

# UPDATE

### Meetings & Events--

*ORWA Legislative  
Conference*

*March 9, 2004*

*State Capitol, Room 512 A  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

*Oklahoma Rural Water  
Association 34<sup>th</sup>*

*Annual Meeting*

*April 4-7, 2004*

*Meridian Conference Center  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

*Rural Water Rally*

*April 18-20, 2004*

*Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill  
Washington D.C.*

*National Rural Water  
Association Annual*

*Conference*

*October 10-13, 2004*

*Biloxi-Gulfport, Mississippi*

### ORWA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The ORWA 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Conference will be held Tuesday, March 9, 2004 in Room 512 A in the State Capitol Building. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast and reception for lawmakers. Following the reception there will be a review and discussion of legislative issues affecting rural water systems. Visits with legislators are scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m.

Over 30 bills have been introduced that potentially impact on water systems. Some of these bills are extremely detrimental to rural water. Attend this year's conference to learn more about legislative issues and discuss rural water priorities with your state representative and senator. We hope to see you there.

### ORWA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5-7, 2004 IN OKC

Don't miss ORWA's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Technical Conference, which will be held April 5-7, 2004 at the Meridian Conference Center, 737 South Meridian in Oklahoma City.

Additional information and a registration form are enclosed. We look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City.

### RURAL WATER RALLY

The Annual Rural Water Rally, sponsored by the National Rural Water Association, will be held April 18-20, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. NW, in Washington D.C. Rally functions include; welcome social, Sunday evening; Informational Session, Monday morning; Congressional visits Mon-

day afternoon and Tuesday; and a reception Tuesday evening. Make room reservations directly with the Hyatt Regency (202) 737-1234. Room rate \$198.00 single or double. To register for the Rally contact ORWA or call the NRWA at (404) 252-0629.

### DISINFECTION AND DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS SAMPLING

Surface water systems serving less than 10,000 people and all groundwater systems under the direct influence of surface water are required to sample for disinfection byproducts effective January 1, 2004. Systems must develop a TTHM/HAA5 Sample Site Plan and submit TTHM/HAA5 and TOC water samples to the DEQ for analysis. DEQ will advise you concerning when samples are due. TOC sam-

pling is required monthly, and TTHM/HAA5 are required quarterly.

ORWA is working with DEQ to assist systems in developing sample site plans. We also provide advice and assistance with proper sampling techniques and sample shipping procedures. For assistance please contact Karl Potochnik or an ORWA Circuit Rider at (405) 672-8925.

### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

It was recently brought to our attention that Attorney General Opinion 96-040 overturned several previous opinions concerning the discussion of employee salaries in executive session. AG Opinion 96-040 provides that a public

body may go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the salary of an individual salaried public officer or employee. Please contact ORWA if you would like a copy of the opinion.



# ORWA WORKSHOPS

## BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

Rural water district board members can fulfill their six hour statutory training requirement by attending one of the training sessions listed below. Board member training is also approved by DEQ to fulfill renewal training for operators. All sessions are evening sessions, unless otherwise indicated) lasting from 6:30PM till 9:30PM for two consecutive nights.

February 11-12, 2004	6:30 PM-9:30 PM	Gordon Cooper Tech Cntr	State Hwy 18 & I-40	Shawnee
March 10, 2004	8:30 AM-3:30 PM	Spiro East Water Assn.		Spiro
March 15-16, 2004	6:30 PM-9:30 PM	City Hall, 258 Broadway		Ketchum
March 23-24, 2004	6:30 PM-9:30 PM	Kiamichi Tech Cntr, 1002 Hwy 2 N		Wilburton
April 6, 2004	8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Clarion Meridian Conv. Cntr, 737 S. Meridian		Oklahoma City
April 7, 2004	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Clarion Meridian Conv. Cntr, 737 S. Meridian		Oklahoma City
April 20, 2004	6:30 PM-9:30 PM	NW Tech Cntr, 1801 S 11th St.		Alva
April 27, 2004	6:30 PM-9:30 PM	Great Plains Tech Cntr, 4500 SW Lee Blvd.		Lawton
May 4, 2004	6:30 PM-9:30 PM	1st Bank Trust, 301 W Main		Ardmore

## OPERATOR RENEWAL CLASSES

February 10, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	City Hall	200 S. Broadway	Tipton
February 17, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	City Hall	202 W Main	Hominy
February 24, 2004	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Overholser Pump Station	501 N Penn	OKC
February 27, 2004	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Quartz Mtn. Water Office		Lone Wolf
March 2, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	City Hall	230 S Hyden	Stratford
March 12, 2004	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	City Hall	140 W 141st	Glenpool
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March 16, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Memorial Library	Shawnee Ave	Dewey
March 23, 2004	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Civic Center	500 Rosten	Muskogee
March 24, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Senior Citizen Building	611 N Broadway	Checotah
March 25, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	South behind City Hall	8200 E 36th St	Spencer
April 6, 2004	8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Clarion Meridian Conv. Cntr	737 S Meridian	OKC
April 7, 2004	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Clarion Meridian Conv. Cntr	737 S Meridian	OKC
April 12, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Canadian Co. Water Auth	17211 Darren Ave	El Reno
April 14, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	City Hall	112 W Main	Cyril
April 27, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	City Hall	1 W Commercial	Inola
May 4, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	City Hall	900 Morgan Square	Kaw City
May 11, 2004	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Community Center	1016 Airport Rd	Elk City
May 11, 2004	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Community Center	1016 Airport Rd	Elk City
May 11, 2004	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Public Works Dept.	317 Veteran Blvd. E	Ardmore
May 11, 2004	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Public Works Dept.	317 Veteran Blvd. E	Ardmore
May 11, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Mekusukey Mission(Council Rm)	2 miles W. Hwy377 on 59	Seminole
May 25, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	City Hall	117 E Main	Bokchito
September 7, 2004	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Cherokee Co.RWD #11	117 E Main	Hulbert
September 15, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	City Hall	Hwy 70	Lone Grove
October 5, 2004	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Public Works Building	303 W Main	Marietta

## SECURITY TRAINING

All classes 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

March 5, 2004	City Hall	104 East Illinois	Vinita
April 22, 2004	McCurtain Co. RWD #8 Office	1 1/4mi N Hwy70&259 Int.	Broken Bow
May 7, 2004	City Hall	105 E Main	Mill Creek
May 21, 2004	Water Plant	602 S 12th	Perry

## CLASS "C" WATER LAB CERTIFICATION CLASS

All classes 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

March 15-18, 2004	Water Treatment Plant	580/846-2948	Lone Wolf
April 5-8, 2004	Fire Department	100 S Main St	Muldrow
May 3-6, 2004	Wastewater Treatment Plant	8700 W 100th St. S	Sapulpa

# ORWA WORKSHOPS *Continued*

## CLASS "C" & "D" WATER & WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION CLASS

All classes 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

March 8-9, 2004	Fairgrounds	66 Hwy & Rozell Lane	Chandler
March 16-18, 2004	High School	6th St	Watts

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## CLASS "D" WATER CERTIFICATION CLASS

All classes 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

February 10-11 2004	American Legion Bldg	401 W Ferry	Salina
February 6-7, 2004	Red River Tech Center	3300 W Bois D'Arc	Duncan
March 1-2, 2004	High Plains Tech Center	3921 34th Street	Woodward
March 15-16, 2004	Mid America Tech Center	Hwy I-35 & Interchange 59	Wayne
March 29-30, 2004	Tri County Tech Center	6101 Nowata Rd	Bartlesville
April 26-27, 2004	Indian Capital Tech Center	401 Houser Blvd	Sallisaw
May 10-11, 2004	Cameron University	2800 W Gore	Lawton
May 24-25, 2004	Payne Co. RWC #3	202 S Range Rd.	Stillwater
July 12-13, 2004	Eastern OK Tech Center	4601 N Choctaw Rd.	Choctaw
July 19-20, 2004	Bryan Co. RWD #5 Office	22404 State Rd. 78 S	Durant
August 2-3, 2004	Panhandle State University	333 Eagle Blvd.	Goodwell
August 16-17, 2004	Water Department	801 S Kickapoo	Shawnee
August 30-31, 2004	Green Country Tech Center	1100 N Loop 56	Okmulgee
September 13-14, 2004	Northwest Tech Center	19901 State HWY 59	Afton
October 25-26, 2004	Mid America Tech Center	1/2 mi W of I-35, Wayne Exit	Wayne

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August 4-5, 2004	Panhandle State University	333 Eagle Blvd	Goodwell

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## CLASS "D" WATER & WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION CLASS

All classes 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

June 8-10, 2004	City Hall	102 N 5th	Jay
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## VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS DUE BY JUNE 30

Water systems serving 3,300 to 50,000 people are required to complete a vulnerability assessment of their water system and submit a certificate of completion to the Environmental Protection Agency by June 30, 2004. ORWA staff is available to assist systems serving populations of 3,300 to 10,000 in completing their assessment. There is no charge for this service. ORWA is also conducting security workshops around the state. Check our training schedule for the workshop nearest you.

The National Rural Water Association has developed an interactive computer program to assist small water systems in completing the assessment. NRWA's user friendly SEMS Software takes you step by step through the assessment process and completes the certificate of completion for you. The SEMS

Software also helps you complete your Emergency Response Plan, which must be submitted to EPA within six months after completion of your vulnerability assessment. The SEMS Software is available from ORWA for only \$40.00. Order your copy today by calling (405) 672-8925.

Systems serving less than 3,000 people are not required to complete a vulnerability assessment. However, in the interest of ensuring that your system is secure from vandalism and potential terrorist acts, we encourage every system to perform a vulnerability assessment. ORWA staff is available to assist you. The SEMS Software also works well for small systems. Or, if you would prefer, a vulnerability assessment template is available in hard copy from ORWA.



For emergency calls after office hours, nights, weekends and holidays, contact Gene Whatley at 405/794-0841



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### DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Delaware Co. RWD #11 is in need of a good used computer with Windows 98, laser printer and copier. If anyone is

interested in donating any equipment please contact Nanette Chanley at 918/868-2414.

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### FOR SALE

1985 International S1600 Dump Truck; 10' dump bed; 195K + miles; Non-CDL, 6.9L diesel, 4-spd; new transmission; electro-hydraulic brakes; good rubber. Make offer.

Lathem Model 4001 Time clock w/400+ time cards. Make offer

Eagle Eye Meters: New: 6 - 300 GPM Flow; 3 - 120 GPM

Flow; 1 - 120 Inches (H2O); Used: 3 - 300 GPM Flow; 1 - 120 GPM Flow; 2 - 120 Inches (H2O). Make offer, will consider selling together at right price.

Call Alan Muse, District Manager, Wagoner CO. RWD #9; 918/462-3232.

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### HELP WANTED

#### Managers Position Available

The Waurika Lake Master Conservancy District is seeking applications for the position of District Manager due to the pending retirement of the present manager. Duties include maintenance and operation of non-potable water delivery system,

up to 30 MGD, to 6 member cities. Degree and experience required. EOE Call 580/439-8838 to receive an application/information packet. Applications close April 1, 2004. Position available on or about April 15, 2004.

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### SPEEDING UP THE COMMUNICATION LINES

In an effort to disseminate important information to our member systems at a faster rate, ORWA is requesting e-mail addresses from each member system. These contacts would ensure a faster delivery of vital information such as legislative alerts, security warnings, emergency alerts and new mandate deadlines. By setting up this type of e-mail database, the communication lines would result in a quicker response time for information coming in and going out. Please remember that the

e-mail contact from each system needs to be someone that has access to e-mail, reads their e-mail on a regular basis and is able to respond to or notify the proper contact person. This type of notification or relay system will only work if everyone gets involved and participates. Please call Kim Ross at 800/375-6792 or e-mail ORWA at [kross@okruralwater.org](mailto:kross@okruralwater.org) with your contact information and e-mail address.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**  
**ORWA ANNUAL MEETING & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**  
**APRIL 5-7, 2004**