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Kansas Water Authority
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700 Southwest Harrison, Topeka, Kansas
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Kansas Water Authority addresses future water supplies from reservoirs

A plan to assure the long-term viability of federal reservoirs, multipurpose small lakes and municipal impoundments as a source of water will be considered for final adoption by the Kansas Water Authority at its meeting January 27-28, 2010 at the Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 Southwest Harrison, Topeka. The multi-faceted plan calls for a concerted effort to reduce sedimentation that is steadily robbing the reservoirs of storage capacity. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27 and at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010.

The long-term strategy, known as the Reservoir Sustainability Initiative is complemented by the Reservoir Road Map which details a plan of action to secure, protect, and restore capacity of the reservoirs. The Road Map will be presented during the 2010 legislative session to the Kansas Legislature's Vision 2020 Committee.

Authority members also will be presented an overview of the state's water resource projects underwritten by the State Water Plan Fund at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 27. The State Water Plan Fund, about \$21 million annually, is made up of transfers from the State General Fund, the lottery, and various water use fees. Projects are conducted throughout the state's 12 river basins.

Each of the state's river basins has a basin advisory committee that serves as one way to identify water resource issues within a basin. The latest priority issues proposed for the Lower Republican section of the Kansas-Lower Republican River basin calls for improved storage, management, and use of the water. The Authority will decide whether to include the proposed basin priority issue in the *Kansas Water Plan*.

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 citizens who represent the state's diverse water resource interests and representatives of the state's water resource agencies who serve as ex officio members.

Complete meeting information, including details of the Kansas Reservoir Roadmap and the proposed Kansas-Lower Republican basin priority issue 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).

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