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Work continues to assure future water supply from reservoirs

The Kansas Water Authority's on-going strategic plan to insure an adequate future water supply from the state's federal, state and municipal reservoirs will advance as a result of a request from the 2009 Kansas House of Representatives' Vision 2020 Committee. The Committee, after hearing a presentation by the Kansas Water Office on reservoir sustainability and sedimentation, requested a report on needed actions. The report is due January 2010.

The first phase of the plan, known as the Reservoir Road Map, will be presented at the Kansas Water Authority's June 11-12, 2009 meeting at the Train Depot, 430 North Main St., in El Dorado, Kansas. Emphasis on this, the first of three phases, will be on the current statewide conditions and needs. Included will be supply and demand projections and impacts on water quality, recreation, flood protection, and irrigation. The second phase will be on statutory and budget needs; the third, a basin approach to reservoir sustainability. The presentation is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2009.

"It's hoped that our work with the Committee will help implement the state's efforts to insure a dependable, quality water supply as the state's population and economy grow," says Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office.

The Authority will narrow its water resources focus to the Walnut River basin on Friday. Presentations on the basin's water resources and the effects of a growing regional population and economy will be made by Herb Llewellyn and Angela Buzard. Llewellyn is the City Manager for the City of El Dorado. Buzard is the Executive Officer for Water Resources for the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) made up of city and county governments of nine counties in south central Kansas.

The balance of the Authority's two-day meeting will be filled with decision making on components of the state's Water Marketing and Water Assurance Programs administered by the Kansas Water Office; contracts supporting reservoir protection and proposals from several of the state's river basin advisory committees. Authority members also will receive a briefing on the State Water Plan's 2010 budget and begin to lay plans for the 2011 budget.

The 24-member Kansas Water Authority and the Kansas Water Office work in concert to advise the Governor and the Kansas Legislature on water resource policy. Authority members include representatives of both the state's diverse water resource interests and the state's water resource agencies.

Complete meeting information, including a site map, agenda and other materials will be posted on the Kansas Water Office web page at www.kwo.org. Interested parties without web access may call the Kansas Water Office at (785) 296-3185 or toll free at (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283) to request meeting materials.

Anyone needing special accommodations at the meeting site should contact the Kansas Water Office at least two days before the meeting.

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