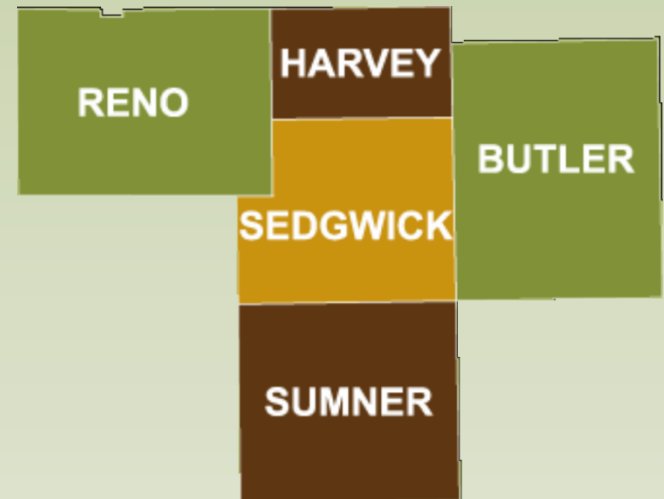


South Central Kansas Prosperity Plan

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Region



Topics

- Six Key Areas
 - Workforce and Business Development
 - Built Environment
 - Transportation
 - **Water**
 - Natural Resources
 - Health Community Design



Team

- Water Work Team was a diverse group of stakeholders
 - Local governments
 - Ag community (GMDs)
 - State officials
 - Technical assistance providers
 - University

Goal

“Regional collaboration to ensure an ample, high-quality water supply”

Water Focus Areas

- Water Supply
- Conservation and Education
- Cost of Water

Key Challenges

- Need for drought resiliency planning
- Need for conservation information and improved marketing around conservation education
- Aging and failing infrastructure

Key Challenges Cont.

- Lack of funding for preventative maintenance and replacement
- Supply concerns to meet future needs
- Balancing the water needs among user types; industrial, commercial, municipal, and agricultural

Top Strategies

- Determine need for alternative regional water supply
- Develop a regional plan to address drought response
- Develop regional forum for advocacy around water policies/issues
- Develop and implement effective conservation education program

Top Strategies Cont.

- Develop water rate models and best management practices tailored to individual needs that promote revenue sustainability with conservation and drought condition strategies
- Develop asset inventory model that includes age/condition to understand replacement costs
- Develop best practice information on benefits of “full-cost pricing” and examples of use and success with other utilities

Plan Deliverables

- Water conference (May 2014)
- Water education videos around good lawn irrigation practices (In process)
- Water directory tool (Draft available)

Plan Deliverables Cont.

- Best Practice Guides:
 - Drought Resiliency
 - Sample plans, best practices, marketing/education elements, etc
 - Asset Management
 - Proactive/preventative water system maintenance/planning, what components to include in a plan
 - Regional Coordination Structure
 - Example structures and staffing to consider, what are the benefits, ideas for role and influence both at agency level and legislature

Questions?

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