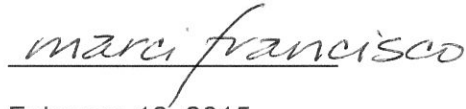


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I am concerned that we are not recommending providing some funding from the State General Fund or from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund to support the State Water Plan Fund. We provided \$800,000 from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund in FY 2015, but did not make any transfer in FY 2014, and there has not been a transfer from the State General Fund since FY 2011. Many Kansans have been participating in the vision process over the past year. We already are aware of opportunities for projects such as streambank stabilization that would reduce future expenditures to extend the life of our reservoirs. Certainly by FY 2017 we will have additional recommendations from the regional planning groups and I would like to see funds available for those recommendations. Specifically, at a minimum I would like to see \$2.0 million, including \$1.6 million from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund and \$400,000 from not recommending the transfer to the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund, added to the State Water Plan Fund for use on streambank stabilization and irrigation technology.

Senator Marci Francisco

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "marci francisco". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

February 12, 2015

Senate Ways and Means Committee

Date: 02-12-2015

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