

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 28, 2011

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION NO. 31

By: Paddack of the Senate

5 and

6 Hilliard of the House

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8 A Joint Resolution directing the Oklahoma Water  
9 Resources Board to identify and prioritize water  
10 conservation measures for inclusion in certain  
11 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan; directing Board to  
12 develop recommendations for water conservation goals;  
13 and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, water is an invaluable resource for the citizens,  
15 businesses and environment of this state and water conservation is a  
16 vital component for balancing supply and demand and necessary to  
17 meet future water needs;

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

22 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan contains  
23 methodology tools to assist water planners and users in estimating  
24 potential savings from basic conservation measures and can help all

1 Oklahoma water users realize significant water and cost savings by  
2 the use of simple conservation measures;

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

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

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

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

21 SECTION 2. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall develop  
22 recommendations regarding the establishment of reasonable water  
23 conservation goals, on a statewide or regional scale, for inclusion  
24 in the next update of the Oklahoma Water Conservation Plan scheduled

1 to be delivered to the Governor and Legislature in 2012, and in  
2 updates prepared thereafter.

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, dated 2-24-11 - DO PASS,  
7 As Coauthored.  
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