HB 2302 Funding Update

Presentation to the Senate Committee on Ways and Mean
January 17, 2024

State Water Plan Fund Senate Sub. for HB 2302

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- Appropriated \$52.0 million in FY 2023 from the State General Fund (SGF) to the Water Supply Storage Debt Payment for Milford and Perry Reservoirs Account (Reservoirs Account) in the State Treasury for the water supply storage debt payment (debt payment) on Milford and Perry reservoirs.
- Established an additional transfer of \$35,000,000 from the State General Fund to the State Water Plan Fund (SWFP) starting in FY 2024 with noted legislative intent to continue this transfer for 5 years.
 - \$18,000,000 to a new HB 2302 account in the Kansas Water Office's budget.
 - \$5,000,000 to a new Technical Assistant Fund
 - \$12,000,000 to a new Water Project Grant Fund

FY 2024 HB 2302 State Water Plan Fund Budget Line

\$18M in Funding

\$10,000,000

Kansas Dept. of Agriculture

\$5,800,000

Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment

\$2,200,000 Kansas Water Office

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
 - o 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

- □ \$700,000 for High Plains Aquifer Aerial Electromagnetic (AEM) Data Collection
 - Partnership with the Kansas Geological Survey to gather AEM data over Northwest Kansas to develop more accurate groundwater flow and quality models.
- □ \$500,000 for High Plains Aquifer Feedlot & Dairy Water Reuse/Reclamation
 - Cost-share support to install water reuse and reclamation systems at livestock facilities in western Kansas.
- □ \$500,000 for Kansas Water Office Grant Program Administration
 - Provide staffing and other technical assistance support for the development and administration of the Water Technical Assistance Fund and the Water Projects Grant Fund established by HB 2302.
- \$350,000 for Grant Partnership Support
 - Provide staffing and other technical assistance support to identify water-related funding opportunities (including federal grant programs), coordinate and assist in the development of state and local grant applications, and manage submission of grant applications to enhance resource leveraging opportunities.
- □ \$150,000 for Kansas Water Plan Education and Outreach
 - Increase education and outreach on state water resources for all ages to develop and promote a culture
 of water conservation across Kansas.

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
 - o \$7,000,000 to help address the Rattlesnake Creek/Quivira NWR impairment; and
 - o \$3,244,000 for shovel-ready projects to help small, rural communities in need.

HB 2302 Grant Fund Update

- □ \$5,000,000 for the Water Technical Assistance Fund
- □ \$12,000,000 for the Water Project Grant Fund
- □ 1st application period ended 12/29/2023
 - Water Technical Assistance Fund Summary:
 - 122 applications submitted
 - Requests totaling \$56 million
 - Water Project Grant Fund Summary:
 - □ 187 applications submitted
 - Requests totaling \$323 million

THANK YOU

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