He is the past president of the Oklahoma Water Environment Association (OWEA), a member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), and serves on the steering committee for the Oklahoma Municipal Utility Providers (OMUP).