

STATE WATER PLAN FUND

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Summary

The State Water Plan Fund was created by the 1989 Legislature to provide a permanent, dedicated and stable source of funding for water-related programs and projects identified in the *Kansas Water Plan*.

A number of water-related agencies receive funding from the State Water Plan Fund. Requests for funding from the State Water Plan Fund are made by agencies through the budget process. These requests are reviewed by the Kansas Water Authority, which recommends funding levels to the Governor and the Legislature. The State Water Plan Funding process is coordinated by the Kansas Water Office. Actual allocations of funds are made by the Legislature on an annual basis.

The statutory authorization for the State Water Plan Fund is K.S.A. 82a-951, which states in part, "...Such moneys shall be used only for the establishment and implementation of water-related projects or programs, and related technical assistance, and shall not be used for: (1) Replacing full time equivalent positions of any state agency; or (2) recreational projects which do not meet one or more of the long-range goals, objectives and considerations set forth in the state water resource planning act."

Funding Sources

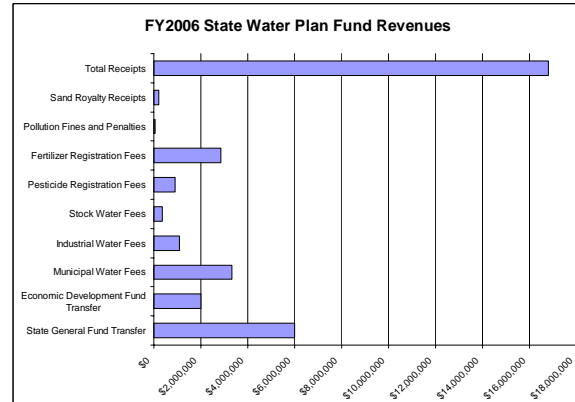
The State Water Plan Fund is anticipated to generate funds from three primary sources: First, fees on municipal, industrial and stock water use (K.S.A. 82a-954 et.seq); on the sale of fertilizers (K.S.A. 2-1205) and registration of pesticides (K.S.A. 2-2204); on evaporation from sand and gravel operations (K.S.A. 70a-105) and pollution fines (K.S.A. 82a-952) generate approximately \$9.5 million. Second, K.S.A. 82a-953a provides for the transfer of \$6 million transfer from the State General Fund. Third, a \$2 million transfer from the Economic Development Initiative Fund (Kansas Lottery) in accordance with K.S.A. 79-4804. Recent additional sources have included federal Clean Drinking Water Fee Fund and a portion of the payments from the Arkansas River Compact lawsuit against Colorado.

State Water Plan Fee Revenues are:

Municipal Water Use: 3 cents/1,000 gallons
Industrial Water Use: 3 cents/1,000 gallons
Stockwater Use: 3 cents/ 1,000 gallons
Pesticide: \$100 per pesticide registered
Fertilizer: \$1.40 per ton inspected
Sand Royalties: 3.75 cents/ton
Pollution Fines/Penalties depend on the incident

Funding Distribution

The State Water Plan Fund is allocated based on the priorities of the State Water Plan, in accordance with K.S.A. 82a-951. These monies are appropriated for the State Water Planning Process and to address priority water issues identified through the planning process.



Expenditures

Allocations are distributed to various state agencies for program activities in four primary categories:

- 1) High Plains Aquifer Management;
- 2) Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS);
- 3) Regional Public Water Supply; and
- 4) Capital Development

Specific projects vary year by year but the State Water Plan Fund is expended on projects to reach goals and objectives of the State Water Plan and to maintain the planning process.

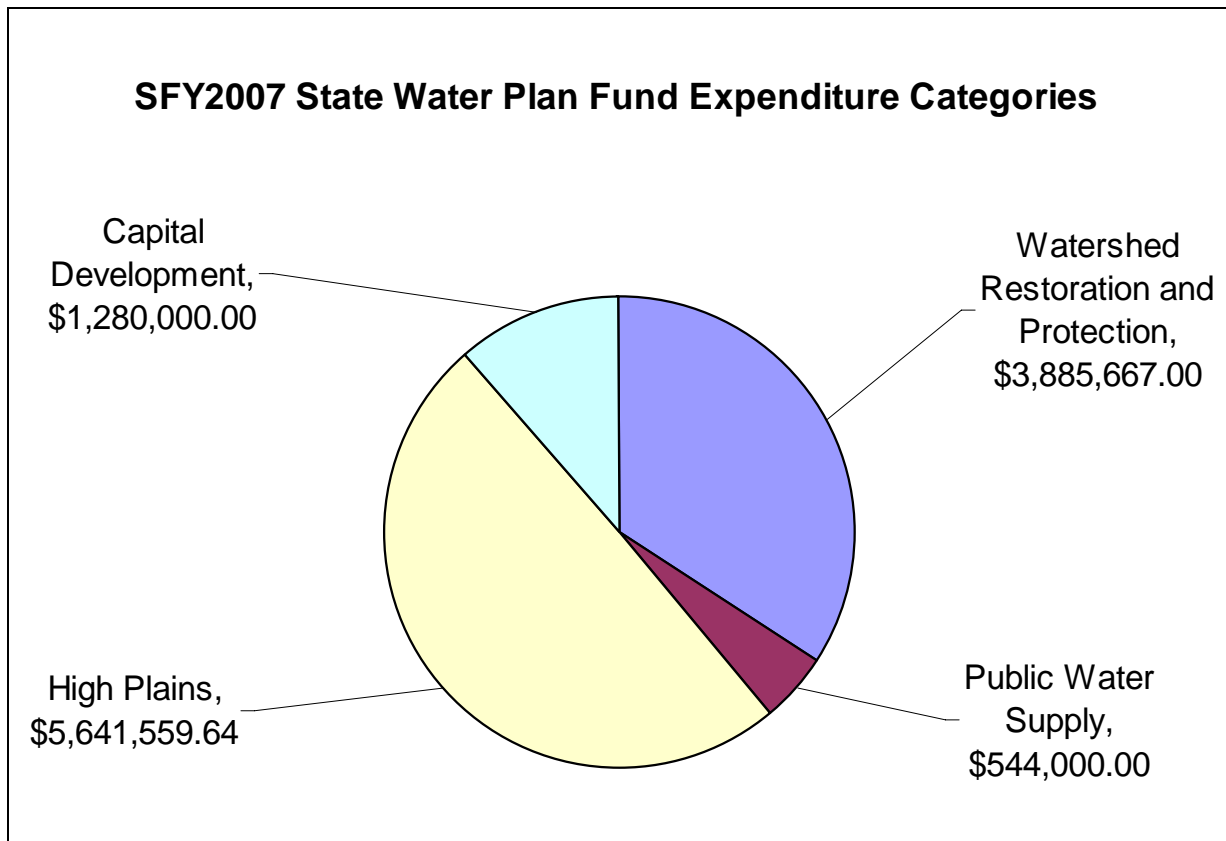
Budgets direct funds to various state agencies for program activities, and specific projects, often to be completed through contracts with local, state, or federal agencies or to complete needed data collection, studies or construction by subcontractors. The state agencies include the Kansas Geological Survey, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Department of Agriculture-Division of Water Resources, State Conservation Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Kansas Water Office.

The annual allocations are a result of the Kansas Water Authority recommendations, the

Governor's budget recommendations and the Legislative budget process.

Additional Information

Further information on this subject or on any other *Kansas Water Plan* related programs can be obtained from: Kansas Water Office, 901 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1249, phone (785-296-3185), toll free (888-KAN-WATER) or check our WEB site at www.kwo.org.



Note: Watershed Restoration and Protection funding includes allocations to all agencies for watershed and water quality related activities.