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Press Release

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The City of Norman will be hosting a Public Forum Series on sustainable water resources for our future. In 2001, the Norman Utilities Authority completed a Strategic Water Supply Plan which estimated the annual average and peak day water demands for the City of Norman service area through the year 2040. In the past several years, Norman has made significant strides in reducing peak day demands, reusing wastewater effluent at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, shedding non-potable users, odd/even watering and conservation. However, the long term outlook will still require additional water supplies to accommodate Norman's natural growth.

In 2009, the City of Norman joined other regional municipalities in the development of the 2009 Regional Water Supply Plan for Central Oklahoma. As part of the study, the City of Norman updated the annual average day water demand projections for the current service area to determine the necessary raw water supply augmentation for the entire region. Key findings of this study were as follows:

Projected demands for the region exceed the sustainable yields of the potential source waters in Central Oklahoma.

To obtain suitable supply for central Oklahoma, additional raw water supply from the Kiamichi River Basin must be seriously considered through construction of a 105 mile pipeline and pump station, in parallel with the existing 60 inch City of Oklahoma City pipeline from Stanley Draper Reservoir to Lake Atoka. Additional pipeline/pump stations will be necessary to obtain additional water rights from Sardis Lake.

All citizens of Norman are invited to attend and explore long term solutions for our drinking water needs. Come join your neighbors, community leaders and experts in the field of Oklahoma drinking water to investigate and discuss solutions and alternatives for Norman's drinking water for the next 50 years. These public forums are open to everyone with an interest in water and Norman's future.

The forums will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street. They will begin

at 6:00 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. The dates and topics of the forums are as follows:

- January 7, 2010 Introduction and Purpose of the Series; Norman's Existing Strategic Water Supply Plan, and Charter Utility Provisions.
- January 21, 2010 State Water Plan
- February 4, 2010 Other Water Supply Options (Reclaimed Water, Brackish Water, Arsenic Treatment Technologies)
- February 18, 2010 Lake Thunderbird Augmentation Study/Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District
- March 4, 2010 Central Oklahoma Regional Raw Water Supply Solution
- March 25, 2010 Use of Trusts to Collectively Acquire and Deliver Water Resources
- April 1, 2010 Financial Condition of Norman's Utilities (Water, Sewer, Solid Waste)
- April 15, 2010 Comparison of Financial Options Related to Long Term Water Solutions

The forums will be broadcast live on Channel 20 and rebroadcast periodically throughout the series. Each of the eight forums are open to all, but the City would encourage your commitment to attend as many meetings as possible in order to gain full understanding of our water needs and future. Please call the City of Norman Utilities Department at 366-5443 to reserve your place at these meetings. Informational packets regarding each meeting will be provided.