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Solomon Basin Advisory Committee  
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2009  
Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Division of Water Resources Field Office  
Stockton, KS

The Solomon Basin Advisory Committee (BAC) will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Division of Water Resources Field Office in Stockton, Kansas.

Tom Stiles, Chief of the Watershed Planning Section of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will talk to the committee on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) within the Solomon River basin. The TMDL discussion will highlight work identifying the pollutants in the river basin and avenues to address them. BAC members will be asked for their recommendation on the priority of the TMDLs in the basin.

While most of the Solomon River basin communities depend on groundwater for their water supplies, the state's reservoirs and multipurpose small lakes play a vital role in water supply elsewhere in Kansas. As a complement to the Kansas Water Authority's Reservoir Sustainability Initiative, a Reservoir Roadmap is being developed at the request of the Kansas House of Representatives Vision 2020 Committee. Included in the Roadmap are several proposed statutory changes that will help sustain the reservoirs and insure adequate future water supply. The content of the proposed statutory changes and budgetary needs are included in Volume II of the Reservoir Roadmap available on the Kansas Water Office webpage at <http://www.kwo.org/ReservoirRoadmap.htm>.

The Solomon Basin Advisory Committee, along with other BACs in the state, will co-sponsor the Climate and Water forums to be held December 9, 2009 in Wichita and December 10, 2009 in Hays. The meetings are designed to increase awareness of the possible effects of a changing climate on water resources and the state's economy. Co-sponsors are the Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment (KCARE). The public is encouraged to participate.

For additional information about the September 29, 2009 meeting or an electronic registration form for the Climate and Water Forum, please go to the Kansas Water Office web site [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org).

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