

CHAPTER 198
SENATE BILL No. 503*

AN ACT concerning water; relating to the Kansas water office; establishing the water supply storage assurance fund; providing certain water flow measurements below the dam of the Cedar Bluff reservoir.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the water supply storage assurance fund. The director of the Kansas water office may accept or receive moneys from water assurance districts for the purposes for which expenditures may be made from the water supply storage assurance district fund. The director shall remit all moneys so received to the state treasurer at least monthly. Upon receipt of any such remittance the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit such amount to the water supply storage assurance fund. Moneys deposited to the credit of the water supply storage assurance fund which are received from a water assurance district shall be credited to a separate subaccount.

(b) Moneys in such subaccounts may be expended for the following purposes:

(1) Payment to the federal government of annual capital costs of water supply storage in federal reservoirs under the water assurance program act;

(2) payment and reimbursement to the water marketing fund for water supply storage space previously paid for with revenue from the water marketing fund, if such storage space has been transferred to the water assurance program;

(3) payment and reimbursement to the state general fund for water supply storage space previously paid for with revenue from the state general fund, if such storage space has been transferred to the water assurance program;

(4) payment and reimbursement to the state water plan fund for water supply storage space previously paid for with revenue from the state water plan fund, if such storage space has been transferred to the water assurance program;

(5) payment to the federal government of annual operation, maintenance and repair costs associated with the water supply storage space dedicated for the use of water assurance districts; and

(6) payment and reimbursement to the water marketing fund and the state general fund for costs incurred by the state for the administration and enforcement of applicable state laws governing the operations and management of the water assurance program as provided in contracts with water assurance districts.

(c) All expenditures from the water supply storage assurance fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the director of the Kansas water office or by a person designated by the director.

Sec. 2. The Kansas water office shall purchase one water flow measurement device, and any required data recording device for use with such water flow measurement device, and shall provide for the permanent installation of such devices below the dam of the Cedar Bluff reservoir in accordance with this section. The water flow measurement device and any required data recording device shall be installed at a downstream, man-made channel or drop structure. Prior to installing any such water flow measurement device and any required data recording device, the Kansas water office shall obtain a written authorization from all owners of the property at the location where the water flow measurement device and any required data recording device are to be installed. All data collected by such water flow measurement device shall be made available to the general public electronically through the internet on a real time basis as it is collected and shall be reported to the senate committee on natural resources, the senate committee on ways and means subcommittee on the Kansas water office, the house committee on environment, and the house agriculture and natural resources budget committee during the 2007 regular session of the legislature.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved May 22, 2006.
