

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 31

By: Paddack and Fields of the
Senate

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Hilliard of the House
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7 A Joint Resolution directing the Oklahoma Water
Resources Board to identify and prioritize water
8 conservation measures for inclusion in certain
Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan; directing Board to
9 develop recommendations for water conservation goals;
and directing distribution.
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12 WHEREAS, water is an invaluable resource for the citizens,
13 businesses and environment of this state and water conservation is a
14 vital component for balancing supply and demand and necessary to
15 meet future water needs;

16 WHEREAS, technical studies currently being conducted as part of
17 the update to the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan preliminarily
18 identify certain regions of this state which may suffer water supply
19 shortages within the next fifty years;

20 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan contains
21 methodology tools to assist water planners and users in estimating
22 potential savings from basic conservation measures and can help all
23 Oklahoma water users realize significant water and cost savings by
24 the use of simple conservation measures;

1 WHEREAS, conservation measures such as meter replacement
2 programs, leak detection and repair, the use of increasing block
3 rate structures for public water supply providers and the
4 utilization of improved irrigation technology should be encouraged
5 and incentivized; and

6 WHEREAS, educational opportunities to teach the value of water
7 conservation, such as the Water Conservation Grant Program operated
8 by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, should be encouraged and
9 funded.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 SECTION 1. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall coordinate
13 with federal and state agencies and other partners and stakeholders
14 participating in the update to the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan
15 to identify and prioritize water conservation measures that may have
16 the greatest impact on balancing long-term water supplies and
17 demands across the state, and include a list of such priorities in
18 the next update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan.

19 SECTION 2. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall develop
20 recommendations regarding the establishment of reasonable water
21 conservation goals, on a statewide or regional scale, for inclusion
22 in the next update of the Oklahoma Water Conservation Plan scheduled
23 to be delivered to the Governor and Legislature in 2012, and in
24 updates prepared thereafter.

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SECTION 3. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of Environment, and the Chair of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives