

Statewide water plan: next step

Local input meetings are now finished and the reports are posted at

<http://environ.okstate.edu/owri/waterplan/reports.asp>

The next round of meetings will be regional, to begin in the summer of 2008. Dates and locations will be posted on the same website. The regional meetings will consist of a group of 30 people per region who have been selected to prioritize and consolidate issues and to help set the agenda for the planning workshops. The meetings will be open to the public. If you think you or someone you know would be a good candidate for participation, please make a nomination.

To nominate someone or get additional info, send email to waterplan@okstate.edu or phone 405.744.9994, or go online <http://okwaterplan.info>

**OKA means "water"
in both Chickasaw and Choctaw.**

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OKA awards to Paddack and Boeger

OKA awards were presented to Senator Susan Paddack and Grace Boeger, both of Ada, by outgoing president Bob Donaho during the October annual meeting. The award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our efforts to protect Arbuckle Simpson water.

In her keynote address at the meeting, Paddack discussed water issues facing the state legislature. She advocated sustainable management of water resources, urged vigilance and warned against complacency.

Planning a meeting and need a speaker?

We'll be glad to furnish a speaker to talk about the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer. Contact us at **580.371.6446** or cpsa@cpsa.net.

Meridian court case appealed

CPASA appealed Judge Walker's recent decision on two issues:

- 1) whether the water in the pit is under the jurisdiction of the OWRB to be regulated as groundwater. We say it is.
- 2) whether the water in the pit should be considered surface water which requires a permit to be used. We say it is.

Walker ruled against us on the first issue and did not address the second one, although we properly raised it. (continued: see **Meridian** page 2)

Legislative Committee Report

As our “eyes and ears” on legal/legislative matters, the committee will

--propose criteria for the uniform evaluation of events to facilitate informed, rapid, and effective Board action for the protection of the aquifer.

--issue “hot sheets” to update CPASA membership regularly on OK law/policies impacting the aquifer.

--monitor mining within the aquifer area and take appropriate action on US Silica and Unimin permit apps which seem to attempt blending storm water with “pit” water.

--develop comments on the OWRB’s 2008 proposed rule changes. CPASA members should study these proposals and plan on attending the January 8 hearing on them.

See <http://www.owrb.ok.gov/util/rules/rules.php#drafrules>

[You are a current member if you have made a contribution since 9/1/07. Please check your records and bring your membership up to date if you have not sent a recent contribution. Thanks.]

For more info on these or any other issues, send email to cpasa@cpasa.net

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The District Court is preparing the “record on appeal.” When that is officially filed with the Supreme Court, the time for briefing the appeal will begin to run and we have 60 days from that date to file our brief.

Stay tuned....and stay involved. Court decisions aren’t always the final word. We continue to monitor, we continue to educate and we continue to watch legislation.

View the CPASA video
“Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer-A Treasure Threatened”

http://cpasa.net/treasurethreatened_index.html

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