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Governor's Water Conference to Focus on Implementation of the *Kansas Water Vision* *Conference Agenda Has Been Posted and Registration is Open*

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.

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 in help increase the *Water Vision* effectiveness, achieve bottom line results and become more measurably vital

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

Day one speakers include Dominic Jones, Minnesota Red Rock Rural Water System Manager, Dr. Stacy Nelson with VitalSmarts-Crucial Conversations, Crucial Accountability, Influencer, Change Anything, Tristan Surtees and Charles Blanc with Sans façon in Calgary Canada: WATERSHED+ Project Implementation & Development

Day two will build on the water policy and vision implementation discussions from the previous day with technical presentation posters and talks. Graduate and undergraduate students will present their research. Rex Buchanan, Interim Director of the Kansas Geological Survey will be the plenary speaker following lunch.

"We encourage anyone to attend who has an interest in our state's water resources. Legislators, water managers, state, federal, city and county administrators as well as scientists, organizations and producers are all welcome," said Tracy Streeter Kansas Water Office Director. "With the implementation of the *Long Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas* and record breaking drought the last few years, there is no better time to focus attention to Kansas' water needs and the role water plays in growing our state's economy."

Registration is available online at www.kwo.org. **The deadline is November 2, less than one month away!** Conference details, brochure, speakers, sponsors and hotel information can be found online as well.

The Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is hosted by the KWO and K-State /Kansas Water Resource 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 meeting.

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As the state's water office, KWO conducts water planning, policy coordination and water marketing as well as facilitates public input throughout the state.

The agency prepares the KANSAS WATER PLAN, a plan for water resources development, management and conservation. KWO also reviews all water laws and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for needed legislation.