

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**82a-928. State water plan; policies to achieve long-range goals listed.** The policies of the state of Kansas that are deemed desirable for the achievement of the long-range goals and objectives as set forth in K.S.A. 82a-927, and amendments thereto, and that shall serve as guidelines for public corporations and all agencies of the state, relative to their responsibilities with respect to the water resources of the state whenever physical and economic conditions permit, are hereby declared to be:

- (a) The utilization of nonstructural methods, including floodplain regulation, and structural measures for the reduction of flood damage;
- (b) the design of proposed levees and dikes so as to reduce flood risks in agricultural areas to a chance of occurrence in any one year of 10% or less;
- (c) the design of proposed levees and dikes so as to reduce flood risks in urban areas to a chance of occurrence in any one year of 1% or less;
- (d) the design of proposed storage structures for the protection of agricultural areas so as to provide sufficient capacity to control the volume of a flood having a chance of occurrence in any one year of 4% or less;
- (e) the design of proposed storage structures for the protection of urban areas to provide sufficient capacity to control the volume of a flood having a chance of occurrence in any one year of 2% or less;
- (f) the development of adequate water storage to meet, as nearly as practicable, present and anticipated water uses through planning and construction of multipurpose reservoirs and through the acquisition from the federal government of storage in federal reservoirs and by agreements with the federal government regarding the use of storage;
- (g) the inclusion in publicly financed structures for the conservation, management and development of the water resources of the state of reasonable amounts of storage capacity for the regulation of the low flows of the watercourses of the state;
- (h) the achievement of the primary drinking water standards promulgated by the secretary of health and environment pursuant to K.S.A. 65-171m, and amendments thereto;
- (i) the identification of minimum desirable streamflows to preserve, maintain or enhance baseflows for in-stream water uses relative to water quality, fish, wildlife, aquatic life, recreation, general aesthetics and domestic uses and for the protection of existing water rights;
- (j) the maintenance of the surface waters of the state within the water quality standards adopted by the secretary of health and environment as provided by K.S.A. 65-164 to 65-171t, inclusive, and amendments thereto;
- (k) the protection of the quality of the groundwaters of the state as provided by the Kansas groundwater exploration and protection act and other acts relating thereto;
- (l) the management of the groundwaters of the state as provided by the Kansas water appropriation act and the provisions of K.S.A. 82a-1020 to 82a-1040, inclusive, and amendments thereto;
- (m) the provision of financial and technical assistance to public corporations concerned with management, conservation and development of water resources;
- (n) the review and coordination of financial assistance for research that may be provided by federal or state agencies to public corporations concerned with management, conservation and development of water resources to prevent duplication of effort;
- (o) the development of groundwater recharge projects;
- (p) the encouragement of local initiative in the planning, implementation, funding and operation of local water programs to the extent that the same are supportive of state water programs;
- (q) the design of municipal water systems to provide an adequate water supply to meet the needs during a drought having a 2% chance of occurrence; and
- (r) the encouragement of the use of agricultural soil and water conservation practices and structures to control erosion and to effectively utilize precipitation and runoff.

**History:** L. 1965, ch. 558, § 2; L. 1981, ch. 398, § 10; L. 1986, ch. 394, § 3; L. 1987,

ch. 402, § 3; July 1.