

AGENCY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Public Water Supply Program: Public Water Supply Program

Subprogram History

The Kansas Water Office (KWO) operates the Kansas Water Marketing, Water Assurance and Access District programs as part of its overall Public Water Supply (PWS) Program. KWO has developed the Public Water Supply Program Comprehensive Capital Development Plan (CCDP) in order to account for all revenue and expenses related to the State's public water supply storage, and to provide for the long-term planning of future program needs, including acquisition of all the water supply storage under federal contracts, potential new storage development and protection and restoration of the storage owned by the State. Various funding sources contribute to KWO's overall PWS Program and are represented as part of the CCDP. These funding sources are the Water Marketing Fund, Water Assurance Fund, and Access District Fund.

Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram

The ability to meet water supply demands of all customers of the PWS programs in accordance with existing long-term contracts and operations agreements, ensuring that the state continues to meet its current and future obligations associated with state-owned water supply storage, and continued operations and analysis to effectively protect, maintain, and secure state-owned storage to support the needs of the citizens of Kansas will be limited.

Statutory Basis

82a-1301 et seq. 82a-1330 et seq. 82a-1604 et seq. 82a-2301 et seq. 82a-2401 et seq.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Mandatory	Yes	1	1

Water Planning and Implementation: Water Planning and Implementation

Subprogram History

The Water Planning and Implementation program covers the major agency responsibility for the development and coordination of implementation efforts of the Kansas Water Plan. These development and coordination of implementation efforts provide a collaborative framework to extend the life of the Ogallala-High Plains Aquifer; secure, protect and restore Kansas reservoir water supply; improve our state's water quality; reduce our state's vulnerability to extreme events (including flood and drought); as well as increase overall awareness of Kansas water resources. The administration of the Kansas Water Planning Act, Kansas Weather Modification Act, and portions of the Water Appropriations and Water Transfer acts are housed in this program. This program also houses the Kansas Water Authority, which is statutorily within the Kansas Water Office. The Authority is responsible for advising the Governor, Legislature, and the Director of the Kansas Water Office on water policy issues; approving the Kansas Water Plan; accounting for and making recommendations on the expenditures of State Water Plan Funds; and approving water storage sales, water marketing rate setting, federal contracts, administrative regulations, and legislation proposed by the Kansas Water Office. The Authority is composed of 24 members (13 voting, 11 ex-officio) that represent stakeholder groups and are informed of water-related issues representing water users, water interests, environmental interests, and the general public.

Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram

Without KWO water planning and implementation efforts, Kansas will not be able to plan and meet current and future water supply demands now for the Ogallala Aquifer region as well as from areas served by reservoir water supply storage. Kansas would also not be able to fully coordinate on planning and implementation activities to address water quantity and quality issues impacting Kansas as identified in the Kansas Water Plan. At the current rate, with no changes during Vision implementation, the Ogallala Aquifer will be 70 percent depleted and our reservoirs will be 40 percent filled with sediment within the next 45 years.

Statutory Basis

74-2622; 82a-901 et seq.; 82a-1301 et seq.; 82a-1330 et seq.; 82a-1401 et seq.; 82a-2301 et seq.; 74-2613; 74-2608; 82a-220; 82a-733; 82a-901 et seq.; 82a-1101 et seq.; 82a-1401 et seq.; 82a-1501a; 82a-1801 et seq.; 82a-2101.

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Mandatory	Yes	1	1

Subprograms Without Narrative Data

AGENCY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

			2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate
Public Water Supply Program: Public Water Supply Program								
Goal	Type	Measure						
Effectively utilize storage to lengthen support during low flow conditions.	Output	Percentage of time demands are met: All PWS programs	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ensure that municipal, industrial and irrigation water rights on the major rivers have an adequate water supply during drought conditions.	Outcome	Number of industrial customers directly served	15	15	15	17	17	17
		Number of irrigation water rights directly served	51	58	62	57	57	58
Ensure that the water supply needs of the citizens of Kansas are met in an economical and efficient manner.	Outcome	Number of people directly served (Based on population estimates)	1,272,084	1,335,688	1,402,473	1,472,596	1,546,225	1,596,252
Water Planning and Implementation: Water Planning and Implementation								
Goal	Type	Measure						
		Average Age of Bathymetric Surveys				7 years	3 years	3 years
		In-Lake Sediment Management Studies/Projects Underway or Completed					1	4
		Number of Water Project and Technical Assistance Grants Provided				70	35	35
	Outcome	Percent of Kansas Water Plan Action Items underway or completed				42.00%	45.00%	45.00%
Create electronic and written publications in a format and style that the public finds accessible.	Outcome	Number of digital engagements	306,000	525,000	525,000	769,979	850,000	900,000
Involve the public and stakeholders in the development of proposed policy initiatives.	Outcome	Number of people engaged in education events	1,725	8,500	10,000	13,465	11,000	12,500

Footnotes