

RED HILLS RAC MEETING

JULY 14, 2023- CITY HALL, MEDICINE LODGE



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- b. KWO/KWA updates

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State Water Plan Fund FY 2025 Priorities

Conserve and Extend the High Plains Aquifer

- Improve our understanding of the aquifer and all its characteristics
- Improve the efficiency of our use of High Plains water for all water users
- Reduce the amount of water that is pumped from the aquifer
- Use state resources to leverage local, federal and private funding

Secure, Protect, and Restore our Kansas Reservoirs

- Ensure that Kansas has full access to reservoir storage needed to meet projected demands
- Improve our understanding of sediment inflows and deposition of sediment in reservoir storage
- Reduce the amount of sediment that is entering reservoir storage
- Manage and/or remove sediment once it has entered the reservoir
- Use state resources to leverage local, federal and private funding

Improve the State's Water Quality

- Monitor surface and groundwater quality conditions for program management/decision making, define emerging issues and document successful improvements
- Establish and implement long term strategies to improve and restore water quality, including protecting source water, improving aquatic habitat, and recreational use, through appropriate treatment control of point and nonpoint sources
- Clean up soil, groundwater, and surface waters contaminated by past industrial and commercial activities
- Use state resources to leverage local, federal and private funding

Reduce our Vulnerability to Extreme Events

- Improve our understanding of the timing, frequency, and impact of extreme events
- Reduce flood damage through mitigation and control
- Reduce economic damage and water supply vulnerability due to drought
- Use state resources to leverage local, federal and private funding

Increase Awareness of Kansas Water Resources

- Improve coordination and access of information available to stakeholders and the public
- Establish an integrated knowledge base for water quantity, quality and use data for education, science & engineering, and decision making
- Provide general and targeted land and water conservation information and education
- Use state resources to leverage local, federal and private funding

ATTACHMENT 2

SWPF FY 2025 Regional Advisory Committee Budget Input

Recent Progress/Success

- Has there been progress of note on regional and/or statewide water resource issues which should be highlighted?

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?
- What type of activities would be of highest priority under any/all of the 5 KWP Guiding Principles and/or noted actionable items?
- What do you feel is an appropriate proportional level of funding to go towards each of the 5 Kansas Water Plan Guiding Principles?
- Where do you feel current priority activities would best fit within the 5 KWP Guiding Principles and/or noted actionable items?
- Are there opportunities for “low hanging” issues or priorities to be addressed?
- Are there urgent emerging issues/priorities or unique opportunities to be addressed?
- Are there any activities you feel are missing at the current time which should be considered for future SWPF expenditures?

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