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DATE: December 5, 2016
TO: Marais des Cygnes RAC Members
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RE: December 14, 2016 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held at **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at Water District 7 Office, 534 W. Main, Gardner, Kansas 66030.**

The main item of discussion will be RAC operations and plan updates. A review of the Governor's 50 Year Vision will be also be given.

Enclosed are materials for the December 14, 2016 meeting:

- Agenda
- October Meeting Notes
- Press Release

If you cannot attend, or have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact me by telephone at (785) 296-3185 or by e-mail at bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov.

**Marais des Cygnes
Regional Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
December 14, 2016
Water District 7 Office
534 W. Main
Gardner, Kansas 66030
10:00am**

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review of October Meeting Notes (5 min)
3. Regional Advisory Committee
 - a. Past
 - i. Goal Drafting Process
 - b. Present
 - i. Update of items requested
 - c. Future
 - i. RAC Plans
 - ii. Membership
 - iii. Spring Meeting
4. Vision Video: Discussion
5. Vision Update
6. Drought Tournament and Model: Keri Harris and Ron Brown
7. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
8. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
9. Future Meetings
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: December 15, 2016: iSi Environmental, 215 S. Laura Street, Wichita, KS
 - b. Kansas Water Authority (and legislative visits): January 24-25, 2017: Topeka, KS
 - c. MdC RAC: TBD after January KWA Meeting



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Monday, October 3, 2016

Water District 7 Office

534 W. Main

Gardner, Kansas 66030

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Vacant		Agriculture	2017	
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	No
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
George Pretz	Miami County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	Yes
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Bruce Well	NRCS
Gayla Speers	JCCD
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Nathan Law	MdC PUA
Jerry Bennett	MiCo RWD2
Michael Mabrey	City of Edgerton (HAWC)
Herschel George	KSU
Dana Ladner	KDA
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00a.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions.
- Review of July Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the July meeting were discussed. Scott Yeargain (Conservation/Environment) noted a change in the Draft Plan. It will be corrected.

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; George Pretz, Manhattan, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS

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3. Priority Goals

a. Review of Proposed Draft Action Plan for Education Goals: Dana Ladner (KDA) presented to the RAC on the Draft Action Plan for the Vision's Education Goals.

1. The RAC discussed the draft plan.
2. The following comments and questions were provided:

How will the curriculum be vetted? Having a sound science standard is important.

Who is the ultimate authority?

The professional development portion will assist with ensuring material presented is sound science.

Do not duplicate efforts.

We need to utilize our partners.

Will there be a coordinator to coordinate all activities and website?

State legislators, need a lot of education on water. KACD has a legislation day and we would like extra help that day.

Top Priority Action Items: 'Develop a media plan, etc. for conservation...' This should include water quality.

The MdC Goal was read. All the items in that goal are covered with the Education Goal Implementation Plan.

4. Questions and Future Issues from Members: None at this time.

5. Agency and Public Input:

Katie Tietzort (KDA): reports that there are 2 regulation changes. One is in reference to sealing meters and pumps due to compliance issues. On Thursday October 27th a Public Meeting concerning well spacing in GMD 1 will be held.

KDA settled their first Native American water claim issue with the Kickapoo.

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): reported on the well plugged at Rantoul.

Herschel George (KSU): reported that the Hillsdale WRAPS is back up and running. They already have applications in front of them.

6. Future Meetings:

a. Vision Education Meeting & Outreach Coordination Team Meeting: October 6, 2016: Kansas Farm Bureau Building, 2627 KFB Plaza, Manhattan, KS

b. Kansas Water Authority: October 19, 2016: Milford Lake Conference Center, 3710 Farnum Creek Road, Milford, KS

c. Vision Education Meeting & Outreach Coordination Team Meeting: November 6, 2016: Kansas Farm Bureau Building, 2627 KFB Plaza, Manhattan, KS

d. Governor's Water Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 14-15, 2016: Manhattan, KS

e. MdC RAC: TBD at a later date

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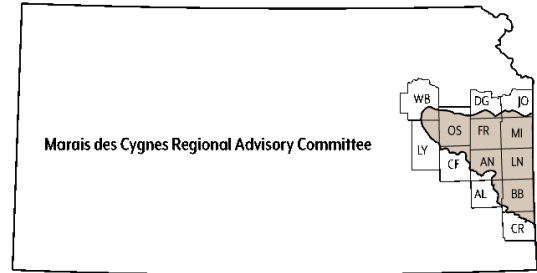
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Marais des Cygnes RAC to Meet in Gardner *December 14 at Johnson Co. Water District 7*

The Kansas Water Office's Marais des Cygnes 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 Wednesday, December 14, 10 a.m., at Johnson County Water District 7, 534 W. Main in Gardner, Kansas. The main discussion will be the operations and future roles of the committee.

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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