



**Water Resources Technical Subcommittee
Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)
Meeting Agenda
3:00 p.m., June 14, 2012
Hughes Metropolitan Complex,
5015 E. 29th, Wichita KS**

Water Resources Committee Mission Statement: *“To serve as a regional voice and assist communities in efforts to influence local, state, and national policy in obtaining safe, affordable, and sustainable water resources.”*

- I. Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Marcey Gregory (Goddard)

- II. 2012 Regional Water Conference Evaluation:** Dane Baxa
Members are asked to review the 2012 REAP Water conference evaluation survey and final budget and provide feedback and recommendations for session ideas.

- III. Regional Water Service Capacity Survey:** Dane Baxa (p. 2)
Members are asked to review the regional water capacity survey and provide suggestions for the data collection and analysis for the value of regional water planning efforts.

- IV. 2012 WRC Work Plan, Meeting Dates and Times Review:** Dane Baxa (p.3-5)
Members are asked to review the 2012 WRC Work Plan, Meeting Dates and Times and provide feedback and recommendations of work plan items to address at the July 9th WRC meeting.

- V. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates**

- VI. Adjourn**
Our next WRC meeting is tentatively set for Monday July 9th at 9:30am at the Metroplex.

REAP Water Service Capacity Inventory

Regional Water Planning Goals

Develop affordable, abundant, high quality water resources that:

1. Align long term goals for water quantity and quality in the region.
2. Maximize efficiencies in infrastructure investments to reduce costs in managing water resources.

Purpose of Water Service Capacity Inventory

Establish water service capacity information that will guide the region in identifying opportunities for collaboration in public water supply management and service that meet the regional water planning goals.

Process

After the water service capacity survey is approved by the WRC, REAP staff will distribute the inventory survey to all public water supplies in South-central Kansas and assist participants as needed in coordinating the necessary information. Staff will summarize the information for presentation at the July 9th WRC meeting, where next steps can be discussed, as well as determine how the WRC regional water planning efforts, align with the work plan for the REAP sustainable communities grant.

Survey Questions to Water Providers

1. Connections

- a. What are the number of connections from 2007-2012?
- b. How many miles of distribution pipe that serve those connections?
- c. What is the average age of the water distribution system?

2. Water Treatment Capacity

- a. Maximum capacity (MGD Peak Demand)?
- b. Any treatment limitations or regulation concerns?
- c. Any planned capital improvements to meet regulations or capacity?

3. Water Rights

- a. Total allotted water rights? Ground and/or surface?
- b. Total amount of water rights used in the last 3 years?
- c. Any recent or projected impositions or issues with adjacent water rights? (irrigation, cities, etc.)

4. Service Territory

- a. Any redundancy with water providers within and/or immediately adjacent to your service territory?
- b. Do you purchase or sell water wholesale to/from other water providers? If so, who?

5. Infrastructure Investments

- a. Any large water users anticipated in your community in the near future?
- b. Any planned infrastructure investments? (Water treatment plants, distribution replacements, etc.)

6. Financing

- a. What debt services are being utilized water related capital investments?
- b. What have been your water rates over the past 5 years?
- c. Do property taxes subsidize water services?

2011-2014 REAP Strategic Plan

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.

Provide a unified voice to promote regional economic development.

- 1) Collaborate with business, nonprofit, and public sector stakeholders on regional economic issues.
- 2) Strengthen relationships with existing partners.
- 3) Encourage dialogue on regional economic development.

Guide state and national policies that impact the regional economy.

- 1) Engage local leadership to represent the region at the state and national level.

2012 REAP Water Resources Committee Work Plan

Mission: To serve as a regional voice and assist communities in efforts to influence local, state, and national policy in obtaining safe, affordable, and sustainable water resources.

Provide a unified voice on policy issues concerned with water quality and quantity before federal, state, and local agencies.

- 1.1) Partner with business, nonprofit, and public sector on water quality and quantity issues that are or could be supported by the WRC.
 - a) Partner with Kansas Biological Survey to further develop REAP Water Resources Planner.
- 2.1) Disseminate the mission of the WRC to state and national partners by attending and presenting information at special meetings.
 - a) Provide REAP WRC technical assistance or representation at water related meetings, conferences, and workshops.
- 3.1) Facilitate discussion on the value of water resources in a regional economy.
 - a) Assist REAP in coordinating the 2012 Regional Listening Tour

Guide state and national policies that impact regional water quality and supply.

- 1.1) Identify and advocate for REAP legislative priorities relating to water issues when appropriate.
 - a) Secure state financial participation in:
 - i) The Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recover (ASR) Project to preserve the aquifer for agricultural, industrial, and municipal use that is essential to the regional economy.
 - ii) Sediment and nutrient reduction programs that protect and sustain the region's public water supplies.
 - b) Promote science-based, common sense policies that protect the safety of the region's water supply while recognizing that the region's job creation potential should not be unnecessarily jeopardized.
 - c) Encourage a reevaluation of state water policy and governance, including the collection and distribution of Water Fund revenue and the legislative process for adoption of the annual Kansas Water Authority budget.
- 1.2) Coordinate REAP WRC membership when appropriate to engage in the state legislation process on WRC supported issues.

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| <p>2) Develop relationships with, local, state and federal governmental officials.</p> | <p>2.1) Monitor activities of federal, state, and local agencies affecting water supply and quality in the region and advise members of relevant issues and partnership opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Report on regional, state, and national water meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Basin Advisory Committees. ii) Groundwater Management Districts. iii) Kansas Water Authority. iv) Division of Water Resources. v) State and national conferences. |
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Engage stakeholders on issues shaping our regional economy.

- 1) Provide regional forums that connect REAP membership with private, non-profit, and public sector stakeholders.

Engage stakeholders on issues of water quality and supply by providing a regional forum for discussion, communication, and information sharing opportunities.

- 1.1) Conduct Water Resources Committee meetings to discuss regional water issues and invite relevant stakeholders from the business, nonprofit, and public sector to sponsor or present information.
- 1.2) Conduct meetings with the Technical Sub-Committee to review and develop:
 - a) Regional water planning research guide.
 - b) Other technical or research requests from WRC members.
- 1.3) Coordinate the 2012 REAP regional water conference.
- 1.4) Develop communication with media contacts to attend WRC meetings.
- 1.5) Assemble and disseminate informational resources related to water quality and supply issues.
 - a) Water, wastewater, and storm water rate survey
 - b) Hydraulic fracturing information relating to water resources
- 1.6) Visit 14 REAP WRC member communities in 2012.

Support inter-jurisdictional planning on issues affecting economic development.

- 1) Create a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.

Support inter-jurisdictional planning on issues affecting regional water quality and supply.

- 1.1) Align goals and strategies of the WRC with the outcomes and opportunities available with the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant.



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2012 Calendar of Events

REAP Board of Directors:

8:00 a.m., Hughes Metropolitan Complex
5015 E. 29th St Wichita, Kansas

Monday, January 9, 2012
Monday, February 13, 2012
Monday, March 12, 2012
Monday, April 9, 2012
Monday, May 14, 2012
Monday, June 11, 2012
Monday, July 9, 2012
Monday, September 10, 2012
Monday, October 1, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012
Monday, December 10, 2012

Executive Committee:

Time & Location TBD

Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
Tuesday, July 3, 2012
Wednesday, September 26, 2012
Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Economic Development Committee:

12:00 p.m., Workforce Alliance
150 N. Main St Wichita, Kansas

Thursday, January 26, 2012
Thursday, February 23, 2012
Thursday, March 29, 2012
Thursday, April 26, 2012
Thursday, May 31, 2012
Thursday, June 28, 2012
Thursday, July 26, 2012
Thursday, August 23, 2012
Thursday, September 27, 2012
Thursday, October 25, 2012
Thursday, November 15, 2012
Thursday, December 20, 2012

Legislative Committee:

12:00 p.m., Workforce Alliance
150 N. Main St Wichita, Kansas

Friday, January 27, 2012
Friday, February 24, 2012
Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 27, 2012
Friday, May 25, 2012
Friday, June 22, 2012
Friday, October 26, 2012
Friday, November 16, 2012
Friday, December 21, 2012

Water Resources Committee:

9:30 a.m., Hughes Metropolitan Complex
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Monday, March 12, 2012
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Monday, September 10, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012

Water Resources Technical Sub Committee:

3:00 p.m., Location TBD

Thursday, February 9
Thursday, April 12
Thursday, June 14
Thursday, August 9
Thursday, October 11
Thursday, December 13

REAP Events:

Regional Water Conference
Thursday, May 24, 2012

Regional Listening Tour
July, August, September 2012

Legislative Policy Summit
December 2012