

**Facilitation Webinar Speaker Bios – Oklahoma Instream Flows Advisory Group
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Bryan K. Taylor, Ph.D., Tulsa District US Army Corps of Engineers

Bryan Taylor currently works for the Tulsa District USACE as an Environmental Biologist and Civil Works Project Manager in the Programs and Project Management Division. Bryan's undergraduate degree in Biological Science was completed at Langston University, Langston Oklahoma. He received a Master's of Science in Bio-Research and a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science, with a focus in policy, management, and curriculum at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater Oklahoma. Bryan is the program manager for Tulsa District's General Investigations and Planning Assistance to States authorities. He also serves as the Section 408 coordinator for dredging requests and manages USACE coordination efforts for several Section 408 proposals, including the John Redmond Dredging Project; a novel USACE in lake dredging initiative. Bryan has managed numerous environmental study teams for ecosystem restoration initiatives, environmental impact statements, reallocation studies, water quality analysis, reservoir sustainability initiatives, and state water planning activities. Bryan has received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service twice as Project Manager. Bryan's career experiences have also included instruction as an adjunct professor, researcher, natural resource management, wetland science, environmental policy, and compliance with Clean Water Act regulatory requirements. Promoting facilitation as a process for implementing effective project management strategies has been key to Bryan's success in managing projects, as it creates clear buy in for procedural processes that ensure objectives are met. The usefulness of the facilitation process is highlighted in the District's support of Oklahoma's water planning efforts. Bryan coordinated activities to provide technical oversight, cost shared funding, and input toward completion of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water plan update. Bryan works closely with both CH2MHILL and Carollo Engineers to coordinate facilitation activities necessary to implement recommendations cited in the water plan update. These include coordination of facilitation led activities for the Instream Flows Advisory group and activities associated with the Water for 2060 initiatives; including development and coordination of facilitation activities for the Water for 2060 Advisory Council.



Anna Childers, Ph.D., CH2MHILL

Anna Childers, PhD, is a senior environmental scientist and a project manager with CH2MHILL. She holds a BS in Physical Sciences from University of Canterbury, UK, an MS in Resource Economics from the Oklahoma State University (OSU) and a PhD in Environmental Sciences from OSU. Anna has 20 years of experience in water-related research, studies, permitting and planning. She specializes in water resources projects, ecosystem planning and services, NEPA process, stakeholder involvement, public meeting facilitation, and development of public involvement plans. Anna has managed the technical studies for the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) implementation with the U.S. Army Corps Engineers (USACE) Tulsa District and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) since 2012. She is a Project Manager for the ongoing OCWP studies under the Planning Assistance to States agreement between USACE and OWRB to support the technical studies and facilitation of the Water for 2060 Advisory Council and the Instream Flow Advisory Group Support, Water Supply Reliability Studies and Instream Flow Pilot Study. Anna is the Chairperson of the Air & Waste Management Association, Oklahoma Chapter and Communications Committee Chairperson of the Society of American Military Engineers, Tulsa Chapter.



John Rehring, Carollo Engineers

John Rehring is a Vice President and Project Manager with Carollo Engineers. He holds a BS in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin and an MS in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Colorado. He is a registered professional engineer in Colorado and Oklahoma. For 25 years he has focused on water resources and infrastructure planning, including regional and statewide water supply and reuse plans in Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. John managed the technical studies for the 2012 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) with the US Army Corps of Engineers–Tulsa District and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. Since 2012, he has supported implementation of the OCWP through facilitation of the Oklahoma Instream Flow Advisory Group discussions, facilitation of the Water for 2060 Advisory Council process, and managing detailed analyses of local conservation, reuse, and public water supply regionalization opportunities across western Oklahoma. He is Past President of the Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association, Past President of WateReuse Colorado, and a recipient of the WateReuse Association President’s Award and the WateReuse Colorado Person of the Year Award.