

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 3

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Allen, Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Boggs, Branan, Brecheen,
Brinkley, Brooks, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Crain,
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Garrison, Griffin,
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Johnson (Constance),
Johnson (Rob), Jolley,
Justice, Loveless, Marlatt,
Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry,
Schulz, Sharp, Shaw,
Shortey, Shumate, Simpson,
Sparks, Standridge,
Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat
and Wyrick of the Senate

and

Martin (Scott) of the House

15 A Concurrent Resolution directing the Oklahoma Water
16 Resources Board and the Oklahoma Department of
17 Environmental Quality to enter into certain agreement
18 relating to water quality standards and water
19 reclamation and reuse by certain date; requiring
20 submission of agreement; and directing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, in the Water for 2060 Act that was enacted in 2012, the
22 Legislature declared that, in order to protect Oklahoma citizens
23 from increased water supply shortages and groundwater depletions by
24 the year 2060 as described in the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma
Comprehensive Water Plan, the public policy of this state is to

1 establish and work toward a goal of consuming no more fresh water in
2 the year 2060 than in consumed statewide in the year 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, in order to ensure adequate water supplies for Oklahoma
4 citizens and to sustain and grow the economy of Oklahoma, it is
5 necessary not only to utilize existing water resources more
6 efficiently, but also to explore opportunities for reclaiming and
7 using or reusing wastewater, marginal-quality water, brackish water,
8 and other alternative sources of supply in a manner that is
9 protective of human health and the environment; and

10 WHEREAS, some steps toward greater reclamation and reuse of
11 water have already been accomplished, including but not limited to
12 prior legislation to authorize limited residential use of gray water
13 without a permit and adoption by the Oklahoma Environmental Quality
14 Board of rules governing water reclamation and reuse for certain
15 commercial, industrial, agricultural, construction and other
16 purposes; and

17 WHEREAS, also pursuant to prior legislation, the Oklahoma
18 Department of Environmental Quality has convened working groups
19 including municipalities, industrial representatives, consulting
20 engineers, technical experts, and the general public to explore
21 further opportunities for water reclamation and reuse and the
22 process by and conditions under which additional means of
23 reclamation and reuse should be allowed; and

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1 WHEREAS, some new or enhanced opportunities for water
2 reclamation and reuse identified by the working groups or through
3 other means could require consideration by the Oklahoma Water
4 Resources Board of changes to the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards
5 and, if adopted by the Board and finally approved, subsequent
6 implementation of those standards by the Oklahoma Department of
7 Environmental Quality through permits and other regulatory actions;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of both the citizens and the
10 economy of Oklahoma that the review and consideration of proposed
11 changes to the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards relating to water
12 reclamation and reuse and the subsequent incorporation and
13 implementation of approved standards be undertaken in as streamlined
14 and expeditious a manner as possible consistent with legal
15 requirements and without compromising public participation and

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
17 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the Oklahoma
20 Department of Environmental Quality are directed to enter into a
21 Memorandum of Agreement by no later than September 1, 2013. The
22 Memorandum of Agreement shall describe the measures that the
23 agencies individually and collectively shall take to ensure that
24 consideration of the adoption of water quality standards that impact

1 opportunities for water reclamation and reuse, and the
2 implementation of approved standards through permitting and other
3 regulatory actions, shall be expedited to the maximum extent
4 practicable without compromising public participation as required by
5 law and the principles of government openness and transparency.

6 THAT the Memorandum of Agreement between the Oklahoma Water
7 Resources Board and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
8 shall, after execution, be submitted to the Governor, the President
9 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the
10 Oklahoma House of Representatives.

11 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive
12 Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the Executive
13 Director of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

14 Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of April, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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18 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
19 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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