

# KANSAS WATER OFFICE

Report to the House Committee on Water

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# Kansas Water Office

## Agency Mission:

*Provide Kansans with the framework, policy and tools, developed in concert with agency partners and stakeholders, to manage, secure and protect a reliable, safe, long term statewide water supply.*

## Agency Purpose:

- Development of comprehensive State Water Plan
- Coordinate the water resource operations of agencies at all levels of government
- Ensure adequate quantities of good quality water to meet future needs
- Efficiently operate state owned storage in federal reservoirs



# Agency Overview

\*Kansas Water Office

## WATER PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

Kansas Water Authority

Water Planning

State Water Plan Development  
& Implementation

Drought Monitoring

Drought Response Team  
Water Conservation Planning

## PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Public Water Supply Programs

Reservoir Operations  
Water Marketing Program  
Water Assurance Program  
Access District Program

*\*KWO Director Appointed by Governor*



# Sen. Sub. for HB 2302

## Reservoir Storage Debt

\$52,000,000

- Milford and Perry Reservoirs debt payoff.
- State treasurer (or PMIB) shall invest in US Treasury bills.
- Interest rate shift = pay the debts; or
- KWO certifies need to call water into service + SFC = pay the debts.

# Sen. Sub. for HB 2302

State General Fund	\$35,000,000
State Water Plan Fund	\$18,000,000
Technical Assistance Fund	\$5,000,000
Water Projects Grant Fund	\$12,000,000





# Kansas Water Plan

## Guiding Principles and Priorities

- Conserving and Extending the High Plains Aquifer
- Securing, Protecting and Restoring our Kansas Reservoirs
- Improving our State's Water Quality
- Reducing our Vulnerability to Extreme Events
- Increasing Awareness of Kansas Water Resources

# State Water Plan Fund (SWPF) Revenues

Municipal Water Fees	3 cents/1,000 gallons
Clean Drinking Water Fees	3 cents/1,000 gallons
Industrial Water Fees	3 cents/1,000 gallons
Stockwater Use	3 cents/1,000 gallons
Pesticide Fees	\$100/Registration
Fertilizer Fees	\$1.40/ton
Pollution Fines/Penalties	Est. \$150,000
Sand Royalties	\$0.15/ton

<b>EDIF</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>SGF</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>
<b>SGF new</b>	<b>\$18,000,000</b>

# Current State Water Plan Fund Expenditure Development Process

## LOCAL AND AGENCY INPUT PROCESS

- RAC Priorities Identified & Compiled by KWO
- Agency Budget Recommendations to KWA

## KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY PROCESS

- KWA Budget Committee Recommendations to Full KWA
- Full KWA Action on Budget Recommendations

## STATE BUDGET PROCESS/GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECS

- Agency Budget Submittals to Division of Budget accounting for KWA SWPF Budget Recommendations
- Governor's Budget Recommendations Presented

## LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- Agency Budget Hearings in Committee
- Committee Deliberation/Action
- Final Legislative Action – Appropriations Bill



# Water Technical Assistance Fund

- \$5,000,000
- Administered by the KWO.
- Grants for planning, engineering, managing, other technical assistance for plans for water infrastructure projects or making grant and loan applications for such projects.
- Max amount per grant = \$1,000,000
- Municipalities or special districts related to water
- Priority for municipalities fewer than 2000 (full grants)
- Special districts do not get priority (full grants)



# Water Projects Grant Fund

- \$12,000,000
- Administered by the KWO
- Municipalities or special districts related to water
- Purposes:
  - Constr., repair, maint. or replacement of water-related infrastructure;
  - Matching money for grants or loans for water-related infrastructure projects
  - Outstanding loan balance (PWS loan fund or KS pollution control revolving fund)
  - Max amount per grant = \$8,000,000





# Questions?

## Thank You!

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