

# **FY 2024 State Water Plan Fund Transfer Requests**

Presentation to the State Finance Council  
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# State Water Plan Fund

## Senate Sub. for HB 2302/SB 25

- ❑ Senate Sub. for HB 2302
  - Established an additional transfer from the State General Fund to the State Water Plan Fund (SWFP) in FY 2024 and noted legislative intent to continue this transfer for 5 years.
- ❑ SB 25
  - Appropriated \$18,000,000 to a new HB 2302 account in the Kansas Water Office's budget.
  - Included language requiring State Finance Council to approve any transfers from the HB 2302 account to the KDA, KDHE, KDWP, or University of Kansas (for KS Geological Survey).

# FY 2024 State Water Plan Fund Transfers

- ❑ Requested SWPF transfers totaling \$15,800,000
  - \$10,000,000 to the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture
  - \$5,800,000 to the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment



# Kansas Department of Agriculture

- ❑ \$7,000,000 for Rattlesnake Creek/Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Impairment
  - Partnering with local stakeholders on long term, structural solutions to help address the impairment such as water right buyouts, augmentation infrastructure, irrigation technology and other innovative and collaborative solutions.
- ❑ \$3,000,000 for Dam Construction and Rehabilitation
  - Provide funding to cost share with potentially 20 or more owners of dams that have the most pressing need for repair or rehabilitation.

# Kansas Department of Health and Environment

- ❑ \$5,800,000 for Water Quality Initiatives
  - \$3,244,000 for Small Town Infrastructure Support
    - Funds up to seven high-priority, shovel-ready water or sewer projects in towns under 1,000 population.
  - \$1,500,000 for Contamination Remediation
    - Cleans up six orphan sites contaminated by hydrocarbons, heavy metals and nitrate.
  - \$50,000 for Surface Water Trash Removal
    - Initiates trash removal efforts on Kansas River around Topeka.
  - \$1,006,000 for Groundwater Quality Monitoring Network
    - Restores annual sampling of 150 wells across Kansas for nitrate, chloride, uranium and other contaminants.

# Kansas Water Office

Of the \$18 million allocated to the HB 2302 account in the KWO budget, the agency is planning to use \$2.2 million for the following expenditures. Under HB 2302 and SB 25, the Omnibus Budget, this does not require State Finance Council approval.

- \$700,000 for High Plains Aquifer Aerial Electromagnetic (AEM) Data Collection
- \$500,000 for High Plains Aquifer Feedlot & Dairy Water Reuse/Reclamation
- \$500,000 for Kansas Water Office Grant Program Administration
- \$350,000 for Grant Partnership Support
- \$150,000 for Kansas Water Plan Education and Outreach

# HB 2302 SWPF FY 2024 Priorities

- ❑ Advance implementation of the Kansas Water Plan
- ❑ Pursue additional SWPF leveraging opportunities
- ❑ Address emerging issues & “shovel-ready” efforts
- ❑ Invest in data and monitoring to improve groundwater management for both quantity and quality
- ❑ Focus on opportunities for one-time expenditures
  - *\$7,000,000 to help address the Rattlesnake Creek/Quivira NWR impairment; and*
  - *\$3,244,000 for shovel-ready projects to help small, rural communities in need.*

## ***Requested Action of the State Finance Council***

1. Approve a transfer by the Kansas Water Office from the HB 2302 account to the Kansas Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$10,000,000 to support Rattlesnake Creek/Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Impairment and Dam Construction/ Rehabilitation Initiatives; and
2. Approve a transfer by the Kansas Water Office from the HB 2302 account to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the amount of \$5,800,000 to support Water Quality Initiatives.