

NEOSHO AND VERDIGRIS RAC MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2022- PARSONS PUBLIC LIBRARY



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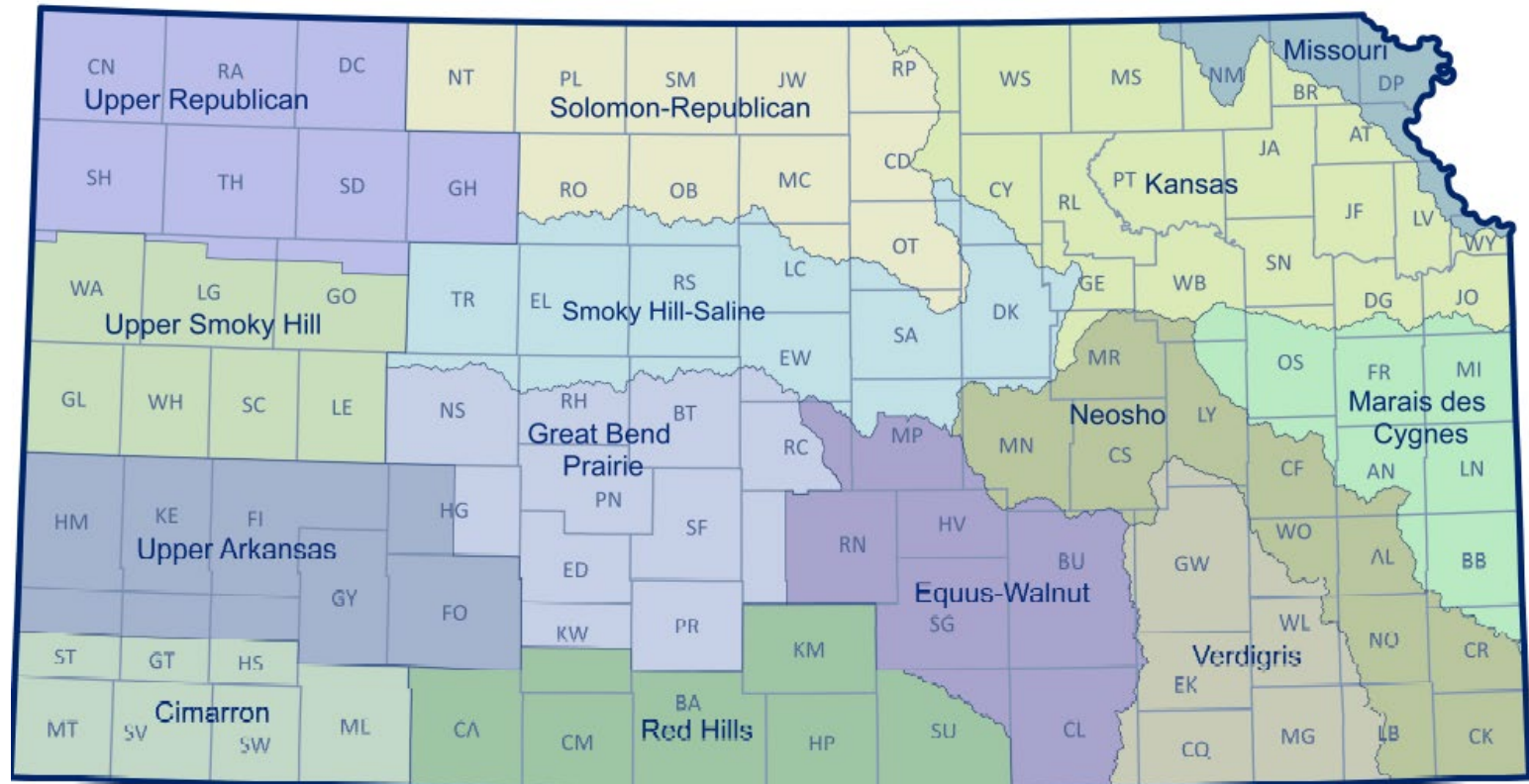
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RAC RESPONSIBILITIES

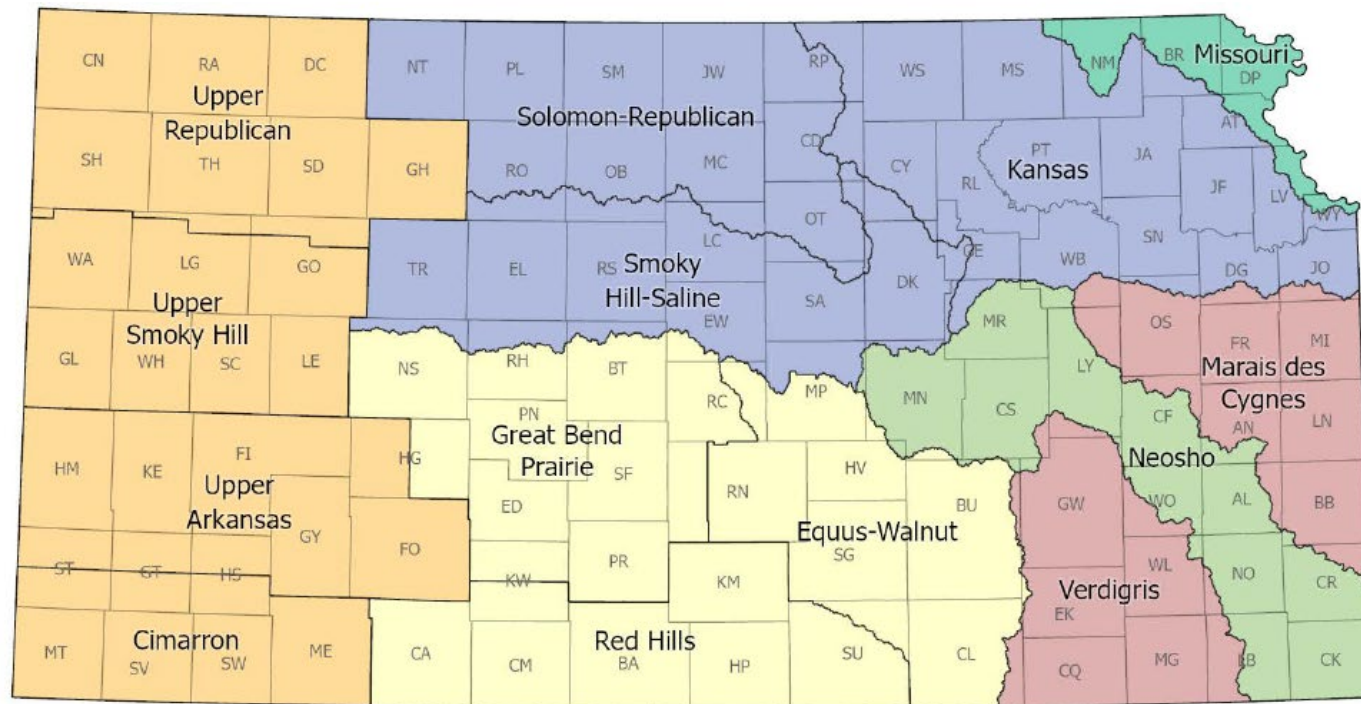
KANSAS WATER OFFICE



RAC MEMBER NOTEBOOK



Regional Planning Areas and KWO Planners



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Angela Anderson
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An Overview

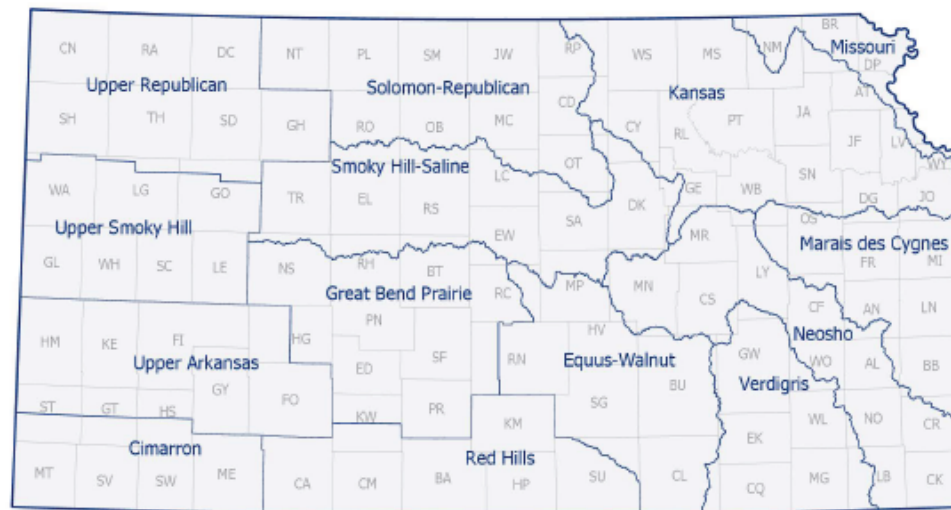
ON RAC'S ROLE FOR STATE WATER PLANNING

Regional Advisory Committees (RAC)

Fourteen regional planning areas were established in December 2014 by the Kansas Water Authority in conjunction with the Long-Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas. Regional Advisory Committee members were approved for these 14 planning areas and began to establish goals and action plans for their regions. In September - October 2016 all regional goal action plans were presented to the Kansas Water Authority and approved.

Core Categories:

- Agriculture
- At-Large/Public
- Conservation / Environment
- Industry / Commerce
- Public Water Supply



The main RAC functions are to advise the KWO and KWA in:

- identifying water-related issues within their region
- the formulation of revisions to their corresponding regional section of the Kansas Water Plan (KWP)
- KWP implementation priorities and actions
- issues under consideration for inclusion in the KWP

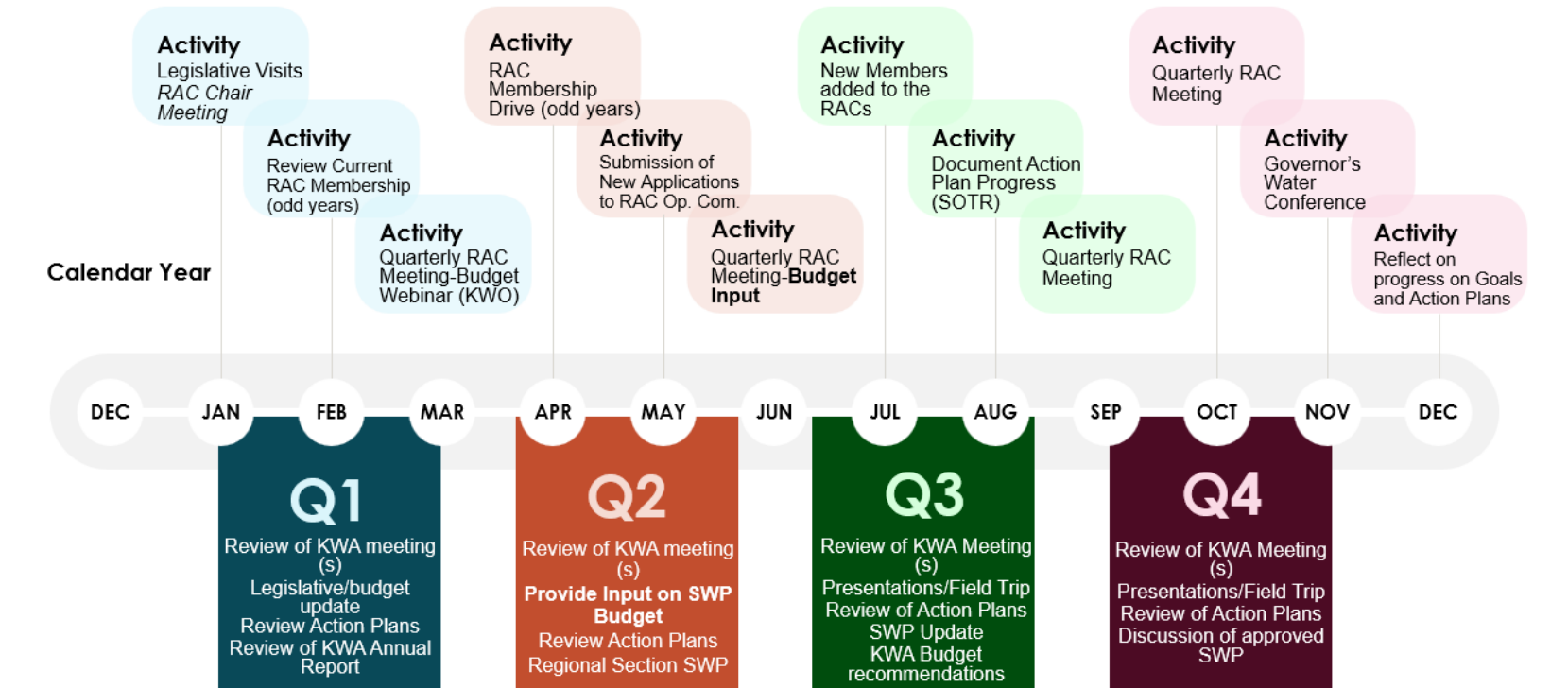
The RACs are the eyes and ears of the KWA and KWO around the state, and the ambassadors and solicitors of public input. Members are messengers of the KWP and RAC actions to ensure future water supply needs are met, while also communicating information on concerns and issues to citizens. They advise, guide, and sometimes lead through action on implementation of goals.

Region-Specific Categories:

- WRAPS
- Planning & Zoning
- Irrigation
- GMD
- Water Assurance District
- Ranching / Grazing
- Fish & Wildlife
- Public Utility

Regional Advisory Meetings

Annual Plan



Neosho Member Contact Information

Name/Category	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email	RAC Service	Member Type
Wes Fleming <i>Industry/Commerce (cc)</i>	217 S. 9th Street Burlington, KS 66839	620-364-8831 W 785-614-1472 C F	weflemi@wcnoc.com H	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2023	Chairperson
Lisa Suderman <i>WRAPS</i>	1529 Limestone Hillsboro, KS 67062	620-382-3714 W ext. 3062 H C F	lisa.suderman@ks.nacdn.net H	5/17/2017 to 6/30/2023	Vice-chair
Jay Byers <i>At Large Public (cc)</i>	201 W. 4th Pittsburg, KS 66762	620-230-5685 W H C F	jay.byers@pittks.org H	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2025	Member
Brian Obermeyer <i>Conservation/Environment (2)</i>	375 110th Road Cedar Point, KS 66843	620-273-8556 W H 620-583-3981 C F	bobermeyer@TNC.ORG H	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2023	Member
James Triplett <i>Conservation/Environment (cc)</i>	1034 E 520th Avenue Pittsburg, KS 66762	620-235-4730 W H 620-235-9466 C F	jtriplett@pittstate.edu H	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2025	Member
Joe Buchanan <i>Public Water Supply (cc)</i>	1269 S. 575 Road Council Grove, KS 66846	620-364-8831 W H 785-466-1381 C F	jbuch50@gmail.com H	8/20/2017 to 6/30/2025	Member
Vacant <i>Industry/Commerce (2)</i>			H	to	Member

Name/Category	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email	RAC Service	Member Type
Vacant <i>Ranching/Grazing</i>			W H F	to	Member
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Susan Hague <i>Agriculture (cc)</i>	1035 B Cedar Creek Cedar Point, KS 66843	620-220-0400 W 620-274-4207 H 620-220-0400 C F	susanhague@gmail.com H	8/17/2021 to 6/30/2025	Member
Dale Strickler <i>Agriculture (2)</i>	121 White Boulevard Apt. 204 Iola, KS 66749	620-363-0653 W H C F	dale@greencoverseed.com H	8/17/2021 to 6/30/2025	Member
Tisha Conard Richardson <i>At Large Public (2)</i>	1709 South 1800 Road Wilsey, KS 66873	620-767-5111 W H 785-893-1585 C F	tisha.richardson@ks.nacdn.net H	8/17/2021 to 6/30/2023	Member
Vacant <i>At Large Public (3)</i>			W H C F		

Verdigris Member Contact Information

Name/Category	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email	RAC Service	Member Type
John Ditmore <i>Industry/Commerce (cc)</i>	808 East New St. Coffeyville, KS 67337-0945	620-252-4599 H 620-252-2918 C F	W jdditmore@cvrenergy.com	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2023	Chairperson
Bob Culbertson <i>Conservation/Environment (2)</i>	207 Cheyenne St. New Strawn, KS 66839	W H 620-364-9485 C F	W bob.culbertson@kaws.org	9/15/2019 to 6/30/2023	Vice-chair
Doug Blex <i>WRAPS</i>	3131 County Road 2600 Room 512-N, State Capitol Independence, KS 67301-7252	785-296-5863 620 289 4663 620-212-4183 C F	W doug.blex@house.ks.gov H dblex@totelcsi.com	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2023	Member
Harold Engle <i>Agriculture (cc)</i>	506 N. 5th Street Madison, KS 66860	W H 620-437-2421 C F	W englefarmsllc@gmail.com	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2023	Member
John Black <i>Agriculture (2)</i>	2053 Junebug Howard, KS 67349	W H 620-505-0324 C F	W jblack@sktc.net	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2023	Member
Brian Graff <i>At Large Public (2)</i>	5363 Jade Rd Neodesha, KS 66720	W H 620-433-0917 C F	W cliffgraff@aol.com	8/20/2017 to 6/30/2025	Member
Gary Kelley <i>Conservation/Environment (cc)</i>	216 N Spruce Sedan, KS 67361	W H 620-515-4106 C F	W kelley0123@sbcglobal.net	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2025	Member

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Ken McNickle <i>Public Water Supply (2)</i>	P.O. Box 6 Cherryvale, KS 67335	620-336-2721 H 620-332-3037 C F	W pwwsd4@wavewls.com	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2025	Member
Ronald Smith <i>Industry/Commerce (2)</i>	629 S 15th Street Fredonia, KS 66736-2037	W H 620-215-2395 C F	W ronanitasmith@yahoo.com	8/20/2015 to 6/30/2025	Member
Pamela Walker <i>At Large Public (cc)</i>	16751 1200 Road Altoona, KS 66710	620-378-2866 H 620-433-1441 C F	W pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net	8/17/2021 to 6/30/2025	Member
John Garris <i>Public Water Supply (cc)</i>	811 E Laurel Independence, KS 67301	W H 620-926-0976 C F	W engineer@independencesks.gov	12/22/2022 to 6/30/2023	Member

IPM-04
Revised August 20, 2015

MEMORANDUM OF INTERNAL POLICY
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Kansas Water Office (KWO) and the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) shall seek advice from the general public and from committees consisting of individuals with knowledge of and interest in water issues in the water planning areas as determined by the Office for the development of sections of the comprehensive state water plan (K.S.A.82a-903).

Fourteen Regional Planning Areas were established in December 2014 by the KWA in conjunction with the Long Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas. The existing 12 basins will be transitioning to the 14 regional planning areas in conjunction with the integration of the Vision and the *State Water Plan*. The existing 12 basin advisory committees will be transitioned to 14 Regional Advisory Committees at the August 2015 meeting of the KWA. This IPM lays out the means of making this transition, as well as the ongoing operations of the advisory committees.

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1. Advise the Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Water Authority in identification of water-related problems, issues and concerns within their region.
2. Advise the Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Water Authority in the formulation of revisions to the section of the *Kansas Water Plan* corresponding to their region.
3. Advise the Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Water Authority regarding *Kansas Water Plan* implementation priorities and actions.
4. Serve as a link to the public in the region through interaction with various groups and individuals and communicate information on concerns and issues to citizens in the region.
5. Serve as a link to water management entities in the region to facilitate discussion and input on issue development and implementation.
6. Advise the Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Water Authority on issues under consideration for inclusion in the *Kansas Water Plan*.

REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

To assure that the membership of each Regional Advisory Committee best reflects the interests of the water users in its respective region, the following membership procedures will be followed:

1. Each Committee shall consist of no less than nine and no more than thirteen members, subject to requirements for member representation outlined below, as established by the Kansas Water Authority.

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KANSAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

K.S.A. 75-4317 ET SEC.

- K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 75-4317(a) - Meetings shall be open to the public because “a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate. . . .”
- Law enacted for the “public benefit,” so construed broadly in favor of the public to give effect to its specific purpose of openness. *State ex rel. Murray v. Palmgren*, 231 Kan. 524, Syl. ¶ 4 (1982).
- KOMA interpreted liberally and exceptions applied narrowly to carry out purpose

THE ROLE OF MEMBER



- It is the responsibility of the membership to *support & maintain* effective meeting structure & decorum.
- Every member has the *right & responsibility* to participate in meetings & the process of parliamentary procedure
- The chair ensures all of this
- Members must *educate* themselves regarding the issues on the agenda

-You have an obligation to the citizens of the region you represent

- You represent a specific segment of the region's population (categories)

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Equus-Walnut Regional Goals and Action Plans Timeline

Priority Goal #1: Promote sustainable balance of groundwater withdrawals with annual recharge in the Equus Beds Aquifer. Ensure safe yield and recharge rate calculations in the Equus Beds Aquifer are accurate through a district wide, integrated groundwater and surface water model.

Action Step	Phase 1 (0-1 years)	Phase 2 (2-4 years)	Phase 3 (4+ years)	Responsibility	Additional Needs/Information	Update on Progress
I Maintain the Groundwater Management District #2 model developed by the Kansas Geological Survey 2020 (GMD 2 model).						
II Utilize GMD 2 model results to support refinement of aquifer recharge rates.						
III Encourage application of the revised recharge rates to support safe yield calculations within GMD 2 model boundaries.						
IV Support utilizing GMD 2 model results to identify areas of over-appropriation within the Equus-Walnut planning region.						
V Promote an integrated approach to the management of all water resources, by non-domestic users within the Equus-Walnut planning region, especially in over-appropriated areas.						
VI Continue to encourage communication and collaboration between all responsible agencies and organizations tasked to accomplish these actions.						

Priority Goal #2: Encourage the development and use of comprehensive water supply plans by major water users in the region. Plans should account for long-term supply and demand, vulnerabilities within a water supply system, and potential for improved water efficiency.

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I Continue to support The Kansas Water Office (KWO) Assessment and Evaluation's technical assistance grant for water conservation planning while promoting additional planning assistance						
II Coordinate with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) -Bureau of Water and Kansas Department of Agriculture - Division of Water Resources (DWR) on a database of all public water suppliers within the Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) that includes contact information and chief responsible staff person and chief governance person for each supplier.						
III The KWO will develop a survey document to ascertain the current state, practice, and plans of each public water supplier as to their long-term water supply plan, including their consideration of non-potable water and existing water supplies.						
IV If deemed appropriate, the results of this survey document will be made available to each public water supplier within the Equus-Walnut Planning Region.						
V The RAC will work with the KWO to prepare a report to the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) that conveys the results of the survey and identifies any further actions that may be necessary in pursuit of the goal.						
VI Promote a regulatory framework for the use of graywater.						
The Equus-Walnut RAC, through the KWO and others, will promote water resource conservation strategies within the region by speaking with major water users, sharing success stories and						