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ENVIRONMENT

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Water

Several measures amend Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) policies and procedures. **SB 597** allows OWRB regulatory authority over pit water infiltrating mining operations that are inside of a sole-source groundwater basin or subbasin,

House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate by Jan. 1, 2013, on the progress of implementing the state policy of water reuse. The report is to describe new water reuse processes and the agencies' efforts to engage stakeholders.

Also related to water policy, **HB 1059** requires individuals serving water to the public from a water system that was constructed without a permit to apply for a permit from DEQ by a specified date. **SB 60** modifies the membership and duties of the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA). The measure vacates the current membership of the task force and limits future membership to five members of the House and five members of the Senate, two of which

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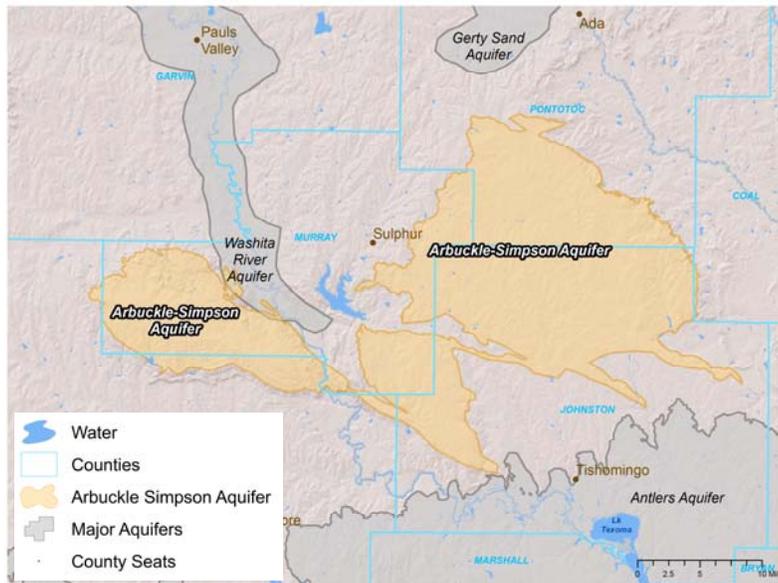
A sole-source subbasin or aquifer is one that has been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as the sole or principal source of drinking water for an area. It must supply at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer with no reasonable alternative drinking water source available. The Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer currently is the only aquifer in Oklahoma with a sensitive sole-source designation. More than 115,000 Oklahomans rely on it for drinking water.

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also known as an aquifer. The measure exempts existing and pending mining operations but still requires the exempted mines to develop site-specific plans and report to the OWRB on pit water accumulation and disposal. Another measure, **SB 248**, limits to \$25 OWRB's annual groundwater individual permit administration fee for submitting water use reports.

The measure also allows the board to assess a late fee up to \$25 for annual groundwater use reports filed after the due date. **SJR 24** requires the executive directors of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and OWRB to report to the Governor, Speaker of the

ARBUCKLE-SIMPSON AQUIFER – OKLAHOMA'S ONLY SOLE-SOURCE AQUIFER



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will be the House and Senate principal authors of the measure.

HB 1575 allows municipalities to establish ordinances regarding the use of gray water. The measure defines gray water as untreated household wastewater that has not come into contact with toilet water.