### **Enid's Economy is Driven by Water-Intensive Industries**



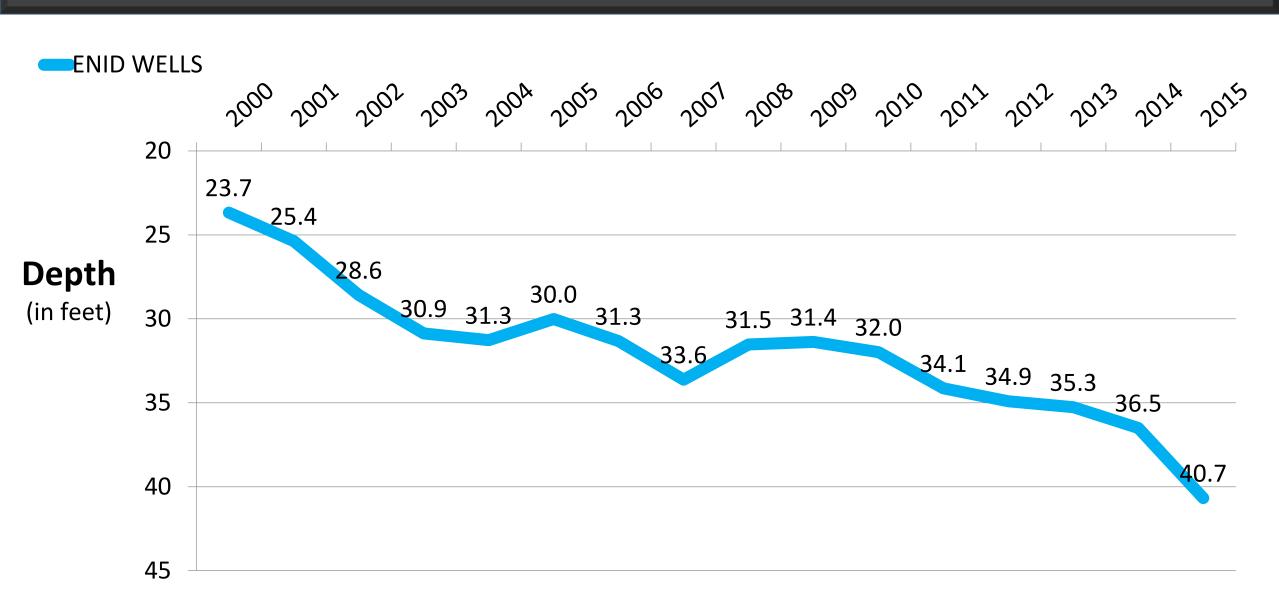




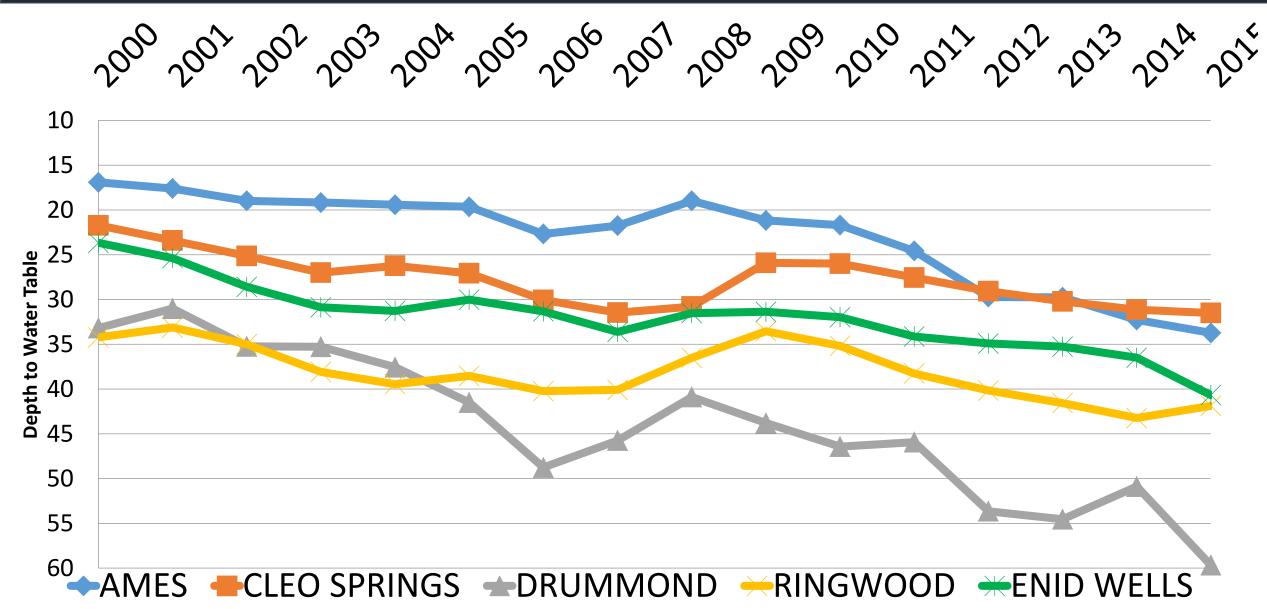
- Enid is currently solely dependent on groundwater. The aquifer is not adequately being recharged, putting Enid's water future at risk.
- Enid's sole dependence on groundwater makes the city vulnerable. In fact, Enid has already experienced water rationing in recent years.
- A sustainable water supply is key to job growth and the economic survival of Enid while also sustaining our current industry.

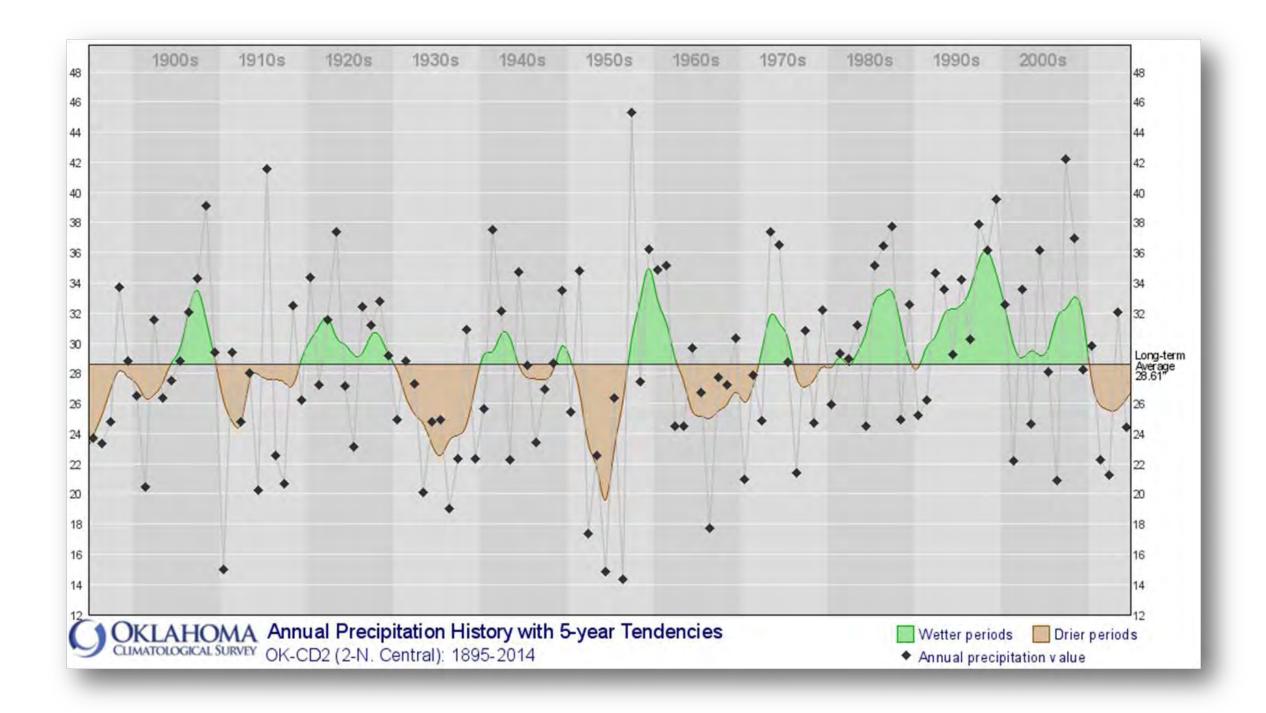
"The first thing I am asked when a business considers locating in Enid is do we have enough water," Brent Kisling, Executive Director, Enid Regional Economic Development Alliance.

## The Enid Aquifer: Depth to Water



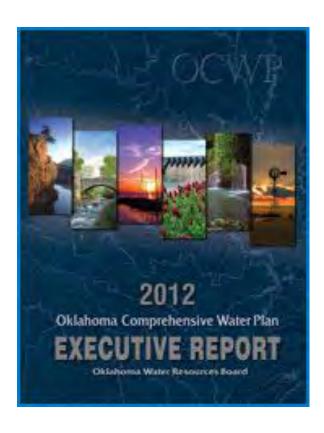
## **Aquifer Concerns:** Water Table Depths





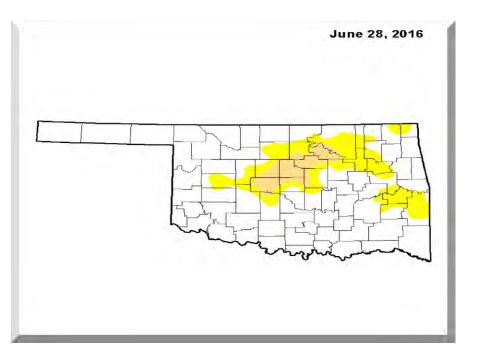
## **Aquifer Concerns**

- Comprehensive State Water Plan may further limit future usage
- Presence of nitrates
- Aquifers used by Enid also used by others
  - Other municipalities like Alva and Fairview
  - Business uses like irrigation, E&P
  - Private Residences
  - Rural Water Districts



### Water Can Become a Crisis

#### **Current Drought Monitor Chart**



#### **Water Rationing**

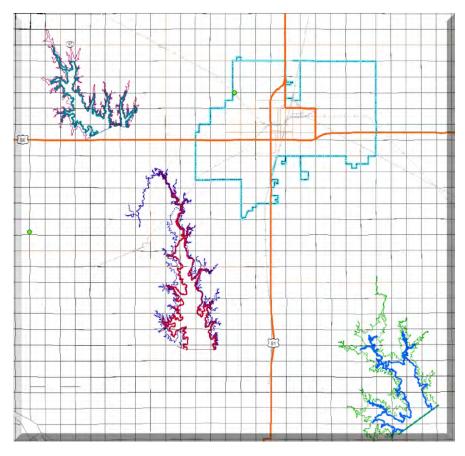


#### **Abandoned Lake Optima**



## Options to Overcome Concerns

- Develop surface supply by building a new lake
- Drill more wells



**Potential Lake Sites** 



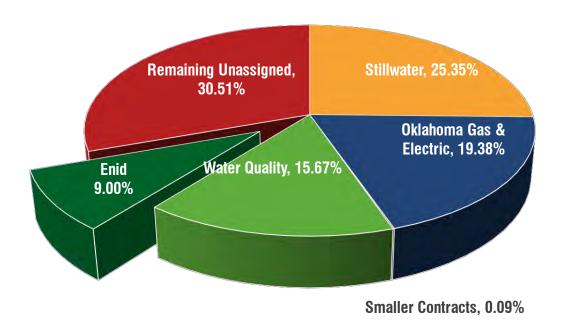
**New Well** 

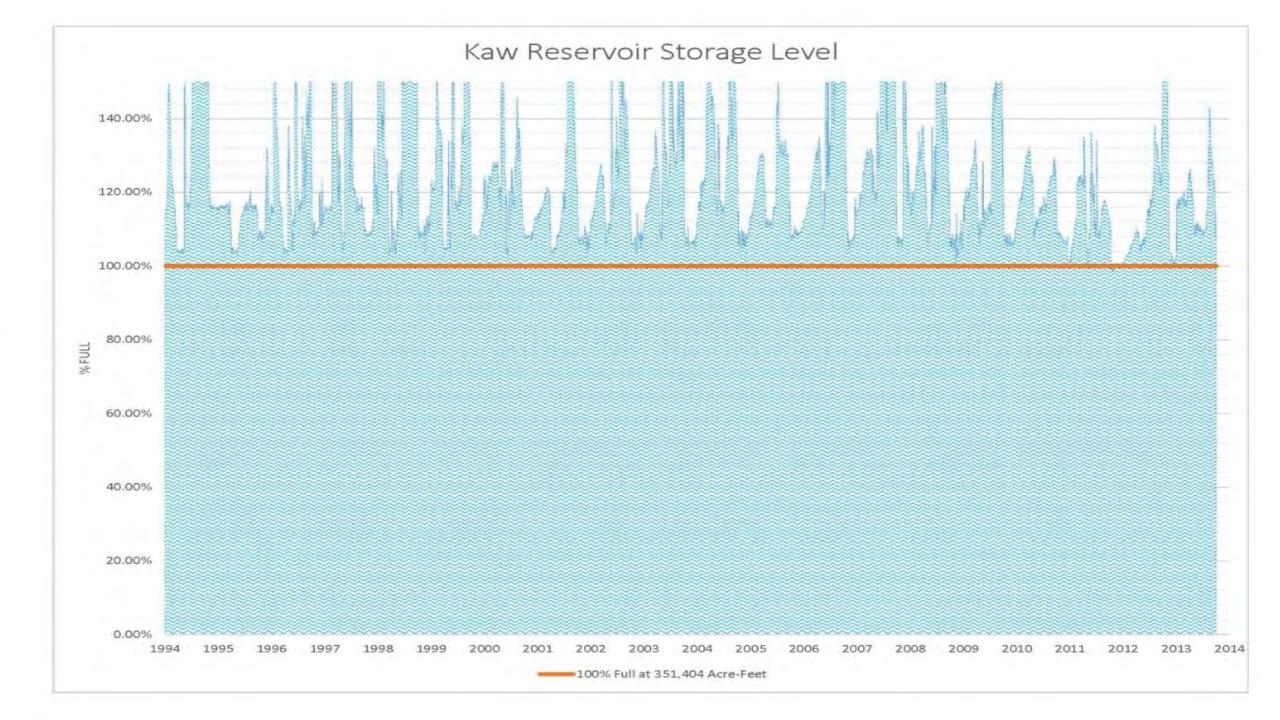
## A More Viable Option: The Kaw Lake Water Supply Project

#### What is it?

The Kaw Lake Water Supply Project would construct a 70mile pipeline from the lake to the City of Enid, as well as construct storage and processing facilities. Enid already has water rights to 9% of Kaw Lake's conservation pool, with another 30% of the conservation pool currently available and not being used.

#### Conservation Storage Allocation





# Additional Benefits of the Kaw Lake Water Supply Project



- Kaw Lake provides surface water that doesn't come from the aquifer, but primarily from Kansas rivers and tributaries.
- Provides access to stable water sources, thus providing long-term water stability for Enid.
- Creates a diverse supply of water options, allowing Enid to avoid a water crisis.
- Will allow Enid to protect and grow existing jobs, recruit new ones and protect the missions at VAFB.

## Kaw Lake Water Supply Project Funding Source

¼ cent extension of current sales tax



45% of total cost will be paid by non-residents shopping in Enid.

The average Enid household will see their personal expense increase \$59.67 a year, or less than \$5 a month.

3/4 cent new sales tax

Latest data shows the median family income in Enid is \$44,266.

\$44,266.00

According to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average family spends 18% of their annual income on items subject to sales tax. Most Expenditures like housing, insurance, services, taxes and retirement savings are not subject to sales tax.

\$44,266.00 x .18

Doing the math, the average Enid family will spend just under \$8,000 a year on items subject to sales taxes.

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The increase in the sales tax is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1% or

.0075.

X

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Or – an annual cost of less than \$60 a year – and this assumes EVERY purchase is made in Enid.

\$ 59.76

## Kaw Lake Water Supply Project Funding Benefits

- Funds critical water infrastructure.
- 45% of funding will come from visitors from outside of Enid who pay sales tax.
- Keeps water rates low and avoids the need to raise property taxes.
- Protects the current 1-cent capital improvement sales tax, protecting our current investment in street maintenance and other needs related to economic growth.
- Diversifies our water source.

