



**Water Resources Committee  
Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)  
Meeting Agenda  
9:30 a.m., January 14, 2013  
Hughes Metropolitan Complex  
Mayor Marcey Gregory, Chair**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Mayor Marcey Gregory

**2. Approval of the Minutes from November 5, 2012 Meeting:** Mayor Marcey Gregory  
*Recommended Action: Approve or modify minutes as needed.*

**3. Water Resources Committee Staffing Update:** Joe Yager

**4. Review and Discussion of 2013 Work Plan:** Joe Yager

**5. REAP Annual Water Conference Discussion:** Mayor Marcey Gregory  
*The Committee's input is needed for staff to begin formalizing an outline for this year's conference including discussion on the date and location of the event as well as session topics and speakers.*  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction.*

**6. Key Issues in Water Legislation for 2013 Session:** Joe Yager  
*The Committee identified potential legislative issues that may impact water resources in South-Central Kansas.*  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*

**7. Governor's Request for Drought Preparedness Discussion:** Margaret Fast and Rob Reschke  
*Members of the Kansas Water Office have been asked to share information regarding Governor Brownback's recently convened meeting to discuss the persistent drought and the toll it is continuing to take on Kansas.*  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction.*

**8. Role of the WRC and Sustainable Communities Water Work Team:** Paula Downs and Dane Baxa  
*The WRC identified the need to determine its role and participation with the sustainability grant and overall long-term planning in its 2013 work plan. A proposal for this item will be discussed.*  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction.*

**9. 2013 WRC Meeting Discussion:** Mayor Marcey Gregory  
*Staff has prepared dates, times, and location for Committee meetings in 2013.*  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and determine meeting schedule.*

**10. Partners Reports**

*Many of our members serve on several water related committees or groups that are important to our region. We will ask for any members of these groups to share an update.*

- Walnut Basin Advisory Committee
- Lower Arkansas Basin Committee
- Groundwater Management District #2
- Kansas Water Authority

**11. 2013 Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water Rate Survey Update**

*REAP staff will begin collecting water, wastewater, and storm water rate information from all member communities. A final report of findings will be made available at the March REAP WRC meeting.*

**12. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates:** *Committee Members*  
*Committee members are encouraged to provide updates or request discussion on issues that may be relevant.*

**13. Adjourn**

**REAP Water Resource Committee Meeting Minutes November 5, 2012**  
Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas  
Mayor Marcey Gregory, Chair

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**1. Welcome and Introduction.**

Mayor Marcey Gregory, City of Goddard, called the meeting to order; members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of the Minutes from September 10, Meeting.**

Mayor Terry Somers, City of Mount Hope (Mr. Larry Mangan, City of Wellington) moved to approve the minutes, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Water Resources Committee Staffing Update**

Mr. Joe Yager, REAP Chief Executive Officer, gave an update on the REAP organizational structuring and how staffing will be moving forward. In a move to be more effective and efficient, REAP and WRC will be brought closer together especially in legislative issues. Overall in the REAP structure, the WRC has become more proactive on legislative issues, but there was not a seamless way to integrate this in the overall structure. This highlighted the separation and inefficiencies in the organizational structure. In order to move forward and increase capacity, the Executive Committee chose to have an executive director and assistant director of REAP. The assistant director will be the point person for water and will help on the other committees to help integrate operations. It was noted that REAP took action on this item, so we can now move forward with WSU to get the position filled. Water is an important issue to all of REAP and we want to uphold a strong commitment to it. The concerns concerning funding and the dual assessment structure are a work plan item for the full board and the Executive committee will be looking at overall funding over and above assessments.

**4. Review and Discussion of 2013 Work Plan**

Yager presented the 2012 Workplan, 2012 Annual Survey results and 2013 Workplan proposal for discussion. There was discussion on the issue of agriculture and municipal interests and the WRC role in helping to find a balance in the state water plan. Yager mentioned that the WRC would be analyzing water use and needs in the region and employing mutual education of water needs to both agricultural and municipal users. It was asked if the WRC would still need to sponsor an individual water conference in light of the Governor's Water conference. The Committee discussed and determined that the conferences serve different purposes and that the WRC conference's goal is to educate our local elected officials on water needs in the region. It was noted that the Committee should examine the Kansas Water Authority and what role the WRC could play in working with it and the Kansas Water Office in coming up with a state water plan.

Ms. Deb Baker, Kansas Water Office, mentioned that there was still plenty of time for input in the state water plan and the discussion moved to how the WRC could play a part, in examining funding and creating water policy. This was mentioned as a possible topic for the upcoming water conference.

Susan Erlenwein, Sedgwick County (Mike Jacobs, City of Wichita) moved to approve the 2013 Workplan. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. 2012 WRC Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Yager presented the meeting schedule for 2013 and noted that the committee will continue with the current dates and times as staff was directed to see if there is a better time or day and bring the discussion back at the January meeting.

**6. Review of Governor’s Water Conference**

Mayor Gregory gave a quick review of the Governor’s Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas, which the WRC was a Platinum sponsor. Ms. Kathy Rainey (Rose Hill) mentioned that it was a good and informative conference although the second day was very technical and academic. Mr. Brian Meier, Burns & McDonald/Lower Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee, felt that it was a very good conference, especially for its first year. Mr. Yager thanked the technical sub-committee for all of their work and the cities of Hutchinson and El Dorado for bringing water to have at the display table. He also noted that the display and information used at the sponsor table was set up for all members to see. Ms. Baker noted that there were over 500 people on both days of the conference, and she had heard positive feedback from many of them. She also mentioned that the presentations were available online.

**7. Partner’s Report**

Mr. Meier noted that in regards to a water plan update, the Lower Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee is looking to early next year for identifying priorities.

**8. Sustainable Communities Planning Update and Discussion Request**

Ms. Paula Downs reported that the Natural Resources Work Team of the grant was looking for participants and a chair of this work team. Committee members were encouraged to participate or to pass along the information to interested parties as there is a desire for community outreach.

**9. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates**

No unscheduled items were discussed at this meeting.

**10. Adjourn**

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

**REAP WRC Attendance 10/5/2012**

*Members/Alternatives/Guests*

Ms. Marcey Gregory, City of Goddard, Chair  
Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta  
Mr. Dale Shaffer, City of Benton  
Mr. Brian Meier, BMD/LABAC  
Ms. Kathy Sexton, City of Derby  
Mr. Herb Llewellyn, City of El Dorado  
Ms. Gina Bell, Harvey County  
Ms. Deb Baker, Kansas Water Office  
Mr. Rob Reschke, Kansas Water Office  
Mr. Daniel J. Shea, Kingman County  
Mayor Terry Somers, City of Mount Hope  
Mr. Kirk Hayden, City of Rose Hill  
Ms. Kathy Rainey, City of Rose Hill  
Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Sedgwick County  
Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Sedgwick County

Mr. Bill Bolin, SCKEDD  
Mr. Larry Mangan, City of Wellington  
Mr. Cody Sims, City of Wellington  
Councilmember Lavonta Williams, City of Wichita  
Mr. Mike Jacobs, City of Wichita  
Ms. Debra Ary, City of Wichita  
Mr. Dale Goter, City of Wichita

*Staff*

Dr. Nancy McCarthy-Snyder, WSU  
Mr. Joe Yager, WSU  
Ms. Paula Downs, WSU  
Mr. Dane Baxa, WSU  
Ms. Rebecca Likiardopoulos, WSU  
Mr. Taylour Tedder, WSU



ANDOVER, AUGUSTA, BEL AIRE, BENTLEY, BENTON, BUTLER COUNTY, CHENEY, CLEARWATER, COLWICH, CONWAY SPRINGS, DERBY, EL DORADO, GARDEN PLAIN, GODDARD, HALSTEAD, HARVEY COUNTY, HAYSVILLE, HESSTON, HUTCHINSON, KECHI, KINGMAN COUNTY, MAIZE, MCPHERSON COUNTY, MOUNT HOPE, MULVANE, NEWTON, PARK CITY, RENO COUNTY, ROSE HILL, SEDGWICK, SEDGWICK COUNTY, VALLEY CENTER, WELLINGTON, WICHITA

## **REAP Water Resources Committee 2013 Work Plan**

*Adopted November 5, 2012*

The Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) is comprised of thirty-six city and county governments in nine counties of South Central Kansas, which include Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, McPherson, Reno, Sedgwick and Sumner counties. Since its inception, REAP has been guided by the following mission:

*To guide state and national actions that affect economic development in the region, and to adopt joint actions among member governments that enhance the regional economy.*

The **Water Resources Committee** (WRC) identifies and coordinates collaborative efforts on regional issues of water quality and supply in South Central Kansas. In May of 2007 REAP created the WRC to serve as a regional conduit for dissemination to members of information and education while providing a regional voice on behalf of the members before federal, state, regional and local agencies and organize member involvement in the activities of those agencies.

### **2013 Work Plan**

- Research water, wastewater, and stormwater rate information in the region.
- Conduct annual water conference that includes relevant speakers and topics; including, but not limited to the following hot-topic items:
  - Oil and gas activities;
  - Utilization of reuse technology;
  - Water conservation plans; and
  - Agriculture and municipal water use.
- Educate WRC members on state water plan funding, governance, and economic impact and make recommendations as needed for moving forward.
- Evaluate expansion of the composition of the WRC membership.
- Evaluate and determine role and participation of the WRC with the sustainability grant and overall long-term planning.
- Identify WRC members to serve on the REAP Legislative Committee and evaluate process for determining water related legislative priorities to increase participation.

# Hang Together, or Hang Separately

2012 REAP Regional Water Conference  
May 24, 2012

Meridian Center  
1420 E. Broadway  
Newton, KS

Tentative Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. Registration**
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
- 8:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Carolyn Brittin, Texas Water Development Board**  
The importance of regional water planning in Texas.
- 10:00 a.m. Break**
- 10:10 a.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- (South Pointe) **“If You are Going to Do It – Do It Right!”**  
The value of planning and infrastructure investments – efficiencies gained and lessons learned.  
Kris Neifing, City of Edmond, OK
- (Meridian) **“What Changing Water Rights Mean for You”**  
An update on water rights legislation and how it affects municipalities.  
Lane Letourneau, KS Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources  
Tim Boese, Groundwater Management District #2
- 11:00 a.m. Break**
- 11:10 a.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- (South Pointe) **“Regional Water Systems Planning”**  
How different agencies can help promote efforts for regional projects.  
Debbie Beck, KS Dept. of Commerce  
Kent Evans, US Dept. of Agriculture, Rural Development  
Margaret Fast, Kansas Water Office  
Cathy Tucker-Vogel, KS Dept. of Health & Environment
- (Meridian) **“The Cost of Reservoir Planning”**  
A review of the Kansas Water Office’s report on reservoirs in Kansas.  
Susan Metzger, Kansas Water Office
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. General Session: Charles Jones, KU Public Management Center**  
Integrating policy making and administration in water and sewer operations.
- 1:50 p.m. General Session: Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office**  
Legislative update on water regulations in Kansas.

**Item**

Key Issues in Water Legislation for 2013 Session

**Background**

On November 5, 2012 the Water Resources Committee reviewed the 2012 survey results to develop work plan items for the WRC in 2013. Included in these discussions were potential legislative issues that may impact water resources in South-Central Kansas. REAP has also approved continuations of Tom Bruno as legislative liaison to monitor legislative issues that may impact water resources throughout the 2013 session.

**REAP Legislative Priorities Related to Water:**

*The Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project to preserve the aquifer for agricultural, industrial, and municipal use that is essential to the regional economy.*

- The ASR project involves pumping water out of the Little Arkansas River following periods of heavy rainfall, treating it to drinking-water quality and injecting it into the Equus Beds aquifer, a major source of Wichita's water.
- Annual requests from the state water plan fund of \$1 million started four years ago. Total appropriations to date amount to about \$2.5 million. The Governor has recommended \$500,000 for FY13, which is being considered by the current legislative session.
- Key partner is the City of Wichita.

*Sediment and nutrient reduction programs that protect and sustain the region's public water supplies.*

- Improving water quality in Kansas must be achieved through a coordinated local, state and federal program targeted at reducing sediment and nutrients in surface water. Funding for a targeted sediment and nutrient reduction program, protects public water supplies for communities in South-central Kansas utilizing surface water, and may reduce treatment costs for drinking water.

*Support a reevaluation of current state water policy including Kansas Water Authority representation; revenue sources and distribution for the state water plan fund; and, the process for adopting the annual state water plan fund budget.*

- An examination of current appropriations of the state water fund would be a healthy and productive exercise that will lead to consensus among the various categories of water users as agricultural, industrial and municipal users must all work together for the overall benefit of the state.
- Key partners include the REAP Water Resource Committee, the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Water Office.

*Promote science-based, common sense policies that protect the safety of the region's water supply and air quality; recognizing that the region's job creation potential should not be unnecessarily jeopardized.*

- To ensure an affordable and abundant drinking water supply, that will protect and sustain the region's high quality groundwater.
- Air quality was noted at the November 5<sup>th</sup> REAP board meeting with the ozone awareness presentation.
- Key partners include the City of Wichita and REAP

### **Additional Legislative Issues Related to Water:**

*The Kansas Water Authority recommendations for the State Water Plan Fund*

- Expenditure of all projected statutory revenue from all sources including fees as defined in the State Water Planning Act (82a-954) the full \$6 million State General Fund demand transfer (82a-953a) and \$2 million transfer from the Economic Development Initiative (79-4804(g)).
- Capital projects included in the budget recommendations include \$2 million for work on the Wichita Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), the Water Supply Restoration Program.
- Dredging of storage at John Redmond Reservoir will be a large project that requires significant planning, design and permitting. The end product will be additional storage to meet the water supply needs in the Neosho Basin.
- A smaller scale dredging project under the Water Supply Restoration Program will renovate storage in the municipal lake at Osage City which provides 40 percent of their annual water supply and 100 percent during emergency situations.

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#### Local Enhanced Management Areas (LEMAs)

- LEMAs are locally initiated, locally driven voluntary water conservation plans that were established by the 2012 Kansas Legislature.
- LEMAs give groundwater management districts (GMDs) the authority to initiate a public hearing process to consider LEMA proposals.
- GMD 4, in portions of Sheridan and Thomas counties, proposed the first LEMA to establish local water conservation plans that meet local needs while helping conserve water resources.
- The Kansas Department of Agriculture supports legislation to allow a county or group of counties to propose a LEMA and initiate the hearing process.
- Extending the useful life of the Ogallala Aquifer while also enhancing the economic viability of the region is critical to Kansas. Allowing a county or group of counties to have access to the LEMA tool will give more options to local interests and will encourage more water users to conserve water resources.

#### Multi- Year Flex Account Program

- The multi-Year Flex Account (MYFA) program as revised by the 2012 Kansas Legislature, provides water right holders a voluntary option to develop a five year planning tool to strategically manage their water.

- MYFAs, which are aquifer neutral, do not change the underlying water right and allow the water right holder to exceed his or her annual authorized quantity in any year but restricts total pumping over the five-year period.
- In the first year of the revised MYFA program, the Kansas Department of Agriculture received more than 750 applications.
- The department supports legislation to further enhance the ability of water right holders to carry unused quantities of MYFA over and roll into the next MYFA.
- The carryover quantity would be all of the unused allocation up to one-fifth of the calculated total quantity.

#### Limited Transfer Permitting

- Larger portions of Western Kansas are closed to new water appropriations. While it is critical to conserve water resources, we must also work to accelerate potential economic activity.
- The Kansas Department of Agriculture supports legislation to allow a limited transfer of existing water right allow a short –term new use a corresponding reduction in the base water right.
- The limited transfer will not permanently modify the base water right and allows water to be borrowed for a limited period of time.
- Limited transfer could be used for horizontally fracked oil exploration, construction or for municipal use.
- This added flexibility will enable individuals or businesses that do not have an existing water right and may have been totally prevented from operating in Kansas to choose to do business in the state.

#### Jurisdictional Dam Standards

The Kansas Department of Agriculture supports legislation to reduce the number of dams required to obtain permits for construction. The agency will seek to focus regulation of dams based on risk in an effort to protect public safety.

#### *Governor's Response to Drought and Historic Dry Conditions*

Plans for 2013 were identified to assist communities, businesses, farmers and ranchers to help cope with the decreasing water supply and historic dry conditions. The Governor asked all Kansans to do their part and take conservation seriously. The main message shared by state leaders was cities and rural water districts need to measure their current water supply as well as review and use their conservation and drought emergency plans. They need to evaluate their experience from this past year and update those plans to make sure they are prepared to address water supply needs should the drought continue as predicted.

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 20, 2012

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## **Drought Response and 2013 Preparation for Kansas**

**TOPEKA** – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback convened a meeting Thursday of Kansas leaders to discuss the persistent drought and the toll it is continuing to take on Kansas. Plans for 2013 were identified to assist communities, businesses, farmers and ranchers to help cope with the decreasing water supply and historic dry conditions.

The Governor asked all Kansans to do their part and take conservation seriously.

“We can’t predict the end date of this drought,” Governor Brownback said. “I am asking all Kansans to please take steps to reduce their water usage and be conscious of fire hazards. There have been examples of communities cooperating to respond to this drought, but we need ALL Kansas communities working together to conserve, provide assistance and resources to reduce the damage of this drought.”

Kansas Adjutant General Maj. Gen. (KS) Lee Tafanelli; Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman; Kansas Secretary of Health and Environment, Division of Environment Director John Mitchell; Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Secretary Robin Jennison and Kansas Water Office Director Tracy Streeter joined the Governor and discussed action items they recommended for the upcoming year.

The main message shared by state leaders was cities and rural water districts need to measure their current water supply as well as review and use their conservation and drought emergency plans. They need to evaluate their experience from this past year and update those plans to make sure they are prepared to address water supply needs should the drought continue as predicted.

Governor Brownback reminded citizens of the website, [Drought.ks.gov](http://Drought.ks.gov), which provides drought information for all Kansans. It provides easy access to specific drought information, as well as links to state and federal resources for farmers and ranchers, small businesses, Kansans, and cities and counties.

The Governor’s Drought Response Team will continue to watch the situation closely and work to minimize the effects the drought has on Kansans.

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Dear Public Water Supplier,

The persistent drought in which we find ourselves is not expected to end in the near term. In the mean time, I have asked all Kansans to take steps to reduce water usage.

As a public water supplier, you can take some specific steps in the next couple weeks. If you have your own source of supply, whether ground or surface, make an assessment of the current quantity of water available. What is the depth to groundwater in your well and how does it compare to historic levels; what capacity remains in your lake? If you purchase water, check with your supplier if they have measured the supply.

Another step you can take is to review your conservation plan and drought response triggers and actions. Evaluate your experience from this past year. Plan to update those plans if needed to be prepared to address water supply needs should the drought continue as predicted. If you purchase treated water, contact your seller to coordinate conservation efforts with them. If you are a seller of treated water, contact those systems you sell to and ensure they have the ability to invoke conservation measures in their systems.

If you need assistance with your drought plan update or evaluating your water supply, please contact the Kansas Water Office at 1-888-KAN-WATER. I would like you to report to KWO by January 8, 2013 the results of your water supply evaluation.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter as this will better prepare us all to deal with the continuing drought. We are all in this together and will work collectively to weather the challenges.

Sincerely,

Sam Brownback  
Governor

**Item**

Role of the Water Resources Committee and Sustainable Communities Water Work Team

**Background**

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A key element of the WRC is to facilitate discussion on water supply issues. To support this type of inter-jurisdictional planning REAP was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to create a toolbox of options, policies, and resources that local communities can utilize to address housing, transportation, water resources, economic and workforce development issues that impact our regional economy. This planning opportunity engages citizens across jurisdictional boundaries to discuss infrastructure investments that will enhance the region's current and future economic competitiveness in a global marketplace. The initiative will utilize work teams made up of citizens, professionals, and elected officials from cities and counties in the 5 County region (Harvey, Reno, Sumner, Butler, and Sedgwick) to develop regional data and analysis that will be used for the overall regional plan. One of the work teams identified is water resources.

The WRC most recently developed a water resource capacity survey that will be used by the Sustainable Communities initiative to inventory water supply information from communities in the region and the WRC identified the need to determine its role and participation with the sustainability grant and overall long-term planning in its 2013 work plan.

**REAP Water Resources Committee Work Team Proposal**

Staff is proposing the creation of a Water Work Team to develop specific outcomes and requirements of the grant (see below). In order to avoid duplication, staff is proposing utilizing the WRC to serve as the Water Work Team and meet during the off months of the regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings. The work team will be co-chaired by Ed Flentje, Wichita State University and Joe Palacios. In addition, the team will include participants from other public water supplies in the region that may not be members of the WRC (rural water districts, whole sale water supplies, and agriculture, business, and residential water customers) as well as local and state agencies that have an interest in public water supplies. All team meeting information as well as progress will be posted on the sustainable community's initiative website.

The WRC will continue to meet bi-monthly as scheduled to carry out their work plan agenda items (see below). The WRC will also be updated on the progress of the water work team regularly, and be given opportunity to provide feedback as needed.

## **Sustainable Communities Water Work Team Scope of Work**

**GOVERNANCE:** The Water work team is a sub-committee of the Consortium Leadership Team (CLT). The CLT is made up of cities, counties, and not for profits that are appointed by the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP). The identified water work team co-chairs to be appointed by the CLT are Ed Flentje, Wichita State University, and Joe Palacios. The makeup of the water work team is open to the public and may include municipalities, rural water districts, whole sale water supplies, and agriculture, industrial, business, and residential water users.

**GOAL:** Provide a framework for cooperation and an understanding of the capability of meeting future water quantity and quality demands affordably that integrates efficient delivery of potable water throughout the region.

**Long Term Outcome:** Develop affordable, abundant, high quality water resources that sustain economic development in South Central Kansas.

### **Water Work Team Tasks:**

- Complete thorough review of existing plans by municipalities and counties, authorities, specialized agencies, and other entities with jurisdiction over key infrastructure areas;
- Create, distribute and evaluate a regional water service capacity survey (needs assessment). Survey will be evaluated by the REAP Water Resources Committee and then reviewed by consultants to develop strategies and options to meet future supply demands and conduct scenario planning;
- Conduct scenario planning on regional water infrastructure, wastewater needs and long-term cost burdens and report preferred futures and projected dollars saved;
- Assess regional water supply availability, future water demand information, infrastructure, and financing tools for public water supplies;
- Develop options, strategies, and barriers to address future water supply demands, infrastructure, and financing needs for public water supplies;
- Evaluate infrastructure investment opportunities that are identified to meet the goals of the region;
- Identify regional infrastructure investment opportunities, governance, measures, or studies that efficiently utilize new and/or existing regional water resources to affordably meet future water demands sustainably in the region;
- Track obstacles, if any, that had to be overcome to get the plan formulated and adopted by the Team;
- Identify impediments that were identified during the planning process and provide associated strategies that were included to address and ameliorate the impediments;
- Draft section for final plan highlighting:
  - Data-gathering and analysis;
  - Needs assessment process;
  - Public engagement (information will be provided by community engagement consultant and Project Team);
  - Input activities;
  - Strategies, options, barriers, opportunities of topic;

- Strategies to meet future demands;
- Team will review regional planning documents to determine shared goals and objectives for building sustainable communities and determine sustainable policies that can be adopted into local comprehensive planning documents; and
- Policy and Legislation- prepare administrative and regulatory measures that support the Regional Sustainable plan and strategies.

**Potential Data Information:**

- Water demand and supply information;
- Existing and projected potable water, sanitary sewer, storm water management, and solid waste, facilities and services;
- Facility planning processes employed by public and private utilities for the provision of potable water, sanitary sewer, storm water management, and solid waste;
- Regional average cost of water per 1,000 gal

**REAP Water Resources Committee 2013 Work Plan Items**

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**Item**

2013 WRC Meeting Schedule

**Background**

In 2012, the Water Resources Committee took action to schedule regular bi-monthly full Committee meetings on the second Monday of the month, following the REAP meeting, at 9:30 a.m. Meetings were scheduled to be held in the Sudermann Room at the Wichita State Hughes Metropolitan Complex located at 5015. E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North, unless otherwise noted.

Also in 2012, the Water Resources Technical Sub-Committee scheduled bi-monthly meetings on the off months of the full Water Resources Committee meetings and generally on the second Thursday of the month, at 3:00 p.m. Meetings were scheduled to be held at the Wichita State Hughes Metropolitan Complex located at 5015. E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North unless otherwise noted.

In addition, the WRC holds an annual water conference, generally the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of May. The annual conference was held on May 24, 2012 at the Meridian Center in Newton, KS.

**2013 Proposed Schedule**

*Water Resources Committee:* Continuation of the regular bi-monthly full Committee meetings on the second Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted is as follows:

- **January 14**
- **March 11**
- **May 23** REAP Regional Water Conference (tentative)
- **July 8**
- **September 9**
- **November 4**

*Water Resources Technical Sub-Committee:* Held on an as needed basis.

Meetings are not held if there is no business before the committee.

**Recommended Action**

Discussion of meeting schedules.