

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1070

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Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate,
Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill,
Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock,
Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams,
Wright (Harold) and Wright (John) of
the House

and

Barrington of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of
adequate water supplies in southwestern Oklahoma;
encouraging the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to
request authorization for an updated study of the
Cache Creek Basin Project; requesting the Oklahoma
Water Resources Board to investigate water
infrastructure needs and investments for southwestern
Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has 1,400 square miles of water in lakes and
2 ponds, 320 million acre-feet of water stored in major aquifers and
3 167,000 miles of rivers and streams, making Oklahoma a state
4 abundant in water resources; and

5 WHEREAS, clean, accessible water resources are vital to the
6 welfare of Oklahoma, of which more than 1.5 trillion gallons are
7 used every day throughout the state; and

8 WHEREAS, water in Oklahoma is a unique and precious resource
9 that binds all Oklahomans to a rich past and promising future, due
10 in large part to some of the visionary leaders of the past such as
11 Robert S. Kerr and W.C. Austin, who recognized the significance of
12 this vital resource early in the twentieth century and devoted the
13 financial resources necessary to developing the water infrastructure
14 in the state in order to provide Oklahoma with the rich water
15 resources we enjoy today; and

16 WHEREAS, no significant investment in water storage
17 infrastructure has been made in recent decades to further protect
18 and develop supplies of this vital natural resource for future
19 generations of Oklahomans; and

20 WHEREAS, the proper care and management of water resources is
21 vital to Oklahoma due to its value to industry and commerce, aquatic
22 and wildlife species and the vibrant tourism industry in the state;
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1 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan serves as the
2 roadmap for water development and protection in the thirteen
3 watershed planning regions of the state, and the ongoing update of
4 the Water Plan will serve as the primary guidance document for
5 numerous state and federal water agencies and organizations to use
6 in the management and protection of the water resources in these
7 regions; and

8 WHEREAS, the southwest region of Oklahoma lies at the center of
9 the Southern Great Plains and normally experiences mild winters and
10 hot summers which makes stream and surface water sources relatively
11 scarce in the region, but of those sources Cache Creek, which flows
12 through Caddo, Comanche and Cotton Counties, contains the best
13 stream water quality in the region; and

14 WHEREAS, provisional data compiled for the ongoing update of the
15 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan indicate that the southwest region
16 of the state is projected to have approximately twenty-five percent
17 of the overall statewide water demand for the year 2060, with
18 projected agricultural demand to be the second highest of any region
19 of the state; and

20 WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, the United States Congress
21 authorized the United States Bureau of Reclamation to conduct a
22 feasibility study to evaluate present and future needs and to
23 develop plans for the Cache Creek Basin in southwest Oklahoma; and
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1 WHEREAS, a Reconnaissance Report for the Cache Creek Basin was
2 completed in April, 1971, by the United States Bureau of Reclamation
3 which evaluated nine alternative dam and reservoir sites in the
4 Cache Creek Basin, primarily for the purpose of providing municipal
5 and industrial water supplies; and

6 WHEREAS, the Concluding Report on the Cache Creek Project was
7 completed in September, 1979, by the United States Bureau of
8 Reclamation indicating that the Cache Creek Basin was one of the few
9 remaining sources of good quality water in southwest Oklahoma and
10 that the existing water supply in the area would be adequate only
11 until the year 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, after the completion of the Concluding Report, a
13 feasibility study was not undertaken and completed.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the importance of
18 adequate water supplies in southwestern Oklahoma.

19 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages the Oklahoma
20 Congressional Delegation to request authorization in the Water
21 Resources Development Act, or other appropriate legislation, for an
22 updated study of the Cache Creek Basin Project to evaluate and
23 present alternative plans for further federal investment in
24 developing the water resources of the Cache Creek Basin.

