# **VERDIGRIS RAC MEETING**

MAY 10, 2023- INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY



#### AGENDA DETAILS

- I. Welcome
- II. Roll call John Ditmore (Chair & Industry/Commerce)
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- V. Updates KWO
  - a. KWA Meetings January and April
  - b. Legislature
  - c. Membership drive
- VI. Regional Reservoir Operations and Drought Discussion KWO
- VII. RAC Goal Implementation Timeline KWO
- VIII. Questions and Future Issues from RAC Members
- IX. Educational Events in the Region
- X. KWA Messages
- XI. Agency Input
- XII. Public Input
- XIII. Adjournment

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- a. KWA Meeting June 7 Dodge City, KS
- b. Summer/Fall RAC meeting TBD



## **UPDATES**

- KWA Meetings
  - January
    - "New" contract for Coffeyville Resources and Elk City Lake
    - Legislative visits
  - April
    - KCC Abandoned Well Plugging efforts in Verdigris
    - Upper Arkansas RAC message on Ogallala Aquifer solution innovation



## **UPDATES CONT.**

- Legislature
  - Senate Substitute for HB 2302
    - \$35 million into SWPF from SGF
      - \$5 million to Technical Assistance Grant Fund
      - \$12 million to Water Project Grant Fund
      - \$18 million new money for SWPF not allocated or planned yet
      - KWO charged to administer grant funds
    - \$52 million to pay of reservoir debt at Milford and Perry- invested until interest rates shift
    - 5 year sunset



## **UPDATES CONT.**

### Legislature

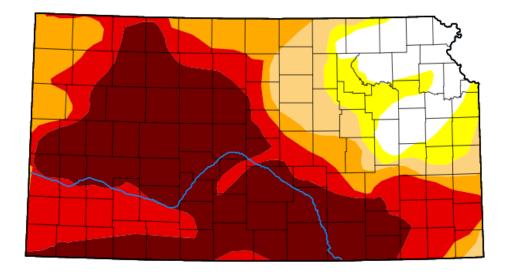
- HB 2279
  - GMD reporting requirements
    - Financial reporting to legislature annually
    - Priority area performance reports to Chief Engineer
    - If GMD owns or acquires property, no board member can farm it for profit unless the board issues a request for proposal.

### Membership drive

- Starting back up summer 2023, half the RAC terms are up.
- Please reapply if you are interested
- Other interested parties interested in applying



# Kansas



# Map released: Thurs. May 4, 2023

Data valid: May 2, 2023 at 8 a.m. EDT

## **Intensity**

None

**D0** (Abnormally Dry)

**D1** (Moderate Drought)

**D2** (Severe Drought)

**D3** (Extreme Drought)

**D4** (Exceptional Drought)

No Data

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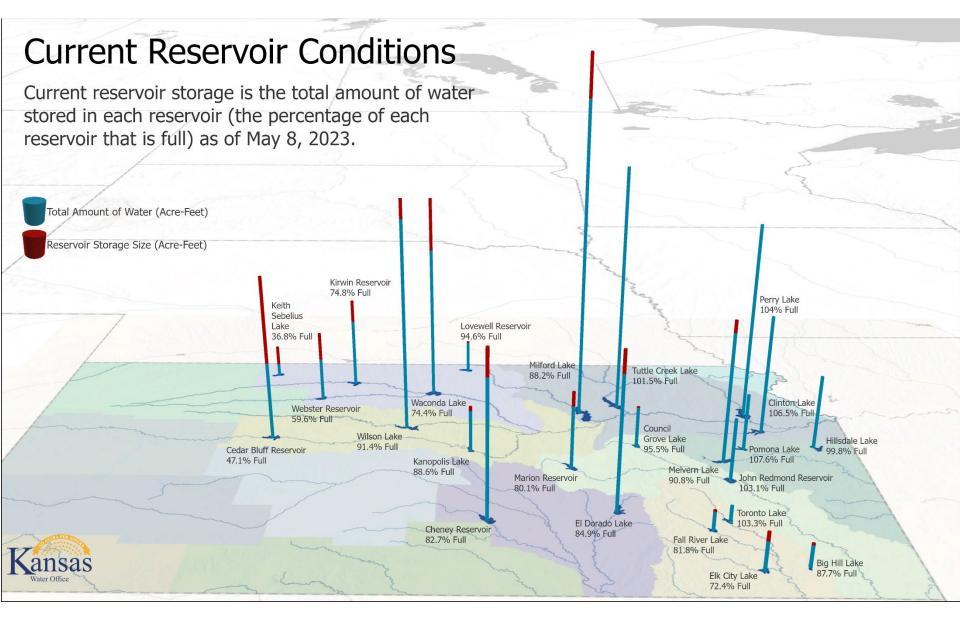
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