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Category	Action Item	Lead Person	Next Steps	Deadline
Immediate Action Item	Improve coordination on water related issues with the state's primary water related agencies through the creation of the Governor's Water Resources Sub-Cabinet at the Executive level with additional regular agency collaboration to implement joint activities.			
Immediate Action Item	Establish a Blue-Ribbon Task Force to develop a balanced, affordable and sustainable method to provide financing for water resource management and protection, including alternatives that utilize public and private partnerships.			

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Additional Sources of Supply	Conduct workshops with state and federal agencies and local stakeholders on data collection and research findings and discuss impacts, benefits and feasibility of implementing alternatives			
Additional Sources of Supply	Remove and dispose up to three million cubic yards of sediment from John Redmond Reservoir			
Additional Sources of Supply	Eliminate statutory prohibition to use drinking water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) funds for water transfers and identify other state policies which unnecessarily limit transfers			
Additional Sources of Supply	Review opportunities to increase utilization of the Missouri River to meet Kansas' needs while recognizing and protecting the existing users			
Additional Sources of Supply	Communicate and collaborate with neighboring states on potential water transfers			
Additional Sources of Supply	Develop interconnected water storage computer model for all eastern Kansas basins with federal water supply reservoirs			

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Additional Sources of Supply	Compile inventory of lower quality waters, including type, quantity and location, as well as, an assessment of potential uses and contaminants contained in water. Lower quality waters include treated wastewater effluent, grey water, stormwater runoff, oil and gas flow back and produced water, brackish surface and ground water and other waters with elevated levels of contaminants			
Additional Sources of Supply	Develop a plan to address future use storage in Milford, Perry, Big Hill, Clinton and Hillsdale Reservoirs; including the collection of revenue to call future use storage into service in Clinton and Hillsdale			
Additional Sources of Supply	Encourage research on the rate and volume of water moving from playas to the Ogallala- High Plains Aquifer; quantify the levels of restoration needed and enumerate the average amount of water deposited annually in playas			

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Water Conservation	Appoint a task force to develop a multi-phased educational proposal for target audiences of K-12, community leaders and media to promote local conservation decisions. Existing educational efforts, programs and activities should be incorporated as appropriate.			
Water Conservation	Conduct drought simulation exercises to educate the public and identify gaps in conservation efforts			
Water Conservation	Create a long-term commitment to water conservation education by designating responsibility for water conservation public information and outreach within agencies of the Water Resources Sub-Cabinet			
Water Conservation	Provide greater information and decision making tools to evaluate the economic impacts, both short-term and long-term, of reduced water use			
Water Conservation	Enhance educational programming specifically for state legislators as well as other state officials, the Congressional delegation and local policy makers			
Water Conservation	Develop a rewards and recognition program for successful Kansas conservation activities			

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Water Conservation	Develop financial and non-financial incentives to encourage additional irrigation water conservation. Non-financial incentives could include state policy changes to afford irrigators with greater water use flexibility to aid in achieving conservation goals on less water intensive crops or cropping densities			
Water Conservation	Coordinate with USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) to address crop insurance policies that disincentive water conservation, such as limited irrigation			
Water Conservation	Increase support and promotion of Local Enhanced Management Areas (LEMAs)			
Water Conservation	Establish corrective controls that allow flexibility based on local average reasonable use within the LEMA statute so not to penalize those who have already demonstrated reduced water use			
Water Conservation	Expand LEMAs so a proposal can come forward to the Chief Engineer from either GMDs, directly from local water right holders or other entities such as county conservation districts			

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Water Conservation	Coordinate with the Kansas Department of Commerce and Kansas Department of Agriculture Marketing Division to consider incentives to recruit businesses and focus economic development on businesses that value water conservation, use water efficient technologies and reduce the removal of water from the state			
Water Conservation	Prioritize and implement targeted funding in priority watersheds by working with local, state and federal conservation programs and partnerships			
Water Conservation	Develop a detailed monitoring strategy to assess current and ongoing sediment inflow into public water supply reservoirs			
Water Conservation	Develop a strategy to overcome hurdles with federal permitting for new conservation practices and structures to decrease the sediment load from entering water supply reservoirs			

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Water Conservation	Develop and implement a sediment and nutrient reduction Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in watersheds above targeted federal reservoirs and watersheds with excessive nutrient runoff. This program would serve to support ongoing efforts to address the Kansas Nutrient Reduction Strategy developed by KDHE, KWO, KDA, and KDWPT.			

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Water Management	Coordinate with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through table-top exercises and workshops on a plan to improve operational efficiency of water supply reservoirs			
Water Management	Evaluate the level of minimum releases from Clinton, Pomona, Melvern and Hillsdale Reservoirs			
Water Management	Develop a long term strategy for representing Kansas in interstate water issues that best serves Kansas and its citizens			
Water Management	Ensure Kansas interstate water compacts are monitored and enforced and build upon existing working relationships with other compact states			
Water Management	Host a Governor's Summit among the Ogallala Aquifer states to develop a regional vision with a focus on cooperative efforts and common goals across the states (Planning initiated in Phase I, to be held in Phase II)			
Water Management	Work with other states to address federal water related policy proposals that have negative impacts on the region			
Water Management	Coordinate with other states that have federal reservoirs with water supply storage to influence national policy which supports local needs			

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Water Management	Host a Governor's Summit between the Missouri River states to collaborate on river and reservoir management issues (Planning initiated in Phase I, to be held in Phase II)			
Water Management	Develop a water right violation and enforcement process that is more transparent as well as consistent and is included in Rules and Regulations			
Water Management	Limit the movement of a point of diversion greater than 300 feet in areas where the source is ground water and resource is declining unless the applicant of the change application can demonstrate hydrologic analysis or pump test results, that the new, proposed location does not adversely affect any current authorized nearby wells, including domestic wells. This change will include a regulatory change with full comment period			
Water Management	Allow for the leasing of water rights to develop authority for the full beneficial use of the resource while protecting senior water rights			
Water Management	Develop flexibility options for stockwater, municipal and industrial uses to improve management and evaluate current consumptive use regulations to ensure they are being applied properly			

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Water Management	Administratively close additional areas of the state to new appropriations where already fully allocated			
Water Management	Propose legislation to modify Multi-Year Flex Account (MYFA) statute to allow roll forward of unused water when a water right holder re-enrolls into another five-year flex account			
Water Management	Use the U.S. Geological Survey Model (USGS) to evaluate recharge values in Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 (GMD#2) to determine if areas are currently over appropriated and should be closed to new appropriations			
Water Management	Consider options for more effective organization of water related roles and responsibilities at the state agency level or identify ways to promote greater efficiency and continued collaboration between agencies within the current structure			
Water Management	Develop stronger working relationships between local and state entities through improved communication, streamlined collaboration and realigned water cooperative strategies			

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Water Management	Improve customer service approach of the state's water agencies by simplifying and streamlining processes and procedures to make them more customer friendly and easier to understand, prioritizing agency resources to better serve water right holders and other citizens, and utilizing stakeholder input to improve service activities			

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Technology and Crop Varieties	Identify most efficient system technologies for use by Kansas irrigators by working with irrigation system and water management technology manufacturers, Kansas State University (KSU), crop consultants, ground water management districts (GMDs) and others			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Ensure appropriate irrigation efficiency technology and irrigation management practices are eligible under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) by working with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Ensure appropriate irrigation efficiency technology and irrigation management practices are eligible under the state's Water Resources Cost-Share Program			
Technology and Crop Varieties	For emerging irrigation technologies, consider application for USDA's Conservation Innovation Grant funding to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Determine optimum plant development stages for most efficient water application opportunities by collaborating with the seed industry, KSU, crop consultants and others			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Demonstrate various technologies at KSU Agricultural Experiment Stations			

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Technology and Crop Varieties	Establish a Technology Outreach Taskforce to assist in the working model development and implementation of the field scale demonstrations			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Showcase, on a field scale, the latest technologies in irrigation infrastructure, irrigation water management, soil moisture measurement, conservation tillage, automation, telemetry and other agronomic practices aimed at reducing irrigation water use			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Form a collaborative stakeholder team to set sorghum research priorities and develop research and funding strategy and present strategy to potential funding partners, including the Kansas Legislature			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Ensure crop insurance policies do not discourage use of alternative, specialty and cover crops			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Collaborate with crop consultants and other agricultural advisors to support farmers interested in less water intensive alternative crop production			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Encourage state universities to expand engagement in development of teaching, research and extension programs related to less water intensive crop varieties			

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Technology and Crop Varieties	Improve adoptability of feed wheat, along with other alternate crops, through marketing, commodity segregation, research and education			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Encourage producers to consider all aspects of agronomic management systems when trying to make water efficient decisions			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Address policy issues that limit the growth of cotton in Kansas, specifically use of 2,4-D			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Strengthen the use of Driftwatch™ by growers of sensitive crops and pesticide applicators			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Continue to further develop and disseminate information about the state's water resources, including additional data, maps and reports and improve understanding of the Ogallala-High Plains Aquifer as an aid to water management in western Kansas			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Expand adoption of on-line water use reporting system so customers are better served and information is readily available			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Share research findings broadly with Kansas citizens to improve understanding of our state's water resources			

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Technology and Crop Varieties	Annually coordinate with university researchers regarding the Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas to ensure future collaborative research supports the successful implementation of the Vision			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Expand observation well network in the High Plains Aquifer			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Utilize agricultural education and 4-H to encourage young people to develop agricultural programs using water efficient technologies and less water intensive crops or crop varieties through recognition and incentive programs			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Develop models for the inclusion of water conservation into the agricultural education curriculum, including classroom, supervised agricultural experience and FFA activities			
Technology and Crop Varieties	Encourage the development of community college, technical programs and university programs to prepare the future workforce to work in irrigation efficiency technologies and with necessary expertise in less water intensive crops and crop varieties			