

Gary L. Sherrer *Secretary of Environment*

Gary L. Sherrer was named Oklahoma's sixth secretary of environment by Governor Mary Fallin on January 14, 2011. In addition to serving as Governor Fallin's lead advisor on environmental matters, he is currently serving as Assistant Vice President for External Relations in OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (DASNR).

Sherrer served four consecutive terms in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Sherrer was Caucus Chairman, Assistant Floor Leader and Chaired the House Ag Committee during his tenure in the Oklahoma Legislature. He was appointed by Governor David Walters to serve as Oklahoma's first Secretary of Agriculture and selected as Commissioner and President of the State Board of Agriculture. Sherrer then served Governor Frank Keating as Secretary of Environment and Executive Director of the Water Resources Board. The Murrah Building bombing occurred during Secretary Sherrer's time there which resulted in the complete destruction of the Water Resources Board offices. He partnered with then First Lady Kathy Keating for the administration of funds for educational needs for families of victims.

On Governor Brad Henry's Transition Team, he served as a member of the Agriculture Committee, Chaired the Energy Committee and Chaired the Environment, Utilities, and Natural Resources Committee. Sherrer has served as Chief Administrative Officer and Assistant Chief Executive Officer for KAMO, a power generation and transmission firm in Vinita. Sherrer serves on the board of directors for Rural Enterprises, Incorporated.

Sherrer obtained a bachelor's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. He volunteered for military service and served as a combat medic during the Vietnam War.

The Secretary of Environment's office is responsible for the following executive entities or their successors:

Air Quality Council
Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission
Arkansas River Basin Interstate Committee
Arkansas-White-Red River Basins Interagency Commission
Bioenergy Initiative
Canadian River Commission
Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission
Compliance Advisory Panel
Environmental Finance Authority
Department of Environmental Quality
Environmental Quality Board
Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council
High Plains Study Council and Task Force
Illinois River Task Force

Kansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission
Laboratory Services Advisory Council
Lone Chimney Water Association
Ottawa Reclamation Authority
Radiation Management Advisory Council
Red River Compact Commission
Solid Waste Management Advisory Council

Water Law Advisory Committee
Water Quality Management Advisory Council
OK Water Research Institute
OK Water Resources Board
OK Water Resources Research Coordinating Committee
Wildlife Conservation Commission
Department of Wildlife Conservation