

# Post-Forum Questionnaire

## Drawing Straws: Working Together to Manage Oklahoma's Growing Demand for Water

Now that you have had a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we would like to know what you are thinking. Your opinions, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report, which will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in the forums, as well as officeholders, members of the news media, and others in your community.

**1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements listed below?**

- a. A free market for buying and selling water will only benefit those individuals and communities with greater economic power while continuing to hurt less-prosperous communities.
- b. There is no way to force all Oklahomans to conserve water.
- c. Making major changes to Oklahoma's water law will only benefit urban areas.
- d. State-mandated water conservation across all areas will damage Oklahoma's agricultural industry.
- e. There is no way to guarantee Oklahoma's needs will be met if water is allowed to be sold out of state.
- f. Landowners should be able to maintain the rights to the water flowing across or under their land.

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure

**2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?**

- a. Allow the unrestricted sale of water rights.
- b. Require meters on all pumps permitted by the OWRB to measure water use and monitor water waste.
- c. Give the Oklahoma government the authority to determine the priority of use for all stream and groundwater in the state.
- d. Reduce government control on out-of-basin or out-of-state water sales.
- e. Recognize that policies should treat water less like oil and more like air; a necessity we have to have.
- f. Provide conservation incentives to the state's largest water users.

Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure

**3. Do you favor or oppose the statements listed below?**

- a. We support allowing people to buy and sell water for any purpose they choose EVEN IF more water will be used for commercial, industrial or residential purposes.
- b. We are willing to decrease our use of water EVEN IF doing so will require more sacrifice on some people, areas, and businesses sectors than others.
- c. We support allowing Oklahomans to set priorities for the state's water EVEN IF it limits population growth or economic development.

Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure

4. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum?

Yes	No

If yes, please explain.

5. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you had not considered before?

Yes	No

If yes, please explain.

6. What, if anything, might you do differently as a result of this forum?

7. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

0	1-3	4-6	7 or more	Not sure
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**About You:**

*Ethnicity*

- African American
- American Indian or Native American
- Asian American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White/Caucasian
- Other (please specify):  
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*Education*

- \_\_\_\_ Less than 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- \_\_\_\_ 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma
- \_\_\_\_ High school graduate
- \_\_\_\_ Technical school graduate (includes equivalency)
- \_\_\_\_ Some college, no degree
- \_\_\_\_ Associate degree
- \_\_\_\_ Bachelor's degree
- \_\_\_\_ Graduate or professional degree

*Where do you live?*

- Rural area
- Small town
- Suburbia
- Large City

*Zip Code*

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*Gender*

- Male
- Female

*Income*

- \_\_\_\_ Less than \$10,000
- \_\_\_\_ \$10,000-\$24,999
- \_\_\_\_ \$25,000-\$39,999
- \_\_\_\_ \$40,000-\$59,999
- \_\_\_\_ \$60,000-\$124,999
- \_\_\_\_ \$125,000-\$199,999
- \_\_\_\_ \$200,000 or more

*Age*

- \_\_\_\_ 17 or younger
- \_\_\_\_ 18-30
- \_\_\_\_ 31-45
- \_\_\_\_ 46-64
- \_\_\_\_ 65 or older

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