

Priority Goal #4: Increase public water supply water use efficiency for suppliers within the region. Method of attaining goal can include the promotion of development of new or updated water conservation program plans for public water supplies within the Smoky Hill – Saline Planning Region. Implementation of conservation measures which lead to all public water supplies in the Smoky Hill – Saline Planning Region operating in the bottom 1/3rd of Gallons per Capita Per Day (GPCD) when compared to other public water supplies within respective Regions used for GPCD comparison. Timeframe of implementation: Complete by 2040. The results of the efforts will be obtaining the same or increased outputs within participating municipalities while utilizing the same or less amounts of water.

Action Steps

- ❖ All public water supplies follow the 2007 Kansas Municipal Water Guidelines and have a recently updated conservation plan.
- ❖ Public water supplies evaluate the feasibility of water conservation rates.
- ❖ Public water supplies develop and promote rebate programs geared towards water conservation efforts.
- ❖ Develop a “tool box” of educational information PWSs could utilize to pass information along to customers.
- ❖ Work through the framework of existing statewide education efforts to:
 - ◇ Develop region-wide outreach campaign promoting water conservation efforts.
- ❖ Report GPCD values on an annual basis at RAC meetings
- ❖ Develop an independent technical task force to help large water users within public water supply systems to improve water use efficiency.
- ❖ Hold annual public water supply “field days” to share current water conservation efforts.
 - ◇ Make sure media is involved with promotion of these events.

Responsible and Other Assisting Agencies/Organizations:

- ❖ Public water suppliers within Region, Kansas Water Office, Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources, Kansas Rural Water Association, Kansas Municipal Utilities

Resources Needed:

- ❖ Technical and financial resources for region-wide outreach campaign and independent technical task force.

Timeframe of Completion:

- ❖ Complete by 2040

Geographic Scope:

- ❖ Entire Smoky Hill-Saline Planning Region

Regulation/Policy Changes:

- ❖ None noted.