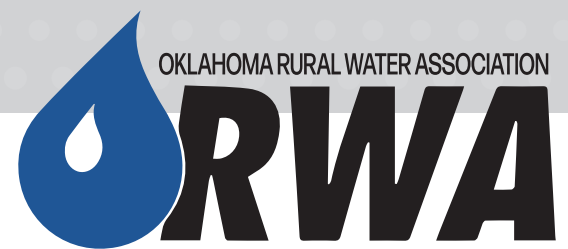


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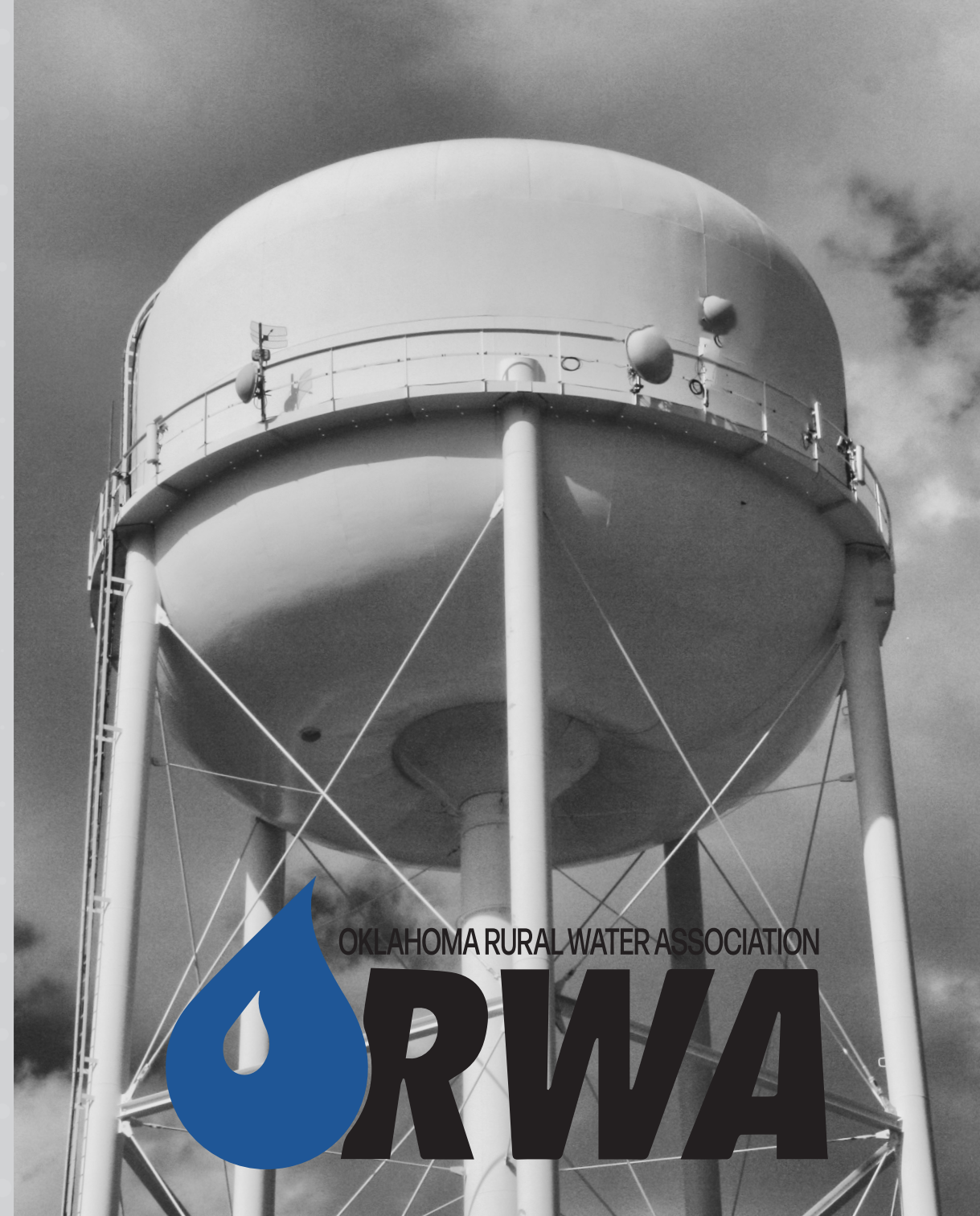
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# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## **ORWA ASSURANCE GROUP**

The Oklahoma Rural Water Association Assurance Group was formed by representatives of Oklahoma water and wastewater systems in 1988, to provide its members with a stable, local and competitively priced alternative to traditional insurance.

## **BOARD TRAINING**

Oklahoma State Statute requires all board members of a rural water district or a nonprofit rural water corporation attend yearly a minimum of six hours of workshop training within 12 months following the election, or appointment, of such board member, and to obtain six hours of continuing education workshop training every three years. ORWA conducts approximately 35 board member training sessions throughout the State of Oklahoma each year.

## **OPERATOR TRAINING**

Each year, ORWA provides training to more than 3,300 water and wastewater professionals from the smallest, non-community systems to the largest municipalities from all across the State of Oklahoma. Each year, ORWA conducts about 140 operator training classes, totaling more than 1,200 classroom hours.

## **OKLAHOMA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION**

This loan program is designed with the member systems in mind, with a simple application form and a fast approval process.

## **SOONERWARN**

Oklahoma's Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network, SOONERWARN, is the formalized system of "utilities helping utilities" with mutual aid during emergency situations. The project is designed to reduce bureaucratic red tape in times of emergency. The goal of SOONERWARN is to provide immediate relief for member utilities during times of emergencies.

## **SOURCEWATER PROTECTION**

The ORWA Sourcewater Protection Program helps to protect drinking water suppliers, and their customers by helping to locate, identify and manage both known and potential, sources of contamination within a water shed or well recharge area.

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

ORWA provides technical assistance to small rural water and wastewater utilities throughout the State of Oklahoma. This includes cities and towns with populations of 10,000 or less. We employ experienced and highly qualified field personnel with a combined experience of more than 300 years in all aspects of the industry including water and wastewater treatment, distribution and collection systems, pumps, motors and controls, system management and office management.

## **WORKERS COMPENSATION**

Since 1985, the Oklahoma Rural Water Association has been providing Workers Compensation Insurance to its members through a group plan, and index policy with CompSource Oklahoma. The plan provides a stable source of coverage, year after year, with low, competitive rates because of a group discount and favorable loss experience.

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Oklahoma Rural Water Enrichment Foundation scholarship program was organized for the purpose of promoting the higher education of students from rural Oklahoma, by granting scholarships for continuing educational opportunities to eligible participants.

## *A Non-Profit at Your Service*

A non-profit organization here to assist water and wastewater systems with day-to-day operations and management.

## *A Strategic Alliance*

The Oklahoma Strategic Alliance was ratified in 2019 by Governor Stitt, which created a partnership with the Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, the Oklahoma Rural Water Association and Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

Together, these organizations have combined resources to help water and wastewater systems across Oklahoma analyze and review their systems in order to better position Oklahoma for the future to ensure all Oklahomans have quality water and wastewater systems in place for generations to come.

## *Membership Focused, Membership Driven*

More than 550 water and/or wastewater utilities are members of the ORWA. ORWA conducts over 170 training classes each year totaling more than 1700 classroom hours. Approximately 3300 people from nearly every system in the State of Oklahoma attend these training classes.

## *Leadership for Tomorrow*

ORWA launched its Apprenticeship Program with the goal of developing qualified employees for a career in the water and wastewater industry.

## *A Needed Voice*

ORWA is the legislative voice for water and wastewater utilities on issues at the state and federal levels.

ORWA is a member of the National Rural Water Association.

## *Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

SoonerWARN is a mutual aid program for emergency situations. ORWA is proud to provide this network of immediate relief for member utilities during times of emergencies until a permanent solution can be implemented.

## *A Partner with You*

Together with your partnership, ORWA can continue to serve the water and wastewater systems of rural Oklahoma, helping build sustainable infrastructure for future generations.



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Over 400 Years  
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