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Lower Arkansas & Walnut
Joint Basin Advisory Committees
9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 8, 2009
Hughes Metropolitan Complex
5015 East 29th Street, Room 185, Door J
Wichita, KS

The Kansas Water Authority, the State's water resource advisors to the Governor and Kansas Legislature, announces that the south-central basin advisory committees will be holding a meeting Thursday, October 8, 2009. The meeting will focus on an important basin priority issue in the region: Regional Planning for Urbanization. The public is invited; topics will be of special interest to water suppliers and developers.

The meeting will be at 9 a.m., Thursday, October 8, 2009 in Wichita, Kansas for the Lower Arkansas and Walnut Basin Advisory Committees. This south-central Kansas meeting will be held at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex on the Wichita State University campus in Wichita. Water supply and environmental issues are common to these advisory committees.

A project to develop a natural resource inventory for the nine county Regional Economic Area Partnership will be discussed. Also on the agenda is discussion of water supply challenges for the region. Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, will discuss the Reservoir Roadmap, a part of the Reservoir Sustainability Initiative. Some statutory changes to existing authorities are proposed and public input is desired.

For an agenda, please refer to the Kansas Water Office web page www.kwo.org or call (785) 296-3185 or (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.