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The Kansas Water Office (KWO) is providing the following information in response to questions posed by Rep. Vaughn following the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) & Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) presentation before the House Committee on Water on March 23, 2021. If you or members of the Committee have any further questions on these topics or others, please feel free to contact me by email at Connie.Owen@kwo.ks.gov or the phone number listed above.

Kansas Water Authority State Water Plan Fund Budget Recommendations

On an annual basis, the KWA reviews agency and RAC requests on recommended projects which support implementation of the *Kansas Water Plan* (a.k.a. State Water Plan) as well as the *Long Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas*. Following this review, the KWA develops and takes action on State Water Plan Fund (SWPF) recommendations to be considered by the Governor and Kansas Legislature for the upcoming fiscal year.

In conjunction with these efforts for FY 2022, the KWA developed and took action on SWPF recommendations for two budget scenarios: (1) level SWPF funding from previous fiscal year, and (2) a request for enhancements which would provide the full State General Fund (SGF)/Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) demand transfer restoration for FY 2022. For scenario 2, the following priority projects were identified by the KWA to be considered to receive additional funding if the full \$8 million SGF/EDIF demand transfer were to take place for FY 2022:

Kansas Department of Health & Environment

- Watershed Restoration/Protection (WRAPS)
- Drinking Water Protection Program

Kansas Department of Agriculture

- Watershed Dam Construction
- Water Transition Assistance Program/CREP
- Streambank Stabilization

Kansas Water Office

- Assessment and Evaluation
- Water Technology Farms
- Watershed Conservation Practice Implementation
- Water Injection Dredging
- Arbuckle Study

The table on the following page includes KWA FY 2022 SWPF budget recommendations for both scenarios previously noted in comparison to the Governor's budget recommendations. Also included in this table are adjustments to the SWPF for FY 2022 from both House Appropriations and Senate Ways & Means.

Agency/Program	FY 2022 KWA Base Recs	FY 2022 KWA Recs Full Restoration	FY 2022 GOV Recs	FY 2022 Senate Adjustments	FY 2022 House Adjustments
Kansas Department of Health and Environment					
Contamination Remediation	\$ 1,088,301	\$ 1,088,301	\$ 1,088,301		
Nonpoint Source Program	\$ 303,208	\$ 303,208	\$ 303,208		
TMDL Initiatives	\$ 280,738	\$ 280,738	\$ 280,738		
Harmful Algae Bloom Pilot	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 450,000		
Watershed Restoration/Protection (WRAPS)	\$ 730,884	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 730,884		
Drinking Water Protection Program	\$ 650,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 350,000		
Total--KDHE	\$ 3,203,131	\$ 3,622,247	\$ 3,203,131	\$ -	\$ -
Kansas Department of Agriculture					
Interstate Water Issues	\$ 490,007	\$ 490,007	\$ 473,184		
Subbasin Water Resources Management	\$ 608,949	\$ 608,949	\$ 584,023		
Water Use	\$ 72,600	\$ 72,600	\$ 72,600		
Water Resources Cost Share	\$ 2,248,289	\$ 2,248,289	\$ 2,248,289		
Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst.	\$ 1,857,836	\$ 1,857,836	\$ 1,853,185		
Aid to Conservation Districts	\$ 1,973,373	\$ 1,973,373	\$ 1,973,373	\$ 250,000	\$ 219,264
Watershed Dam Construction	\$ 550,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 550,000		
Water Quality Buffer Initiative	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000		
Riparian and Wetland Program	\$ 54,024	\$ 54,024	\$ 54,024		
Water Transition Assistance Program/CREP	\$ 402,046	\$ 627,046	\$ 396,593	\$ 50,000	
Irrigation Technology	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	
Crop and Livestock Research	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000		
Streambank Stabilization	\$ 794,264	\$ 1,044,264	\$ 794,264		
Total--KDA	\$ 9,601,388	\$ 10,526,388	\$ 9,549,535	\$ 350,000	\$ 219,264
Kansas Water Office					
Assessment and Evaluation	\$ 658,919	\$ 858,919	\$ 858,919		
MOU - Storage Operations & Maintenance	\$ 526,081	\$ 526,081	\$ 526,081		
Stream Gaging	\$ 423,130	\$ 423,130	\$ 423,130		
Technical Assistance to Water Users	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000		
Vision Education Strategy	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000		
Reservoir and Water Quality Research	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000		
Water Tech Farms	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ (100,000)	
Watershed Conservation Practice Imp	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 860,000	\$ (310,000)	
Milford Lake Watershed RCPP	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000		
Water Injection Dredging (WID)	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 125,000		\$ 850,000
Arbuckle Study		\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 150,000
Total--KWO	\$ 3,333,130	\$ 5,658,130	\$ 3,993,130	\$ (350,000)	\$ 1,000,000
Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism					
Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Program	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
University of Kansas--Geological Survey	\$ 26,841	\$ 26,841	\$ 26,841		
KPERS Reamortization			\$ (36,260)		
Governor's COLA			\$ 36,014		
State Water Plan FY 2022 Funding	\$ 16,214,490	\$ 19,883,606	\$ 16,772,391	\$ -	\$ 1,219,264