

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 3

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7 A Concurrent Resolution directing the Oklahoma Water
8 Resources Board and the Oklahoma Department of
9 Environmental Quality to enter into certain agreement
10 relating to water quality standards and water
11 reclamation and reuse by certain date; requiring
12 submission of agreement; and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, in the Water for 2060 Act that was enacted in 2012, the
14 Legislature declared that, in order to protect Oklahoma citizens
15 from increased water supply shortages and groundwater depletions by
16 the year 2060 as described in the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma
17 Comprehensive Water Plan, the public policy of this state is to
18 establish and work toward a goal of consuming no more fresh water in
19 the year 2060 than in consumed statewide in the year 2012; and

20 WHEREAS, in order to ensure adequate water supplies for Oklahoma
21 citizens and to sustain and grow the economy of Oklahoma, it is
22 necessary not only to utilize existing water resources more
23 efficiently, but also to explore opportunities for reclaiming and
24 using or reusing wastewater, marginal-quality water, brackish water,

1 and other alternative sources of supply in a manner that is
2 protective of human health and the environment; and

3 WHEREAS, some steps toward greater reclamation and reuse of
4 water have already been accomplished, including but not limited to
5 prior legislation to authorize limited residential use of gray water
6 without a permit and adoption by the Oklahoma Environmental Quality
7 Board of rules governing water reclamation and reuse for certain
8 commercial, industrial, agricultural, construction and other
9 purposes; and

10 WHEREAS, also pursuant to prior legislation, the Oklahoma
11 Department of Environmental Quality has convened working groups
12 including municipalities, industrial representatives, consulting
13 engineers, technical experts, and the general public to explore
14 further opportunities for water reclamation and reuse and the
15 process by and conditions under which additional means of
16 reclamation and reuse should be allowed; and

17 WHEREAS, some new or enhanced opportunities for water
18 reclamation and reuse identified by the working groups or through
19 other means could require consideration by the Oklahoma Water
20 Resources Board of changes to the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards
21 and, if adopted by the Board and finally approved, subsequent
22 implementation of those standards by the Oklahoma Department of
23 Environmental Quality through permits and other regulatory actions;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of both the citizens and the
2 economy of Oklahoma that the review and consideration of proposed
3 changes to the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards relating to water
4 reclamation and reuse and the subsequent incorporation and
5 implementation of approved standards be undertaken in as streamlined
6 and expeditious a manner as possible consistent with legal
7 requirements and without compromising public participation and

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
9 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 CONCURRING THEREIN:

11 THAT the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the Oklahoma
12 Department of Environmental Quality are directed to enter into a
13 Memorandum of Agreement by no later than September 1, 2013. The
14 Memorandum of Agreement shall describe the measures that the
15 agencies individually and collectively shall take to ensure that
16 consideration of the adoption of water quality standards that impact
17 opportunities for water reclamation and reuse, and the
18 implementation of approved standards through permitting and other
19 regulatory actions, shall be expedited to the maximum extent
20 practicable without compromising public participation as required by
21 law and the principles of government openness and transparency.

22 THAT the Memorandum of Agreement between the Oklahoma Water
23 Resources Board and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
24 shall, after execution, be submitted to the Governor, the President

1 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the
2 Oklahoma House of Representatives.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive
4 Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the Executive
5 Director of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

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