

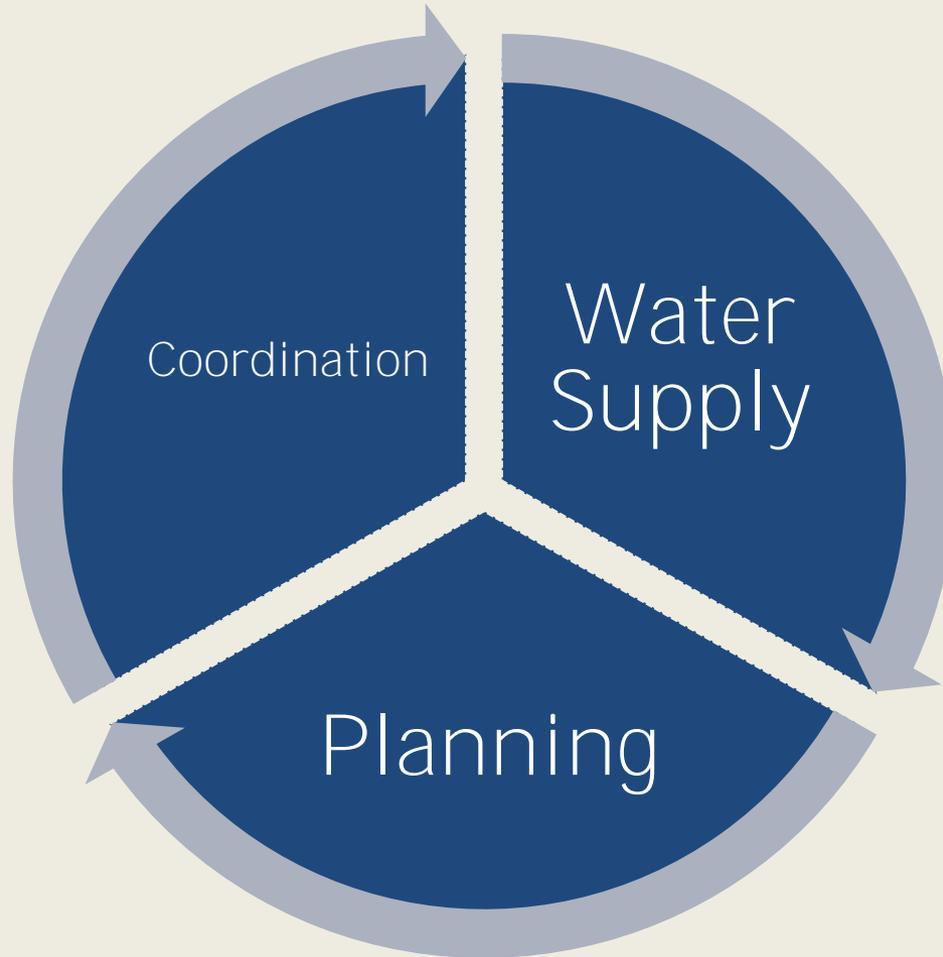


Water Planning in Kansas

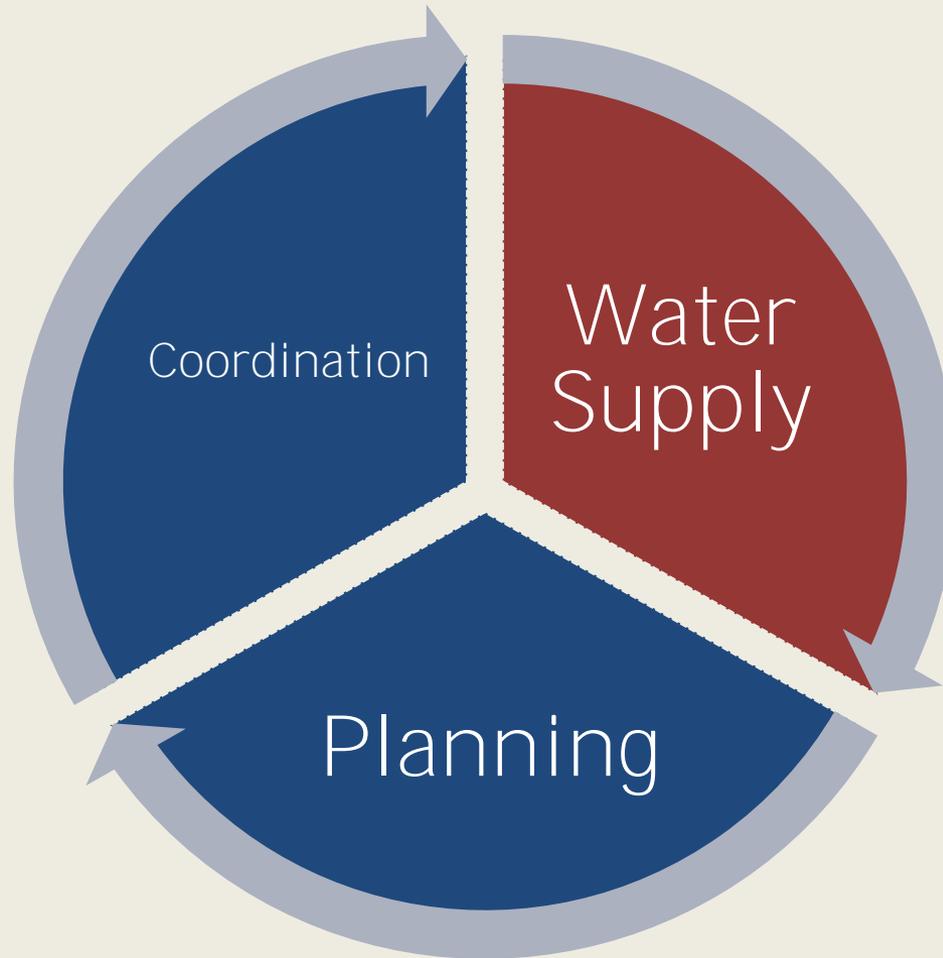


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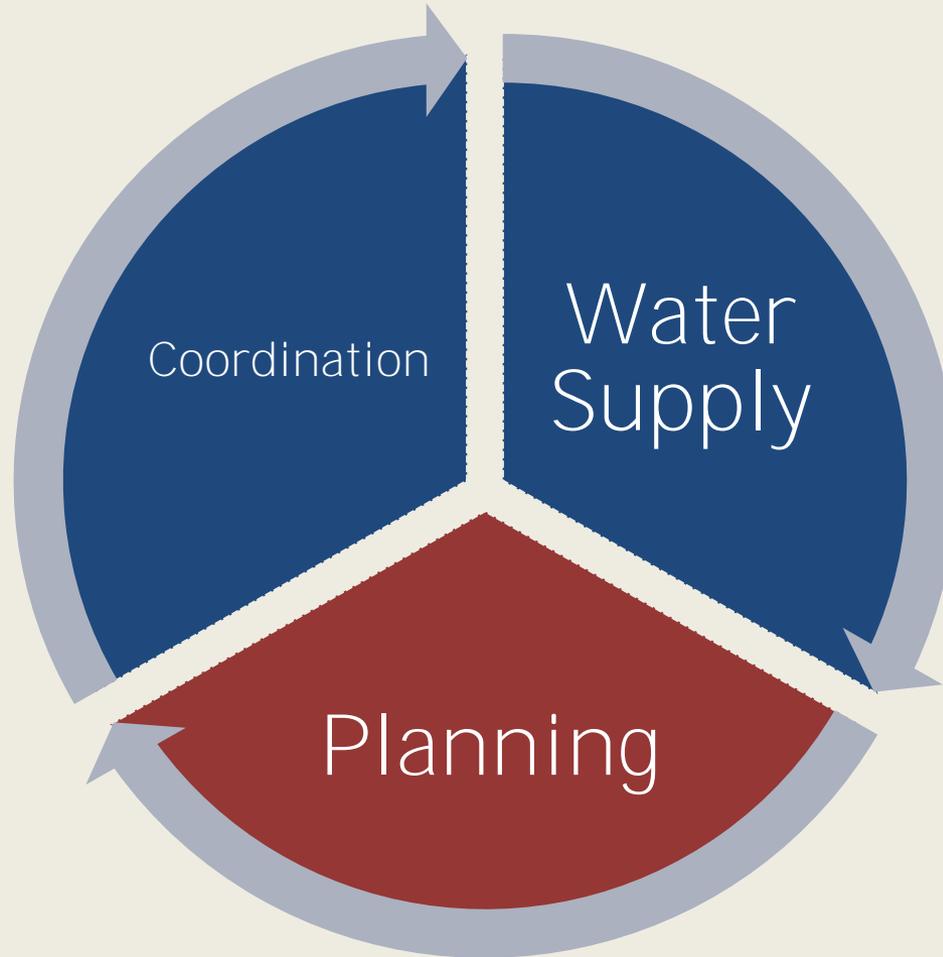


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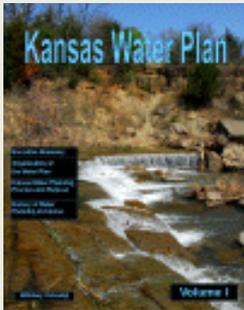


- State owned storage in Corps of Engineers lakes
- Kansas Water Office operates two programs from state owned storage
- Wichita and El Dorado own storage
- Serve 2/3 of the Kansas population with water supply

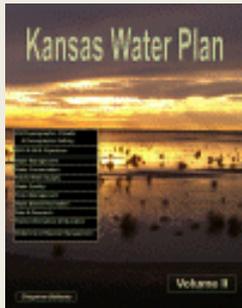
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Kansas Water Plan



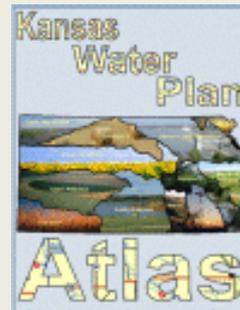
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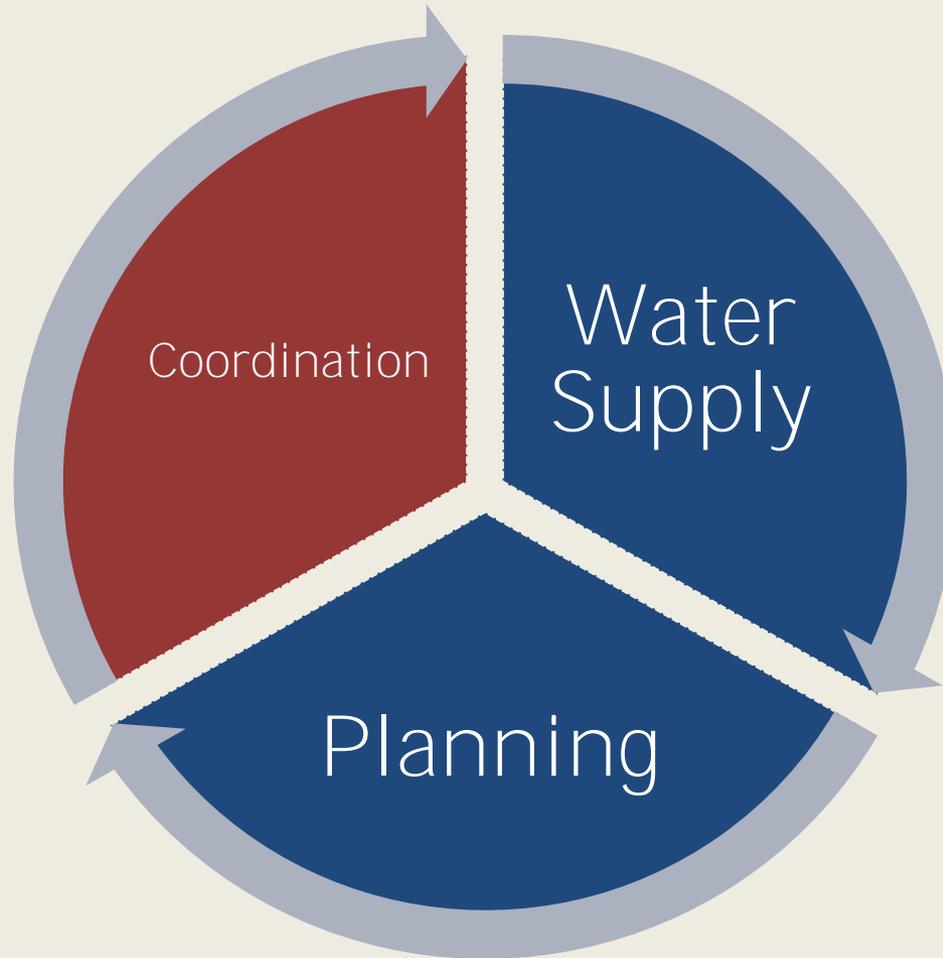
Volume III: Basin Plans



Atlas

http://www.kwo.org/Kansas_Water_Plan/Kansas_Water_Plan.htm

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Other State Agencies With Water Resource Responsibilities



- Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources
- Department of Agriculture – Division of Conservation
- Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
- Kansas Geological Survey
- Kansas Biological Survey
- KSU – Research and Extension
- Kansas Water Office

Kansas Water Authority



- 25 members
- 13 Appointed Voting Members & Ex-Officio members representing natural resource agencies
- Make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature

<http://www.kwo.org/KWA/Kansas%20Water%20Authority.htm>

Basin Advisory Committees (BACs)



- Organized by 12 major river basins
- 9 or 11 member committee of volunteers
- Provide vital input into local water issues
- Advise the KWA on basin issues

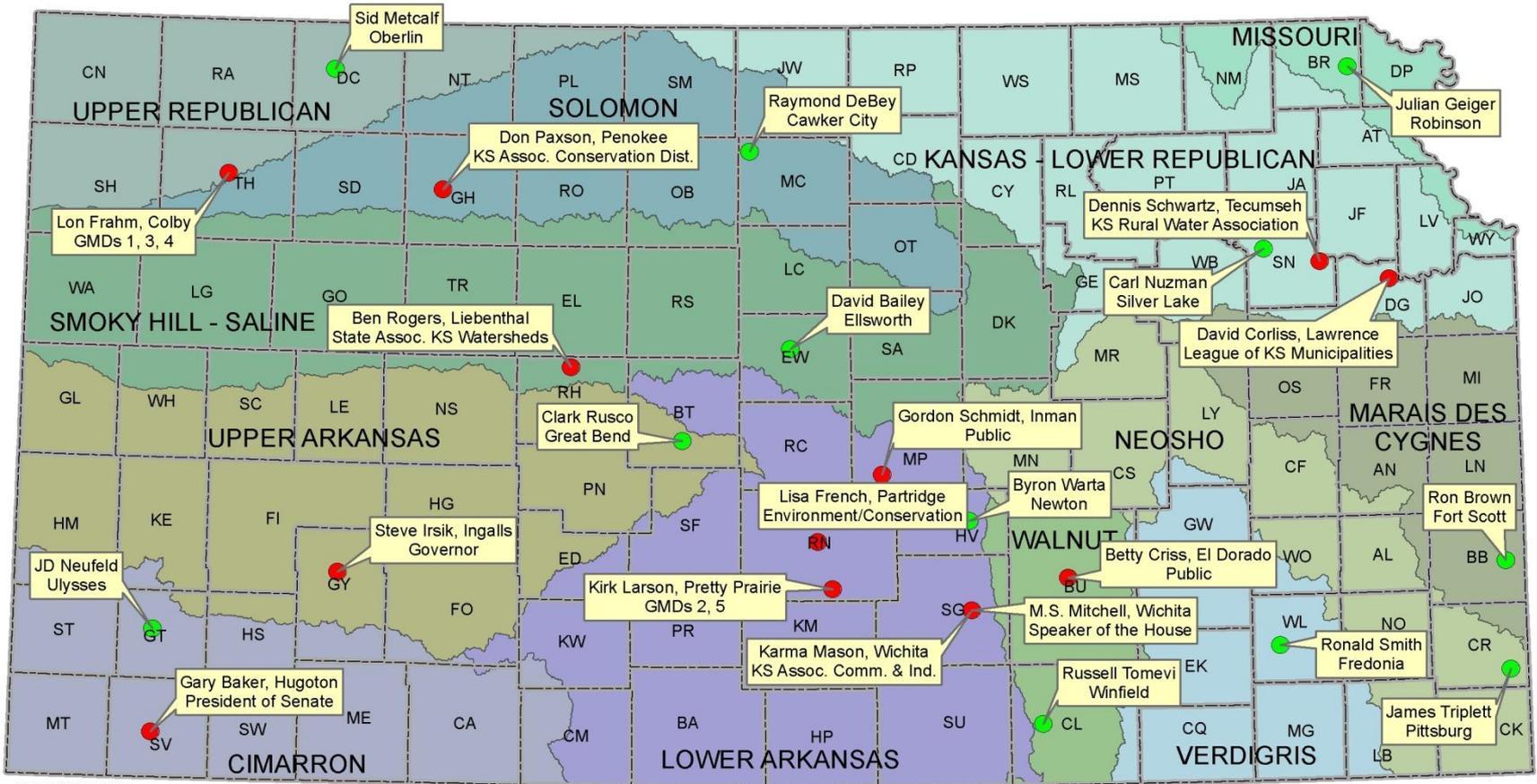
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BAC Membership



- Nominated by various stakeholder groups, (i.e. Kansas Livestock Association, League of Kansas Municipalities)
- Serve four year terms
- Represent water resource categories (i.e. Recreation, Municipal, Conservation/Environment)
- Chairman and Vice Chairman recommended by BAC and approved by KWA

Kansas Water Authority Members and Basin Advisory Committee Chairs



Kansas Water Office
July 2009

Kansas Water Authority Ex Officio Members

David Barfield
Division of Water Resources
KS Dept. of Agriculture

Fred Cholick
Ag Experiment Station
KS State University

Greg Foley
State Conservation Commission

William Harrison
KS Geological Survey

Mike Hayden
KS Dept. of Wildlife & Parks

David Kerr
KS Dept. of Commerce

Edward Martinko
KS Biological Survey

John Mitchell
KS Dept. of Health & Environment

Josh Svaty, Acting Secretary
KS Dept. of Agriculture

Tracy Streefer
KS Water Office

Tom Wright
KS Corporation Commission





Communication with BACs

***Basin meetings** held 4-5 times per year at a location in the basin. Staffed by a KWO basin planner.

***Annual Water Issues Forum** for BACs and public to learn and provide feedback about a focused, “hot topic” issue.

***Glance** (web meetings with teleconference) held periodically during the year to cover a specific water resource issue. Reduces travel and increases opportunities for communication.



A Capital Year

A recap of the
State Legislature
and work with the
Federal Government

GLANCE SESSION

Communication with BACs

*Messages to the KWA

* Individual **website** for each BAC with meeting notes, agendas, current projects, etc.

***Quarterly Newsletter** – The WaterFront

***Legislative visits** each January with Kansas Water Authority members

The screenshot shows the Kansas Water Office website. At the top is the KWA logo with the text "Kansas Water Office". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Calendar, Kansas Water Plan, Reports, Projects/Programs, Reservoirs, News/Government, Links, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Lower Arkansas River Basin" and includes a paragraph of introductory text. Below the text is a map of the Lower Arkansas Basin with a legend. The legend includes: BAC Member (green dot), Interstate Highway (red line), US Highway (orange line), Kansas Highway (blue line), Water Body (blue area), and County (yellow area). To the right of the map is a sidebar with "Upcoming Meetings & Materials" (November 3-4, 2011 - KWA Lawrence), "The WaterFront" (Water News for the Basin Advisory Committee Members - Summer 2011), "Meeting Notes" (June 2011, March 2011, Meeting Notes 2010, Meeting Notes 2009, Meeting Notes 2008), and "Basin Related Links" (Kansas Water Plan (KWP), KWP Lower Arkansas Basin Section, KWP Lower Arkansas Atlas, KWO Calendar, Kansas Water Authority, KWA Meeting Materials, Equus Beds GMD No. 2, Wichita WRAPS, Little Arkansas WRAPS, Wichita ASR Project, RSP, Arkansas River Coalition, Water Databases List for REAP Website).

The screenshot shows the cover of "The WaterFront" newsletter, Volume 2, Issue 3, Summer 2011. The cover features the Kansas Water Office logo and the title "THE WATERFRONT". The main article is titled "WORD FROM THE STREET: BUSY SUMMER FOR WATER ISSUES" and features a photo of Tracy Streever, Director of the Kansas Water Office. The text of the article discusses the challenges of water supply and conservation in Kansas, particularly in the context of the federal reservoir and the Ogallala Aquifer. It mentions that the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) has been tasked by the Governor to initiate a policy development process to examine barriers to water conservation and further study and develop policy ideas generated at the Summit. It also mentions that newly appointed Water Authority Chairman Gary Harshberger of Dodge City has appointed a 21-member Ogallala Aquifer Advisory Committee, comprised of Authority members and Ogallala stakeholders, to assist the KWA in this effort. It is anticipated that the work of the KWA will be completed in two phases; policy recommendations that can be addressed in the 2012 Legislative Session and longer term policy development that will require additional study for possible legislation.

Benefits & Challenges of BACs



Benefits

- Grass Roots input and feedback on water resource issues and policies
- Knowledgeable points of contact throughout the state
- Local support on water issues in the Legislature

Challenges

- Maintaining meaningful communication
- Finding and keeping active volunteers in all basins

Questions & Discussion



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