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**2014 REAP
REGIONAL WATER
CONFERENCE**

Thursday, May 29, 2014 | Meridian Center | Newton, Kansas



AGENDA

MORNING

8:30 AM REGISTRATION (FOYER)

Breakfast provided
General Sessions (all sessions located in Meridian Room)

9:00 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Councilman Jim Nickel, City of Newton
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Mayor Marcey Gregory, City of Goddard

9:15 AM KEYNOTE: WATER FOR 2060: OKLAHOMA'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Speaker: *J.D. Strong, Executive Director,
Oklahoma Water Resources Board*

With passage of the *Water for 2060 Act* in 2012, Oklahoma became the first state in the nation to establish a bold, statewide goal of consuming no more fresh water in 2060 than is consumed today. Mr. Strong will share the steps the State is taking to promote conservation, recycling, efficiency and reuse to meet this goal.

10:00 AM VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF WATER IN KANSAS: DISCUSSION TO DATE AND NEXT STEPS

Speakers: *Tracy Streeter, Director, KS Water Office
Jackie McClaskey, Secretary, Kansas Dept of Ag*

This session will share the Governor's Visioning process to date and what it means for the State and South-central Kansas.

10:30 AM BREAK

11:00 AM WATER AS AN ECONOMIC DRIVER IN KANSAS: CURRENT POSITION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Speaker: *Dr. Art Hall, Director, Center for Applied Economics,
University of Kansas*

Water is a key component to economic development in Kansas. This session will provide a perspective on water's impact to the economy in Kansas and South Central Kansas, and what opportunities exist.

11:30 AM FUTURE OF WATER IN KANSAS TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Tables will discuss questions posed by the morning presentations.

AFTERNOON

12:00 PM LUNCH AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Speakers: *Senator Carolyn McGinn
Representative Will Carpenter
Representative Ponka-We Victors*

Panelists will give their perspectives on water related legislative from the past session and predictions on issues that will be a focus for the coming session.

1:00 PM ATTAINING THE 50 YEAR VISION: WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE? WHAT PARTNERSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES EXIST?

Moderator: *David Traster, Special Counsel, Foulston Siefkin*
Speakers: *Mike Armstrong, General Manager, WaterOne
John Donley, Attorney, Devine & Donley, LLC
Karma Mason, President, ISI Environmental*

Panelists will share their perspectives on the roles that each player has in long-term water supply planning in Kansas and what opportunities should be explored to move the conversation forward.

1:45 PM FUNDING OPTIONS FOR WATER SUPPLY AND NATURAL RESOURCE PROJECTS

Speaker: *Misty Bruckner, CUS Director, Hugo Wall School,
Wichita State University*

Presentation will provide an overview of funding mechanisms other states use for large water supply and natural resource projects.

2:15 PM FUTURE OF WATER IN KANSAS TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Tables will discuss questions posed by the afternoon presentations.

2:45 PM CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Marcey Gregory, City of Goddard

3:00 PM ADJOURN