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DATE: February 21, 2017
TO: Equus-Walnut RAC and Agency Advisors
FROM: Matt Unruh, Kansas Water Office
RE: February 27, 2017 Meeting

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The next meeting for the Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is scheduled for **1:00 pm Monday, February 27, 2017, at the Harvey County Health Department, 2nd Floor Community Room, 215 South Pine Street, Newton, KS.**

The main items of discussion at the meeting will focus on action plan implementation for the Equus-Walnut Regional Goals associated with the Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas.

Enclosed please find:

- Agenda
- Press Release
- September 2016 Draft Meeting Notes

Please let me know if you cannot attend, or have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting please contact, me at matt.unruh@kwo.ks.gov; or toll-free at (888) KAN-WATE(R).

Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee
1:00 p.m., February 27, 2017
Harvey County Health Department
2nd Floor Community Room
215 South Pine Street, Newton, KS

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of September 2016 Meeting Notes**
- 4. KWA Update**
- 5. Regional Activities**
 - a. Regional Goal Action Plan Implementation Discussion
 - i. Action Plan Development Process
 - ii. Transition to Implementation
 - iii. Moving Forward
 - b. GMD2 Sustainability Assessment – Kansas Geological Survey
- 6. Other Business**
 - a. Agency reports not previously discussed and public comments
 - b. RAC Membership
 - c. Questions and Future Issues from Members
 - d. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority
 - e. Future Meetings:
 - i. Kansas Water Authority: May 17-18, 2017; Garden City
 - ii. Equus-Walnut RAC: TBD
- 7. Adjourn**

Note: underlined items are action items for RAC

Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m., September 20, 2016
Harvey County Health Department
2nd Floor Community Room
215 South Pine Street, Newton, Kansas

Members Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Steve Hieger (Chair)	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Roger Black	Arkansas, City, KS	Watershed Protection	2019	Yes
Kurt Bookout	El Dorado, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2017	No
Dan Haines	Leon, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	No
Bob Seiler	Valley Center, KS	Groundwater Management	2019	No
Don Koci	Hutchinson, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2017	No
Jesse McCurry	Colwich, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Brian Meier	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2017	No
Denise Noonan Middleton	Burden, KS	Agriculture 2	2019	Yes
Joseph Pajor	Wichita, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Lewjene Schneider	Maize, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Russell Tomevi	Winfield, KS	Integrated Planning	2019	Yes
Byron Warta	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Sandy Koontz	Butler Co. Conservation District/El Dorado WRAPS
David Bollenback	KCC
David Barfield	KDA - DWR
Rich Basore	KDHE
Tim Boese	GMD 2
Dana Ladner	Kansas Dept. of Agriculture
Ron Graber	KSU
Lisa French	Cheney Lake Watershed
Gina Bell	Harvey County
Mandy Stone	USGS
Bruce Wells	NRCS
Matt Unruh	KWO

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Hieger welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
- 3. Approval of July 2016 Meeting Notes:** Denise Noonan Middleton made the motion to approve the July 2016 meeting notes with Byron Warta providing a 2nd. The motion carried as presented unanimously.

4. Regional Activities and Other Updates

- a. September KWA Meeting:** Steve Hieger provided an update on the September 1 KWA. At this meeting Equus-Walnut Regional Goal Action Plans 1, 5, 6 and 7 were presented to the KWA for their review and approval.
- b. Equus-Walnut RAC Message to the KWA & Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force:** Matt Unruh provided an update to the RAC on the message which was passed along to the KWA & Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force regarding proposed revenue and project expenditures related to discussions taking place with the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force.

Joe Pajor discussed ongoing efforts spearheaded by the City of Wichita in relation to Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force discussions. The City of Wichita will be contracting with the Environmental Finance Center (EFC), housed within the Wichita State University's Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, to evaluate water resource funding demands and proposed revenue scenarios discussed by the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force. This study will evaluate where funding is being generated from within the proposed revenue scenarios by geographic location as well as water user group, and compare that information to geographic location and water user groups for known water resource funding demands. K-State's Urban Watershed Institute in Olathe will conduct an independent review of the EFC's findings.

- c. Regional Goal Action Plan Development Discussion:** Equus-Walnut Regional Action Plans for Goals 2,3 and 4 were not presented to the KWA at the September meeting. Additional work took place at this RAC meeting to finalize the drafts for these Regional Goal Action Plans so that they could be presented to the KWA at the October 2016 meeting. Draft language for these actions plans were again reviewed by the RAC members in attendance and final edits were discussed and took place at the meeting. After these final edits took place, Denise made the motion to approve the draft action plans for Equus-Walnut Regional Goals 3&4, seconded by Russ Tomevi. The motion carried as presented with no dissenting votes.

Later, the action plan for Regional Goal Action Plan 2 was discussed and edited. Following these edits, Joe Pajor made the motion to approve the draft action plan for Equus-Walnut Regional Goals 2, seconded by Roger Black. The motion carried as presented with no dissenting votes.

The Equus-Walnut Regional Goal Action Plans as approved by the KWA are available for download on the KWO webpage at <http://www.kwo.org/The-Vision.html>

- d. Education and Public Outreach Working Group:** Dana Ladner, Kansas Department of Agriculture, provided an update on efforts which had been taking place with the Vision Education and Public Outreach Working Group. Dana's presentation and the Vision Education and Public Outreach Supplement are available on the KWO webpage at <http://www.kwo.org/Vision/Education/October%206%202016%20Draft%20%20Presentation.pdf> and

<http://www.kwo.org/Vision/Education/Education%20and%20Public%20Outreach%20Supplement%2011-7-16.pdf>

5. Other Business

- a. Agency reports on items not previously discussed & public comments:
KDHE – Rich Basore discussed blue-green algae (BGA) in the region, specifically at Lake Afton as well as a contamination plume near Maple & Maize in west Wichita.
KDA-DWR – David Barfield discussed hearings for the Burrton and McPherson Intensive Groundwater Use Control Areas (IGUCA) as well as Rattlesnake Creek Impairment and Hays Transfer.
- b. Questions and Future Issues from Members: Discussion on development of a RAC to-do list for action plan implementation at a future RAC meeting.
- c. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: None provided

6. **Adjourn:** Byron Warta made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Pajor. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

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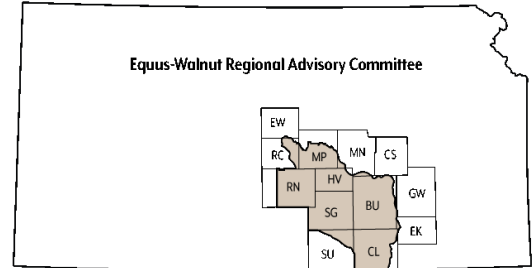
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Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting in Newton *February 27, 1 p.m. at the Harvey County Health Department*

The Kansas Water Office's (KWO) Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting to discuss current water issues affecting the basin as well as the state.

The meeting will be held Monday, February 27 at 1 p.m., in the Harvey County Health Department, 2nd Floor Community Room, 215 South Pine Street in Newton, Kansas. The main focus of the meeting will be discussion of Regional Action Plan implementation for the approved Equus-Walnut Regional Water Supply Goals associated with the *Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas*.

The agenda and meeting materials will be available at www.kwo.org or you may request copies by calling (785) 296-3185 or toll-free at (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283).

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