

SWPF FY 2025 Regional Advisory Committee Budget Input

Region: Missouri

Recent Progress/Success

- Has there been progress of note on regional and/or statewide water resource issues which should be highlighted?
 - Sheridan County successes, LEMA.
 - Water Conservation programs (LEMA, IGUCAs).
 - Water quality testing in the Missouri Region by KGS (need for good data – statewide).
 - Education – website was good.
 - Equus Beds recharge, ASR program that Wichita is using.
 - Cleaning out of sediments in reservoirs, in particular the WID project at Tuttle Creek Reservoir.

State Water Plan Fund Priorities

- What type of activities would be most impactful under any/all of the 5 KWP Guiding Principles and/or noted actionable items?
 - Greatest challenge is the Ogallala Aquifer, increase conservation or recharge.
 - Engage with USACE to make sure their priorities are similar to Missouri RACs.
 - Sediment into reservoirs, impacts from farming practices and water quality in the region.
 - Reduce our vulnerability to extreme events, like the oil spill in Washington County also weather – flooding and drought. Planning needs to be more proactive instead of reactive.
 - Degradation of the Missouri River for utilities and public water supply, linked to river management and natural occurrences.
- What type of activities would be of highest priority under any/all of the 5 KWP Guiding Principles and/or noted actionable items?
 - Reduce our vulnerability to extreme events.
 - Primary water supply in surface and groundwater.
 - Good education, effective so that folks can grasp the concepts.
 - Education goes beyond coloring books, legislators and other influential folks.
 - Testing, better data on water quality and consumptive use.
 - Better cooperation with other states involved with the Missouri River system.
 - Ogallala Aquifer decline or stability.
 - Missouri River system contributions to economics (ag/industry) and how it affects water supply and population.

- What do you feel is an appropriate proportional level of funding to go towards each of the 5 Kansas Water Plan Guiding Principles?
 - **“Greater than”** for the Missouri River issues.
- Where do you feel current priority activities would best fit within the 5 KWP Guiding Principles and/or noted actionable items?
 - This question was skipped intentionally.
- Are there opportunities for “low hanging” issues or priorities to be addressed?
 - Sediment control into our Reservoirs or watershed dams/ground cover.
 - WID at Tuttle Creek.
 - New grant program through HB 2302, lots of communities that could use this additional funding. Unaccounted water accounts for a good amount of waste, both water and funding.
- Are there urgent emerging issues/priorities or unique opportunities to be addressed?
 - Control of USACE.
 - Vulnerability to extreme events.
 - Shortfall in maintenance for infrastructure – water/sewer/storm (**total water**). People shortage as well, folks to take care of these systems.
- Are there any activities you feel are missing at the current time which should be considered for future SWPF expenditures?
 - RAC on educational field trips with a SWAG bag!!!
 - Groundwater throughout the state – quality and quantity.
 - Need for good groundwater data followed by planning and implementation.
- Other RAC input/feedback to highlight for consideration by the KWA Budget Committee
 - Take care of staff.
 - Don’t let national guidelines rule the day, local guidelines should be the considered first.
 - Stop considering the aqua duct to southwest Kansas.
 - Education and Outreach, hearing from local folks about water issues they feel should be given a look.
 - More education on where our water comes from, not just from the tap.