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Governor's Water Conference to Focus on Vision Implementation

Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas implemented action items will be presented

The Governor's Water Conference will be held Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center in Manhattan, Kan., and the registration deadline is Monday, November 2.

The conference topics include:

- Developing additional sources of supply for rural communities
- *A Long Term Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas* –Implementation
- Helping the general population understand water, have an emotional connection to its value as well as the value of conservation
- Addressing social change to help increase the *Water Vision* effectiveness, achieve bottom line results and become more measurably vital
- Reflections on Water and Education

Day one speakers include Dr. Stacy Nelson, with the "Influencer –The New Science of Leading Change", Tristan Surtees and Charles Blanc, with Watershed+Project Implementation & Development, Dominic Jones Manager of Red Rock Rural Water System in Minnesota, Governor Sam Brownback and The Water Vision Team. Day two will build on the Vision implementation and water policy discussions from the previous day with technical presentation posters and talks. Graduate and undergraduate students will present their research. Rex Buchanan, Kansas Geological Survey Interim Director will present *Reflections on Water and Education*

To view the agenda for a complete list of speakers and panelists for both days visit: www.kwo.org

This event is open to credentialed members of the media. Please RSVP to the Kansas Water Office by phone (785) 296-3185 or email Katie Patterson-Ingels, Communications Director at katie.ingels@kwo.ks.gov.

Who: Governor Brownback, Kansas Water Office, Kansas Water Resources Institute/K-State, 600 attendees

What: Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas

Where: Manhattan Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center, 410 S. 3rd Street, Manhattan, KS.

When: Wednesday, Nov., 18 and Thursday, Nov., 19, 2015

Time: Governor Brownback will speak during opening remarks on November 18.

The Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is co-sponsored by the Kansas Water Office (KWO) and K-State /Kansas Water Resources Institute. Sponsors for the event come from multiple diverse water interests. Major sponsors for the event include Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock.

If accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please notify the KWO, (785) 296-3185, at least five working days prior to the conference.

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