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**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**  
**La Quinta Inn ♦ 3320 Rangeline Road, Joplin, Missouri**  
**March 27, 2009**

“We can store it, treat it and deliver it, but we can’t manufacture it - Water Planning for a Critical Resource.” The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Environmental Conference will address state water plans in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. Representatives from each state will present a status report on their respective state water plans. The impact of climate change on reservoirs will also be discussed. The Conference is co-sponsored by the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Tri-State Water Resource Coalition and Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties. The registration fee is \$25.00 which includes lunch. Information and registration form can be obtained at [www.envtaskforce.com](http://www.envtaskforce.com) or from Bob Nichols at [bnichols66@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bnichols66@sbcglobal.net) or (417) 673-7151.

Overview of Program

Morning Session

Welcome	Mayor Gary Shaw
Missouri Water Plan	Ryan Mueller
Kansas Water Plan	Tracy Streeter

Luncheon

Impact of Climate Change on Dams and Reservoirs	Ron Lemons
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Afternoon Session

Arkansas Water Plan	Ken Brazil
Oklahoma Water Plan	Jeri Fleming and Kyle Arthur
Conference Wrap Up	John Moore

Biographical Information about Speakers and Moderators

Speakers

**Kyle Arthur:** Arthur is Director of Water Planning for the Oklahoma Water Resource Board. He attended the University of Oklahoma where he obtained a B.S. degree in Microbiology with a minor in Chemistry. He then completed work on an M.S. in Environmental Science from the College of Engineering at the University of Oklahoma.

From 1994 to September of 2007 he worked for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality in the agency's compliance assistance programs. Mr. Arthur provided compliance and technical assistance to Oklahoma regulated community (industries, municipalities and citizens) in the areas of air quality, water quality, storm water and hazardous and solid waste management. Additionally he worked with local and statewide economic development groups to assist new and expanding industry in obtaining needed permits.

**Ken Brazil:** Brazil is an engineer at the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission. He received his Bachelor and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Before coming to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Mr. Brazil worked in the St. Louis metropolitan area as an engineer consultant, specializing in environmental services. After entering public service, Mr. Brazil continued his career interest in natural resources through employment with ANRC, where he has been involved in: state water planning, water right investigations, minimum stream flow determination, water allocation, mitigation banking, interstate compacts, and other interagency planning efforts. Mr. Brazil is a national certified public manager and is a licensed and registered professional engineer in Arkansas.

**Jeri Fleming:** Fleming is the Communication Manager for the Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute at Oklahoma State University. Her principal assignment is to work on the public participation portion of the ongoing update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan. The Institute is working with Oklahoma citizens to develop policy recommendations for inclusion in the 2011 Comprehensive Water Plan Update. Ms Fleming received a B.A in Mass Communications from Northeastern State University and her J.D. from the University Of Tulsa College Of Law. She is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Oklahoma State University Communications Council, and is an adjunct professor at OSU, teaching Environmental Law and Policy.

**Ron Lemons:** Lemons is the Chief Operating Officer for Freese and Nichols, Inc., an architectural, engineering and environmental science firm headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Texas, Arlington. The majority of Mr. Lemon's experience is in the planning, design and construction administration of major water supply facilities. He has specialized in reservoirs, dams, levees and canals and has considerable experience in the rehabilitation of concrete and earthen dams. Mr. Lemons currently serves as the chairman of the Committee on Global Climate Change on Dams, Reservoirs and the Associated Water Resources for the International Commission on Large Dams.

**Ryan Mueller:** Mueller is the Director of the Water Resources Center at the Missouri. Prior to joining the Department, Mr. Mueller was employed as the environmental manager for Continental Cement Company in Hannibal, Missouri, and later as an environmental consultant and research assistant with the University of Missouri – Columbia. Mr. Mueller received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geological Engineering from the University of Missouri - Rolla and is a licensed professional engineer in Missouri. He is a native Missourian and currently resides in Columbia with his wife and daughter.

**Dr. John Moore:** Dr. Moore is the Executive Director of the Upper White River Basin Foundation with offices in Branson, Missouri. He was one of the founding directors of the Upper White River Basin Foundation in 2001. Moore attended Yale University where he majored in history, the arts and letters and graduated cum laude with a B. A. degree in 1964 and Masters Degree in history in 1965. Following military service, he enrolled at Harvard University in the Graduate School of Education where he received a doctor's degree in 1971. After working in the public school system for several years, he served as vice president of Athens College in Athens, Greece, during 1974-75. In 1975, he was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Education for the State of Missouri and served in this post until he became President of Drury University (Springfield, Missouri) in 1983. Dr. Moore continued as President of Drury until his retirement in 2005.

**Gary Shaw:** Shaw is the Mayor of Joplin, Missouri. He is the Executive Administrator of Central Christian Center, located in the historic Fox Theater in downtown Joplin, a position he has held for the past 30 years. Mayor Shaw served on the City of Joplin's Historic Preservation Commission for four years and served on the Zoning & Planning Commission for six years. He is a past President of Main Street Joplin, past President of Life Choices Ministries, past Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. He presently serves as the Secretary for the Historic and Beautification Committee for the Jasper County Courthouse in Carthage. Mayor Shaw also serves on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Municipal League in Jefferson City, Missouri, and is an Elder and Trustee of Central Christian Center.

**Tracy Streeter:** Streeter is the Director of the Kansas Water Office, the state's water planning and coordination agency. Mr. Streeter was appointed to the position by Governor Kathleen Sebelius in 2004. Previously, he served as Executive Director of the State Conservation Commission. Tracy has 23 years of experience dealing with Kansas' water resources. A native Kansan, he grew up as part of a family farming operation in Brown County. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Missouri Western State University and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas.

#### Moderators

**Loring Bullard:** Bullard is the Executive Director of the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks. He has served in this position since February 1989. The Watershed Committee is a not-for-profit, citizen-based organization, formed in 1984, whose mission is to protect the sources of public drinking water for the city of Springfield and Greene County, Missouri. This organization was formed and continues to be supported through a partnership of the city of Springfield, Greene County and City Utilities of Springfield. Prior to joining the Watershed Committee, Mr. Bullard served as an Environmental Health Programs Supervisor with the Springfield/Greene County Health Department. He was with the Health Department for over 13 years, working in foodservice, water supply and sanitation programs. During this time, he provided seasonal assistance to the Public

Health Service at Mt. Ranier and Olympic National Parks, conducting assessments of back-country and concession-based water and wastewater systems.

**Jan Blasé:** Blasé is the City Manager of Neosho, Missouri. He recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the premier local government leadership and management organization. Mr. Blasé is one of more than 1,000 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program. Mr. Blasé has 28 years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to his appointment in 2006 as City Manager of Neosho, Missouri, he served in various positions for the cities of Fairview Heights, Illinois and Baldwin, Branson, Nixa and Forsyth in Missouri. Mr. Blasé has experience in the private development sector as well.

**David Hertzberg:** Hertzberg is Director of Public Works for the City of Joplin, Missouri. He is active in American Public Works Association, Water Environmental Federation, National Society of Professional Engineers, Missouri Society of Professional Engineers and Past President of Southwest Chapter and Engineering Southwest Chapter Transportation Engineers Association of Missouri. He is a graduate of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Joplin Program. He holds a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Missouri Columbia.

**Robert L. (Bob) Nichols:** Nichols is president of both Tri-State Water Resource Coalition and Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties. He is President Emeritus of Freese and Nichols, Inc. He is a past president of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the National Institute of Engineering Ethics and the Longhorn Council (For Worth, Texas) and the Ozark Trails Council (Springfield, Missouri), Boy Scouts of America. He holds a BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering from Texas A & M University.

**Dr. James R. Triplett:** Triplett is a Professor of Biology at Pittsburg State University. He serves as Chairman of the Department of Biology from 1993 to 2008. Mr. Triplett is a member of the Kansas Geological Survey Advisory Council, Governor's Solid Waste Grants Advisory Committee, Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee, Southwest Kansas Solid Waste Management Authority, Statewide Council on Basin Advisory Committee (Chair), and is extremely active in several watershed planning groups.

## Hotel Accommodations

The Conference has not reserved any hotel rooms. Several good accommodations are nearby. These include:

La Quinta Inn  
3320 S. Rangeline  
Joplin, MO 64804  
(417) 781-9388

Holiday Inn  
3615 S. Rangeline  
Joplin, MO 64804  
(417) 782-1000

Resident Inn by Marriott-Joplin  
3128 E. Hammons  
Joplin, MO 664804  
(417) 782-0908

Hampton Inn  
3107 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Joplin, MO 64804  
(417) 659-9900

Drury Inn & Suites  
Hwy I 44 & Hwy 71  
Joplin, MO 64804  
(417) 781-8000

Fairfield Inn by Marriott  
3301 S. Rangeline  
Joplin, MO 64804  
(417) 624-7800

Hilton Garden Inn  
2644 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Joplin, MO 64804  
(417) 206-6700