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DATE: July 12, 2016
TO: Smoky Hill-Saline RAC and Agency Advisors
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RE: July 19, 2016 Meeting

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The Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is scheduled to meet at **10:00 am Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at the Hays City Commission Chambers, 1507 Main in Hays, KS.**

The main items of discussion at the meeting will cover Regional Action Plan development within the Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Planning Area for the Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas.

Enclosed please find:

- Agenda
- Press Release
- March 2016 Draft Meeting Notes
- Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Planning Area Goals

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).

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m., July 19, 2016
Hays City Commission Chambers
1507 Main, Hays, KS

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of March 2016 Meeting Notes**
- 4. Regional Activities and Other Updates**
 - a. May KWA Update
 - b. Blue Ribbon Funding Taskforce Update
 - c. Regional Goal Action Plan Development Discussion
 - i. Discussion on Goal #1
 1. Kanopolis Pool Rise and V-Notch
 2. KWO Reservoir Roadmap
 3. Other Information & Discussion
- 5. 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: August 31-September 1, 2016; Emporia, KS
 - ii. Smoky Hill-Saline RAC: TBD
- 6. Adjourn**

Note: underlined items are action items for RAC

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Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting in Hays
July 19, 2016 at the Hays City Commission Chambers

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

The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 19 at 10 a.m. in the Hays City Commission Chambers, 1507 Main, Hays, Kansas. The main focus of the meeting will be continued regional action plan discussion and development within the Smoky Hill-Saline Region for the Vision of Future 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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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.

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 am, March 22, 2016
Hays City Commission Chambers
1507 Main, Hays, KS

Member Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Martha Tasker (Chair)	Salina, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Greg Barrett	Marquette, KS	Agriculture 2	2017	No
Sandra Beisner	Ellis, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	No
Toby Dougherty	Hays, KS	Large Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
Paul Froelich	Enterprise, KS	At Large Public 2	2017	No
Chris Meyer	Sylvan Grove, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
John Peckham	Salina, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	No
Allen Roth	Hays, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Vacant		At Large Public (cc)	2017	
Timothy Scheck	Russell, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2017	Yes
Alan Scheuerman	Ellis, KS	Small Public Water Supply	2019	No
Brad Shogren	Lindsborg, KS	Irrigation	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Dan Meyerhoff	NRCS
Kelly Stewart	KDA-DWR
Jennifer Nichols	KDHE
Ann D'Alfonso	KDHE
Matt Unruh	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Martha Tasker welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
- Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda:** Allen Roth made the motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Chris Meyer. There was discussion among RAC members in attendance to discuss committee membership during the latter part of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of February 2016 Meeting Notes:** Toby Dougherty made the motion to approve the February 2016 meeting notes, seconded by Allen Roth. The motion carried as presented.

4. Regional Activities and Other Updates

a. Regional Goal Action Plan Development Discussion:

Committee members present discussed and reviewed the Vision – Regional Goal Action Plan for Goal #3. Goal #3 reads as follows:

Reduce sediment and total suspended solids (TSS) concentrations within the lakes and streams within the Smoky Hill – Saline Planning Region. Method of attaining goal can include the continued support of best management practice (BMP) implementation for practices which reduce sediment runoff. Focus BMP implementation within priority areas identified in Big Creek Middle Smoky Hill River Watersheds 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan. Timeframe of implementation: Complete by 2040 - Final year of 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan is 2034. Result of efforts: 26% reduction of TSS concentrations on the Smoky Hill River at Ellsworth as noted within the 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan. Remove sediment-impaired waters from the KDHE TMDL list.

RAC members present determined that the draft action plan was approvable as written and ready to present to the KWA. There was also discussion that another chance for more RAC members to review the plan prior to presenting to the KWA in May would be beneficial.

5. Other Business

a. Agency reports not previously discussed and Public Comments:

- KDA-DWR: Kelly Stewart provided a legislative session update and accompanying handout. This included an update on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Multi-Year Flex Accounts (MYFAs), penalties for failure to submit water use reports, changes to the process a water right holder pursues to claim impairment, the water right filing fee for transfers of water that would otherwise leave the state, public notice and education of state water right proceedings regarding the classification of the Chief Engineer coordinating state-wide rules and regulations with local groundwater management, and authorizing the board of county commissioners of any county to regulate conservation easements on property located within the county.
- KDHE
 1. Jennifer Nichols mentioned the attention EPA is placing on blue-green algae (BGA) and noted that BGA blooms aren't a prevalent issue within the Smoky Hill-Saline planning region at the current time.
 2. Ann D'Alfonso reported that the WRAPS projects were recently notified of their allocations and those allocations would be finalized over the next several weeks.

b. Questions and Future Issues from Members: There was discussion regarding the lack of attendance of several members of the RAC as well as the recent resignation of Hank Royer from the RAC. It was discussed that if this lack of attendance for several individuals continued at future meetings then their continued membership should be formally discussed at a future meeting. The replacement process for the At Large Public position was also discussion.

c. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: No formal messages were made to the Kansas Water Authority by the Smoky Hill-Saline RAC.

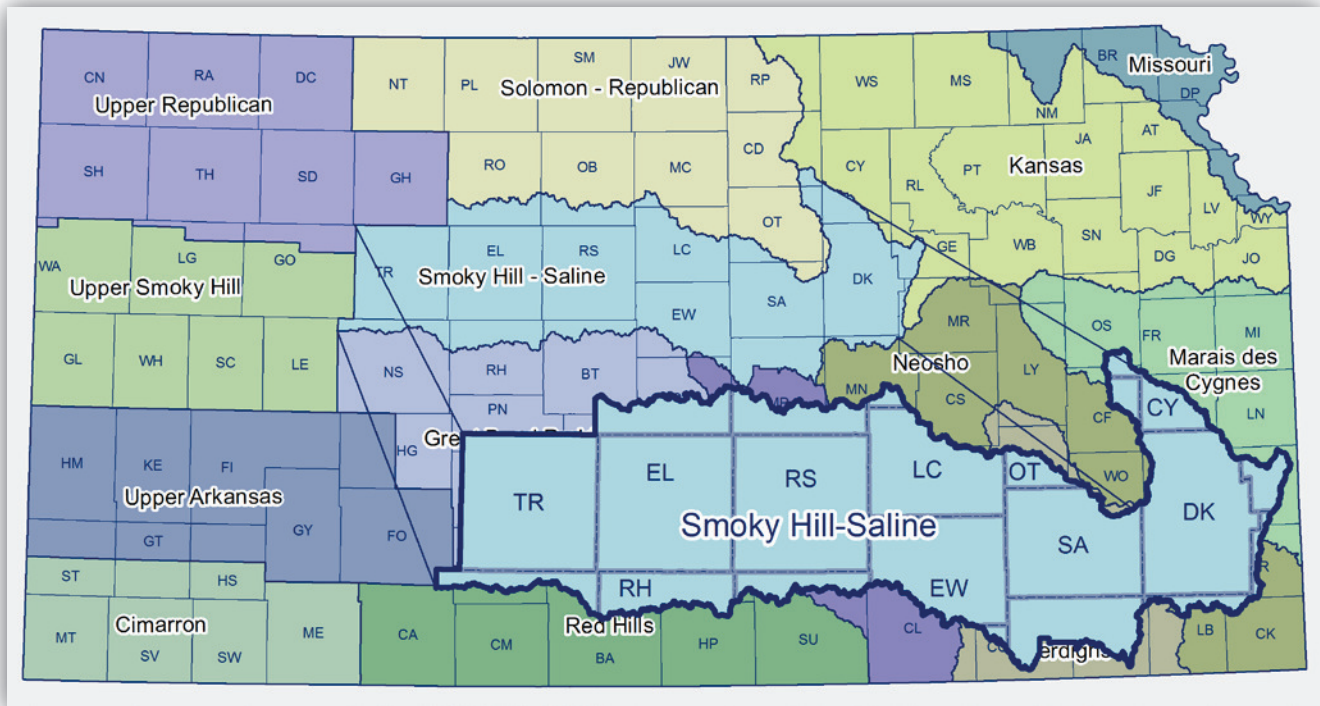
d. Future Meetings:

- Kansas Water Authority: May 18-19, 2016; Oakley, KS

- Smoky Hill-Saline RAC: late April/early May for Regional Goal Worksession
6. Meeting Adjourned: Allen Roth moved to adjourn the meeting, Tim Scheck provided the second. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.

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Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Planning Area



1. **Increase available water supply, water supply storage, and interconnectivity among public water supplies within the Smoky Hill – Saline Planning Region. Methods of attaining goal can include: temporary or permanent conservation pool rise at Cedar Bluff Reservoir; utilize Wilson Reservoir as a water supply source for the region; permanent conservation pool rise at Kanopolis Reservoir; evaluate Kanopolis Reservoir to determine the feasibility of dredging and initiate project if deemed viable; construction of new water supply reservoirs within region; and phreatophyte control within riparian areas. Timeframe of implementation: Complete by 2060. Result of efforts: Ensure water supply available from reservoir storage exceeds demand by at least 10% through the year 2060.**
2. Develop a statewide conservation education program/model which is applicable to all public water supplies which quantifies water conservation efforts on customer usage. Develop a youth-based water conservation education program which is tied to school curriculum. Provide producers with tools and resources needed to make informed management decisions which improve water use efficiency. Educate all Planning Region stakeholders on the benefits of water conservation, thus working towards sustainable use of the region's water surface and groundwater resources.
3. Reduce sediment and total suspended solids (TSS) concentrations within the lakes and streams within the Smoky Hill – Saline Planning Region. Method of attaining goal can include the continued support of best management practice (BMP) implementation for practices which reduce sediment runoff. Focus BMP implementation within priority areas identified in Big Creek Middle Smoky Hill River Watersheds 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan. Timeframe of implementation: Complete by 2040 - Final year of 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan is 2034. Result of efforts: 26% reduction of TSS concentrations on the Smoky Hill River at Ellsworth as noted within the 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan. Remove sediment-impaired waters from the KDHE TMDL list.
4. Increase public water supply water use efficiency for suppliers within the region. Method of attaining goal can include the promotion of development of new or updated water conservation program plans for public water supplies within the Smoky Hill – Saline Planning Region. Implementation of conservation measures which lead to all public water supplies in the Smoky Hill – Saline Planning Region operating in the bottom 1/3rd of Gallons per Capita Per Day (GPCD) when compared to other public water supplies within respective Regions used for GPCD comparison. Timeframe of implementation: Complete by 2040. The results of the efforts will be obtaining the same or increased outputs within participating municipalities while utilizing the same or less amounts of water.