

MEMO



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TO: Chairman Willie Dove
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RE: State Water Plan Fund FY2020 Budget

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During recent State Water Plan Fund (SWPF) budget hearings and discussion, it has become evident that there is some confusion regarding how the fund operates. The purpose of this memo is to provide additional information regarding the FY2020 State Water Plan Fund budget. In accordance with the State Water Resources Planning Act, the Kansas Water Office is the designated state agency responsible for overall management of the SWPF. In this role, the Kansas Water Office reports each year on the overall revenue and recommended expenditures from the SWPF.

The Kansas Water Office coordinates with other state agencies, the Division of the Budget, and stakeholders to develop SWPF budget recommendations. Ultimately, the Kansas Water Authority provides a recommendation for how the funds should be appropriated under their role to advise the Governor and Legislature. These budget recommendations are reflected in agency budget submittals in the Kansas Water Office, Kansas Department of Agriculture, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Through the appropriation process, State Water Plan funds are appropriated to other state water agencies for the coordinated management, conservation and development of the water resources of the state. SWPFs that are appropriated to other agencies are included as part of those individual agencies' budgets.

The table attached to this memorandum includes the Governor's FY2020 budget recommendations for the State Water Plan Fund and the FY2020 enhancements as recommended by the Kansas Water Authority.

I hope this information is helpful, and would be happy to answer any questions.