

Regional Advisory Committee

Roles & Expectations



Kansas Water Authority

- Consult with and be advisory to the governor, the legislature and the director of the Kansas water office.
- Review plans for the development, management and use water resources of the state by any state or local agency
- Approve any amendments to the state water plan or the state water planning act; and
- KWA shall seek advice from the general public and from committees consisting of individuals with knowledge of and interest in water issues in the water planning areas as determined by the Office for the development of sections of the comprehensive state water plan



Expectation for Members

- Meeting four times per year
- Each Regional Advisory Committee shall have a chair appointed by the KWA chairperson.
- Chair (or designee) is invited to attend Kansas Water Authority Meetings, with travel expenses paid
- Each member is asked to represent and convey their water user interests while considering overall regional and Vision implementation

Purpose of Advisory Committees

- Advise Kansas Water Office (KWO) and the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) in identification of water-related problems, issues and concerns within their region.
- Advise the KWO and the KWA in the formulation of revisions to the section of the *Kansas Water Plan* corresponding to their region.
- Advise the KWO and the KWA regarding *Kansas Water Plan* implementation priorities and actions.
- Serve as a link to the public in the region through interaction with various groups and individuals and communicate information on concerns and issues to citizens in the region.
- Serve as a link to water management entities in the region to facilitate discussion and input on issue development and implementation.
- Advise the KWO and the KWA on issues under consideration for inclusion in the *Kansas Water Plan*. (IPM-04, Revised August 20, 2015)

Role of RAC's

- Eyes & Ears for the KWA and KWO within the Region
- Ambassadors and solicitors of public input
 - Messenger of Vision and RAC actions to ensure future water supply needs are met in region
- Advise, guide, and sometimes lead through action on implementation of goals

KWA and RAC Coordination

- KWA standing Committee on RAC Operations
- Two members of RACs shall be selected to serve as advisors to the KWA Committee.
- KWA Committee on RAC Operations will review any feedback that are forwarded to the KWA from the RACs

Implementation

- Prioritization of goals
- The KWA will encourage the RAC members to help implement the following Vision statement for each region:
 - *Kansans act on a shared commitment to have the water resources necessary to support the state's social, economic and natural resource needs for current and future generations.*
- Plan for action on each goal

Coordination with Kansas Water Plan

- In the coming months the Vision will be coordinated with other aspects of the Kansas Water Plan (KWP).
- The KWP is used by the state of Kansas to coordinate the management, conservation and development of the water resources of the state. It contains recommendations on how the state can best achieve the proper use and control of water resources.
- KWP implementation may be through legislation, funding, or focus on existing agency(ies)' programs.

Suggested Timeline

- December 17, 2015 – KWA Meeting
 - Share at the Dec. 17 KWA meeting the #1 priority the RAC will start to work on and how that plan of action will begin.
- Spring, 2016
 - Present the plan of action for implementation of the goal
- Fall 2016
 - Plan of action for all goals that need one

Ways to Stay in Contact

- KWO Planner assigned to each RAC
-  “Like” us on [Facebook](#) 
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- [KWO Website](#)
 - All meeting materials, RAC info, and KWA info posted regularly

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Questions?

