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DATE: February 21, 2017
TO: Smoky Hill-Saline RAC and Agency Advisors
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RE: February 28, 2017

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The Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is scheduled to meet at **10:00 am Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at the Salina Public Library – Prescott Room, 301 West Elm in Salina, KS.**

The main items of discussion at the meeting will cover Regional Action Plan implementation 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
- October 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).

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m., February 28, 2017
Salina Public Library – Prescott Room
301 West Elm, Salina, KS

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of October 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. Hays Transfer
- 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. Smoky Hill-Saline RAC: TBD
- 7. Adjourn**

Note: underlined items are action items for RAC

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 am, October 4, 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	No
John Peckham	Salina, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	No
Allen Roth	Hays, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Bevin Law	Longford, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Timothy Scheck	Russell, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2017	No
Alan Scheuerman	Ellis, KS	Small Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
Brad Shogren	Lindsborg, KS	Irrigation	2017	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Sue Boldra	Kansas House of Representatives
Ralph Ostmeyer	Kansas Senate
Bruce Wells	NRCS
Kelly Stewart	KDA-DWR
Rachel Marlett	KDHE
Dana Ladner	KDA
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 Toby Dougherty. Motion carried.
- Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of July 2016 Meeting Notes:** Allen Roth made the motion to approve the July 2016 meeting notes with the mention of the May Vision Action Plan Work Session in Salina, seconded by Toby Dougherty. Motion carried.

4. Regional Activities and Other Updates

- a. KWA Meeting: Matt Unruh (KWO) provided an update on the proceedings of the September KWA meeting which took place in Emporia. At this meeting a number of Regional Goal Action Plans were presented to the KWA for approval. None of the Smoky Hill-Saline Action Plans were presented at this meeting, but all will be presented at the October KWA meeting at Milford Lake.
- b. Vision Education and Public Outreach Working Group Update: Dana Ladner (KDA) 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>
- c. Regional Goal Action Plan Development Discussion: Matt Unruh facilitated discussion on Action Plan development for the Smoky Hill-Saline RAC. The focus of the conversation centered around Regional Goals #1, 2 and 4. RAC members in attendance reviewed each of these 3 action plans and worked to finalize them before approving them for presentation to the KWA. Due to the low RAC turnout at the meeting, it was discussed that it would probably be best to email out the completed actions plans to everyone on the RAC to give members one last chance to provide comments. Allen Scheuerman made the motion to approve and submit to the KWA the Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Goal Action Plans for Goals 1, 2 and 4, seconded by Allen Roth. Motion carried and action plans will be emailed out to RAC members for concurrence.

5. Other Business

- a. Agency reports not previously discussed and Public Comments:
 - NRCS: Bruce Wells noted that the State Conservationist approved some of the recommendations that came from RACs at the recent Kansas Technical Committee meeting. He also discussed Emergency Watershed Protection Program work taking place in Dickinson Co. from the recent tornado as well as in Ellis Co. from flooding on the Saline River.
 - b. Questions and Future Issues from Members: None noted
 - c. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: No formal messages were made to the Kansas Water Authority by the Smoky Hill-Saline RAC.
6. Meeting Adjourned: Martha Tasker moved to adjourn the meeting, Allen Roth provided the second. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:57 am.

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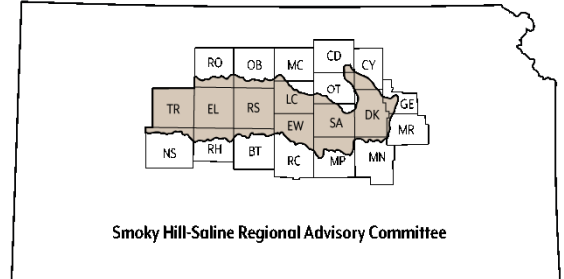
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Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting in Salina
February 28, 10 a.m. at the Salina Public Library

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, February 28 at 10 a.m., in the Salina Public Library Prescott Meeting Room, 301 West Elm in Salina, Kansas. The main focus of the meeting will be discussion of Regional Action Plan implementation for the approved Smoky-Hill Saline 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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