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Governor Appoints Missouri River Advisory Committee

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback has established the Missouri River Advisory Committee to assist his administration in the review and assessment of the recent flooding along the river to avoid a similar flood event in the future.

The Governor said multiple efforts are underway for repair and recovery for people affected by the devastating Missouri River flooding that occurred this year.

“While the Missouri River Basin Governors continue to meet and provide input to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it also is important to have a Kansas advisory group to assist my administration with the review of this event,” Governor Brownback said. “Many of these stakeholders either have a demonstrated interest and involvement in Missouri River issues or were severely affected by the devastation this flood caused.”

The Governor said key Kansas stakeholders affected by the Missouri River flooding are among those who will serve on the advisory committee. The members are:

- Mike Armstrong, General Manager, Johnson County Water District No. 1
- Lori Chew, Emergency Manager, Atchison County
- Trey Cocking, City Manager, City of Atchison
- Joel Euler, Levee Attorney
- Don Gray, General Manager, KC, KS Board of Public Utilities
- Dennis Hays, County Administrator, Wyandotte County Unified Government
- John Kaufman, General Manager, Leavenworth Water
- David Knetter, Land owner, Wolcott Drainage
- Chuck Magaha, Emergency Manager, Leavenworth County
- Mike McDonald, Director – Public Works, City of Leavenworth
- Scott/Adam Navinsky, Farmer, Atchison County
- Ron Schneider, Farmer, Doniphan County
- Clay Adams, District 1 Engineer, KDOT
- Angee Morgan, Deputy Director, KS Division of Emergency Management
- Chuck Phillips, Lansing Correctional Facility
- Chris Wilson, Assistant Secretary, KS Department of Agriculture

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- Steve Adams, Natural Resource Coordinator, KS Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
- Tracy Streeter, Director, KS Water Office
- Earl Lewis, Assistant Director, KS Water Office
- Margaret Fast, Planning Manager, KS Water Office

In addition to the Governor, the Committee also will advise Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, who was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Corps' Missouri River Task Force.

The Corps recently held two weeks of public meetings to get input on the Draft Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for the next year.

"There was a strong sentiment at the public meetings I attended to increase the Missouri River reservoirs' flood capacity during this time while our infrastructure remains vulnerable," Streeter said. "The committee's first item of business is input on the Kansas Guidance letter the Governor will send to the Corps on the AOP."

The AOP letter from the Governor can be found on the Kansas Water Office website, www.kwo.org.

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