

Day 1

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Opening Session

9:30 am

Welcome
Dr. Katricia Pierson
President, East Central University

Emcee Remarks
Susan Paddack
Executive Director, Oka' the Water Institute at ECU

Water as an Economic Driver

9:45 am

State of Oklahoma Natural Resources
Secretary Ken Wagner
Secretary of Energy & Environment, State of Oklahoma

10:15 am

Economics of Blue River **Dr. Barney Austin**President and CEO, AquaStrategies

10:45 am

Sustainable Water Law

Duane Smith

Duane Smith & Associates

11:15 am

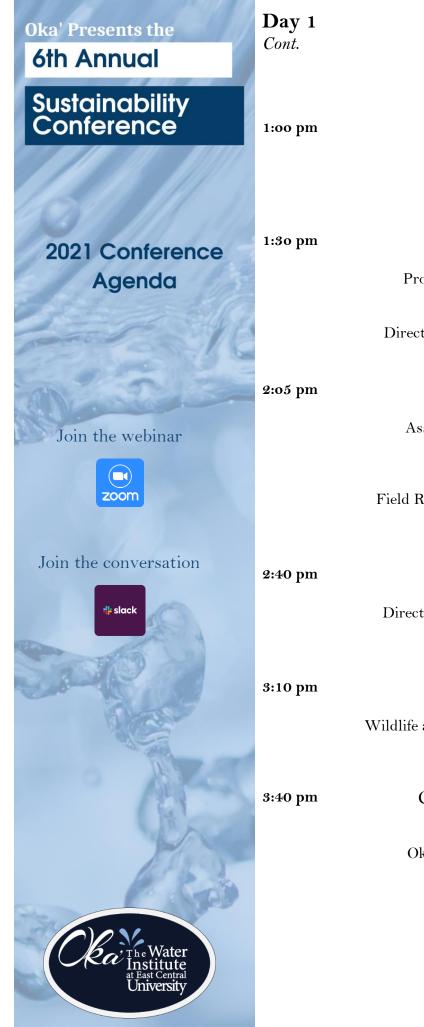
Water Policy & Management for Water-scarce Regions
Dr. Sharon Megdal
Director, Water Resources Research Center, University of Arizona

12:00 pm



Keynote Presentation Governor Bill Anoatubby

the Chickasaw Nation



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Soil Health and Water Sustainability

Regenerating Our Soils
Jimmy Emmons

Soil Health Mentoring Coordinator, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Soil Health Initiatives in Indiana **Dr. Eileen Kladivko**

Professor, Agronomy Department; Purdue University

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Lisa Holscher

Director, Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative

2021 Oka' Summer Research Program **Dr. Jessica Brumley**

Asst. Professor Biological & Environmental Sciences, East Central University

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Kevin Blackwood

Field Research Coordinator, Oka' the Water Institute at ECU; Adjunct Professor, East Central University

pm Aquifer Storage & Recovery Research

Dr. Randall Ross

Director, RSKERC Groundwater Technical Support Center, USEPA/ORD/CESER/TSCD

o pm Regenerative Ranching

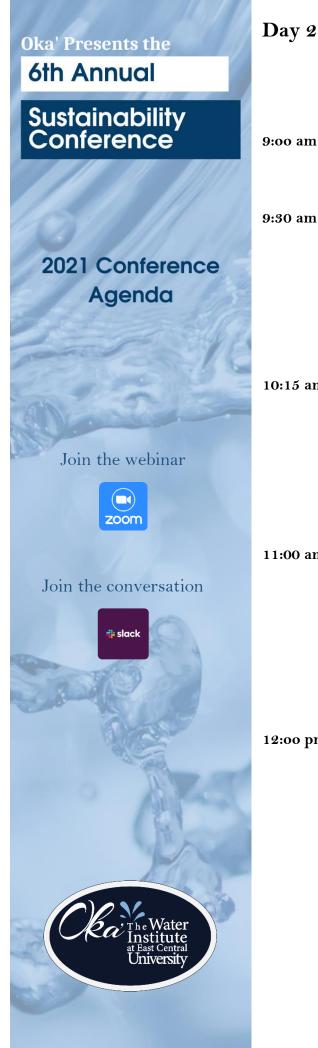
Josh Gaskamp

Wildlife and Range Consultant & Technical Consultant Manager, Noble Research Institute

Closing Statement & Sponsor Recognition

Susan Paddack

Executive Director, Oka' The Water Institute at East Central University



Day 2 Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Agency Updates & Policy Directives

Economics of Denison Dam Navigation Richard Brontoli

Executive Director, Red River Valley Association

9:30 am Agency Updates

Julie Cunningham

Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

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Scott Thompson

Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

10:15 am Conservation & Rural Water Updates
Trey Lam

Executive Director, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

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Sustainable Partnerships for a Stronger Oklahoma

Brandon Bowman

Programs Manager, Oklahoma Rural Water Association

11:00 am EPSCoR- S3OK Update Dr. Hank Jenkins-Smith

Director; National Institute for Risk & Resilience; University of

Oklahoma

Dr. Carol Silva

Director, National Institute for Risk & Resilience; University of Oklahoma

12:00 pm Legislative Panel

Senator Frank Simpson

Oklahoma State Senator, District 14; Assistant Majority Floor Leader

Senator Chris Kidd

Oklahoma State Senator, District 31

Representative Ronny Johns

Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 25

