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Kansas Water Authority
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iSi Environmental Services
215 South Laura, Wichita, Kansas

Budgets, water rates and carbon capture on Kansas Water Authority agenda

The Kansas Water Authority will meet Thursday and Friday, May 13-14, 2010 at iSi Environmental Services, 215 South Laura in Wichita Kansas. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Thursday and at 8:30 a.m. on Friday. Authority members will address Kansas water agency operations and hear a presentation on carbon capture.

Carbon capture is a new approach to reduce fossil fuel emissions. The process captures carbon dioxide from large industrial point sources and injects it into deep salt-laden aquifers. Dr. Lynn Watney, Senior Scientist at the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS), and Rex Buchanan, Interim Director of KGS, will describe the recently initiated \$5 million three-year study to inject carbon dioxide into the deep saline Arbuckle aquifer system that underlies a 20-county area in south central Kansas. An industry partner, Berexco LLC of Wichita, will help evaluate the potential of both carbon dioxide sequestration and carbon dioxide-enhanced oil recovery from the Wellington oil field in Sumner County.

Authority members will receive updates on a study underway to help extend the water supply capacity of Perry Reservoir, state and federal legislation, and the 2011 and 2012 State Water Plan budgets. The Authority will also consider the proposed 2011 water marketing rate for water sold through the State of Kansas' Water Marketing Program administered by the Kansas Water Office. In addition, the Authority will discuss contracts for streamgaging and weather modification in addition to a number of other agenda items.

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 will be posted on the Kansas Water Office web page at www.kwo.org. If you do not have web access, please call the Kansas Water Office at (785) 296-3185 or toll free at (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283).

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