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Surface Water Supply in Kansas

- 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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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

http://www.kwo.org/BACs/Basin%20Advisory%20Committees.htm
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
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.
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
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