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DATE: APRIL 24, 2009
TO: Lower Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee Members and Agency Advisors
FROM: Deb Baker *Deb*
SUBJECT: MAY 8, 2009 Conference Call

A conference call of the Lower Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee (BAC) will be held on **Friday, May 8, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.** Call in instructions are on the attached agenda. Please call Ashlei Glenn at 785-296-3185 if you encounter problems calling in.

Enclosed are materials for the May 8th conference call:

- Agenda
- Press Release
- BAC applications and map (Please review in advance and be prepared to discuss)

If you cannot attend, or have any questions or issues regarding the conference call, please contact me by telephone or e-mail at (785) 296-0612 or debra.baker@kwo.ks.gov.

**Lower Arkansas
Basin Advisory Committee**

Conference Call
8:30 a.m.
Friday May 8, 2009

Call Instructions

Dial 1-877-278-8686

Enter PIN: 373434

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of February Meeting Notes**
- 3. Consideration of Basin Advisory Committee applications and vote on category recommendations to Kansas Water Authority**
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. Other Business**
 - a. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority
 - b. Kansas Water Authority Meeting: June 11 and 12, 2009, El Dorado
 - c. Next BAC Meetings: See Calendar



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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 24, 2009

Lower Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee Teleconference

8:30 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2009

Kansas Water Office

901 S. Kansas Ave

Topeka, Kansas

Lower Ark Basin Advisory Committee to select nominees

The Lower Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee (BAC) will meet by conference call at 8:30 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2009, to review applications and select nominees for the 2009-2013 terms of basin advisory committee members. The application deadline closed April 10, 2009 for openings in six membership categories: Recreation, At-Large Public, Non-Municipal Public Water Supplier, Industry/Commerce, Conservation/Environment and Agriculture.

The Kansas Water office will host the call in its Conference Room at 901 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. We encourage attendance here at our office. If you cannot attend but wish to, please contact Ashlei Glenn at 785-296-3185 for the conference call information to participate in the Lower Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee meeting.

The Lower Ark BAC is one of 12 such river basin committees in the state. The committees provide insight and advice on local and state water issues to the Kansas Water Authority. They also serve as a sounding board and forum for public meetings and hearings on water resource issues.

The names of nominees selected by the committee will be submitted to the Kansas Water Authority for ratification at its June 11-12, 2009 meeting in El Dorado, Kansas. The 24-member Kansas Water Authority works in concert with the Kansas Water Office to propose state water resource policy for consideration by the Governor and Kansas Legislature.

For further information or to apply on-line for future membership on the Lower Ark Basin Advisory Committee, refer to the Kansas Water Office web site www.kwo.org or call toll free (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283).

Note to media: The Kansas Water Office coordinates the Kansas water planning process in concert with the Kansas Water Authority. The Authority's 24 members include representatives from diverse water use interest groups and leaders of the state's natural resource agencies.

Advice on policy development comes from Basin Advisory Committees in each of the state's 12 river basins and other local stakeholders. The Authority, in turn, advises the Governor and Legislature on water issues to be considered for policy enactment. Water planning in Kansas is an open process.

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The Kansas Water Office is the water planning, policy, and coordination agency for the State of Kansas. It prepares a state plan of water resources development, management and conservation, reviews all water laws, and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for new or amendatory legislation. The Office administers the *Kansas Water Plan Storage Act*, the *Kansas Weather Modification Act*, and the *Water Assurance Act*. It also reviews the plans of any state or local agency for the management of the water and related land resources of the state.