

WATER ISSUE STRATEGY TEAMS

(Interagency Planning Teams)

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Purpose

Water-related agencies in Kansas use an inter-disciplinary approach to address water issues. First, the issues are identified through the State Water Planning process. Then, strategic management plans are developed by Water Issue Strategy Teams (WIST), primarily composed of representatives from the agencies represented on the Governor's Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet.

issues of the day. The Kansas Water Office and the other agencies work together to develop these strategic plans. Agencies bring both scientific knowledge and financial resources to bear. Other state agencies or federal agencies with specific expertise or duties related to an issue may also participate in this process.

Process

These overarching plans are called Water Issues Strategic Plans (WISP) and represent the state's management approach to water

The Kansas Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet prioritizes the plans and fiscal resources from the State Water Plan Fund. Once developed, the plans are reviewed by the Kansas Water Authority. Budgets are then prepared and submitted to implement projects and programs outlined in the strategic plans.

