

Summary of RAC Input on FY 2023 SWPF DRAFT Budget Recommendations

INPUT FROM REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES	Existing/New	Agency	SWPF Program
Cimarron RAC			
Funds utilized for additional efforts towards conserving and extending the High Plains Aquifer, specifically by increasing funding expenditures within the Cimarron planning region.			
Increased resources to implement water conservation educational programs and efforts within the Cimarron planning region.	Increase	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
Additional funding towards KDA-DOC water conservation technology efforts.	Increase	KDA-DOC	Irrigation Technology
Promote collaboration with Cimarron RAC and other stakeholders on similar water resource issues impacting the region.			
Equus-Walnut RAC			
Equus Beds contamination remediation	Existing	KWO	Equus Beds Chloride Plume Project
Water Technology Farms	Existing	KWO	Water Technology Farms
Improved watershed practices	Existing	KDA	Water Resources Cost Share
Great Bend Prairie RAC			
Support for WTAP and CREP with increased funding	Increase	KDA	Water TAP/CREP
Support for local Conservation Districts and ensuring that they receive their full funding allocations	Increase	KDA	Aid to Conservation Districts
Water quality testing to address issues with chloride and nitrate concentrations	Existing	KDHE	Drinking Water Protection Program
	Existing	KDHE	TMDL Initiatives
Support GMD5 Groundwater Model update	Existing	KWO	Assessment & Evaluation
Continued support for research on alternative crops	Existing	KDA	Crop & Livestock Research
The Great Bend Prairie RAC requests feedback from the KWA Budget Committee addressing our budget recommendations.			
Kansas RAC			
Conservation BMPs in watersheds to reduce sedimentation and improve water quality (Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative, Milford RCPP, Streambank Stabilization)	Existing	KWO	Watershed Conservation Practice Imp (KRPI)
	Existing	KWO	Milford Lake Watershed RCPP
	Existing	KDA	Streambank Stabilization
Purchase of storage in Reservoirs (with the suggestion that an appeal be made to obtain a lump-sum payment for half or more of the cost, from the arrearage in the State Water Plan Fund now approaching \$80 million)	NEW	KWO	PWS Reservoir Storage Purchase
Continued funding of experimental Water Injection Dredging (WID)	Existing	KWO	Water Injection Dredging (WID)
Support of funding for Soil Health programs under KDA	NEW	KDA	Soil Health
Support of funding for Nonpoint Source programs under KDHE and KDA	Existing	KDHE	Nonpoint Source Program
	Existing	KDA	Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst.
Marais des Cygnes RAC			
Full restoration of the \$8 million from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) and State General Fund (SGF) transfers			
Aid to Conservation Districts (KDA) – full funding as directed by Kansas statute	Increase	KDA	Aid to Conservation Districts
Nonpoint Source Pollution (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst.
Nonpoint Source Program (KDHE)	Existing	KDHE	Nonpoint Source Program
Soil Health (KDA)	NEW	KDA	Soil Health
TMDL Initiatives (KDHE)	Existing	KDHE	TMDL Initiatives
Water Resources Cost Share (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Water Resources Cost Share
WRAPS Program (KDHE)	Existing	KDHE	Watershed Restoration/Protection (WRAPS)
Aquatic Nuisance Species (KDWP)	NEW	KDWP	Aquatic Nuisance Species Program
Missouri RAC			
Fully fund Conservation Districts to statutorily authorized level (DOC)	Increase	KDA	Aid to Conservation Districts
Allocate (\$20,000) of the Water Vision Education fund to directly assist the Missouri RAC and partners with educational events (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
TMDL Initiatives (Increase TMDL monitoring to every 3 years) within the Missouri Region (KDHE)	Increase	KDHE	TMDL Initiatives
BMP Implementation (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Watershed Conservation Practice Imp (KRPI)
Nonpoint Source Pollution (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst.
WRAPS Program (KDHE)	Existing	KDHE	Watershed Restoration/Protection (WRAPS)
Riparian and Wetland including streambank stabilization for the Missouri Region (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Riparian and Wetland Program
Water Injection Dredging (WID)	Existing	KWO	Water Injection Dredging (WID)
Stream Gaging (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Stream Gaging
Support for planning initiatives that will mitigate flooding issues as addressed through USACE funding of the Public Assistance to States (PAS) (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Assessment & Evaluation
	Existing	KWO	Flood Response Study
The Missouri RAC requests feedback from the KWA Budget Committee addressing our budget recommendations.			
Neosho RAC			
<i>Sediment/Nutrient Reduction</i>			
Sediment Management & Reduction Technologies (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Assessment & Evaluation
	Existing	KWO	Water Injection Dredging (WID)
Streambank Stabilization (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Streambank Stabilization
Nonpoint Source Pollution (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst.
BMP Implementation (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Watershed Conservation Practice Imp (KRPI)
WRAPS Program (KDHE)	Existing	KDHE	Watershed Restoration/Protection (WRAPS)
Riparian and Wetland (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Riparian and Wetland Program
Aquatic Nuisance Species (KDWP) - To be included for consideration as a State Water Plan Fund budget recipient rather than fee assessment through KDWP	NEW	KDWP	Aquatic Nuisance Species Program
Flood Mitigation (KWO)			

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Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO)	Existing	KWO	Assessment & Evaluation
Basin evaluation	Existing	KWO	Flood Response Study
<i>Education</i>			
Water Vision Education (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
PACE Demonstration Farms (KWO)	Expansion	KWO	Expansion of Water Technology Farms
Red Hills RAC			
Support for conservation practices through DOC	Existing	KDA	Water Resources Cost Share
	Existing	KDA	Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst.
	Existing	KDA	Aid to Conservation Districts
Streamgaging for improved understanding of the region's baseflow	Expansion	KWO	Expansion of Stream Gaging efforts
Continued support of the produced water pilot study	Existing	KWO	Assessment & Evaluation
<i>Funds to move the lake project forward (MPSL)</i>			
<i>Identifying a state program to assist with Red Cedar control</i>			
Smoky Hill-Saline RAC			
Full restoration of the \$8 million from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) and State General Fund (SGF) transfers			
Water Resources Cost Share (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Water Resources Cost Share
Streambank Stabilization (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Streambank Stabilization
Support for local Conservation Districts and ensuring that they receive their full funding allocations	Increase	KDA	Aid to Conservation Districts
Funding for Direct Potable Use research and to set up a small-scale pilot program through KDHE Technical Assistance, KWO Technical Assistance, or Water Quality Research.	NEW	KDHE	Consult agency to determine plan for potential project/funding
Increased support for programs that provide education and outreach to the public, and Kansas Runs on Water (KWO).	Increase	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
Recommend the KWA seeks legislative change to KSA 82a-2101 (clean drinking water fee)			
Solomon-Republican RAC			
Continued funding of Vision Education Strategy	Existing	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
Continued funding of the Milford Lake Watershed RCPP	Existing	KWO	Milford Lake Watershed RCPP
Continued funding of the Harmful Algae Bloom Pilot	Existing	KDHE	Harmful Algae Bloom Pilot
Continued funding of Non-Point Source Pollution programs	Existing	KDA	Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst.
	Existing	KDHE	Nonpoint Source Program
Continued funding of Water Resources Cost Share	Existing	KDA	Water Resources Cost Share
Increased funding for Streambank Stabilization and other measures to address additional sources of erosion and sediment, including roadways and ditches	Expansion	KDA	Streambank Stabilization
Support for research of funding for streamgage above the Almena Irrigation District diversion dam on Prairie Dog Creek on Road E7 Norton County, Kansas	Expansion	KWO	Stream Gaging
Continued funding for aid to conservation districts	Existing	KDA	Aid to Conservation Districts
Upper Arkansas RAC			
Supporting CREP funding as indicated by SWPF FY23 Budget Request and reallocation of acreage from counties that are close to their limit.	Existing	KDA	Water TAP/CREP
Continue supporting KDA-DOC funding increase as indicated by SWPF FY23 Budget Request to fully fund aid to conservation districts.	Increase	KDA	Aid to Conservation Districts
Fund the monitoring of the Colorado Multi-User Account Pilot Project in John Martin Reservoir Proposal by KDA within the interstate water issues.	Increase	KDA	Interstate Water Issues
Increased funding to KDHE to put towards water reclamation efforts specifically within the Upper Arkansas Region	NEW	KDHE	Consult agency to determine plan for potential project/funding
The Upper Arkansas RAC requests feedback from the KWA Budget Committee addressing our budget recommendations.			
Upper Republican RAC			
<i>Increased support for programs that provide education and outreach to the public</i>			
Kansas Runs on Water (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
Certified Irrigator Program (GMD4)	Expansion	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
<i>Regional efforts that help promote water conservation and water quality</i>			
Water Technology Farms (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Water Technology Farms
Water Conservation Areas (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Subbasin Water Resources Mgmt
Upper Smoky Hill RAC			
Increased support for programs that provide research, education, and outreach to the public, and Kansas Runs on Water (KWO), specifically targeted towards producers	Increase	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
Full restoration of the \$8 million allotment to the Kansas State Water Plan			
Subbasin Water Resources Management Programs (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Subbasin Water Resources Mgmt
Local Enhanced Management Areas (LEMA) (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Subbasin Water Resources Mgmt
Water Conservation Areas (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Subbasin Water Resources Mgmt
Water Technology Farms (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Water Technology Farms
Drinking Water Protection Program (KDHE)	Existing	KDHE	Drinking Water Protection Program
<i>Support for Regional Conservation Partnership Programs (NRCS) and other federal programs</i>			
Water Transition Assistance Program (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Water TAP/CREP
Support the development of a Certified Irrigator Program (GMD 4)	Expansion	KWO	Vision Education Strategy
Verdigris RAC			
Sediment Management through WID, BMPs and programs such as KRPI (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Watershed Conservation Practice Imp (KRPI)
	Existing	KWO	Water Injection Dredging (WID)

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Assessment and Evaluation to optimize reservoir operations using FIRO and structures that improve efficiencies during dry periods. (KWO) – an increase in level of funding is supported	Increase	KWO	Assessment & Evaluation
Stream Gaging (KWO)	Existing	KWO	Stream Gaging
Watershed dam construction (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Watershed Dam Construction
Aid to conservation districts (KDA)	Existing	KDA	Aid to Conservation Districts
Water Resources cost share – an increase in level of funding is supported	Increase	KDA	Water Resources Cost Share
Support funding of the Aquatic Nuisance Species program through the KDWP	NEW	KDWP	Aquatic Nuisance Species Program