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New Secretary of Agriculture

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback recently appointed Jackie McClaskey as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, succeeding Dale Rodman, who will step down from the position Dec. 10, 2013.

Water Use Reports

The deadline to file your water use report with KDA-DWR is March 1, 2014. This deadline will be here soon. Please contact our office if you need any assistance filling out these important forms.

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Central Kansas Water Bank Association

The Central Kansas Water Bank Association (CKWBA) is new and improved from previous programs. The CKWBA has tools that allow water users to maximize the economic value of every drop of water. By statute (K.S.A. 82a-761 *et seq.*), the CKWBA must conserve a minimum of 10% of the historic use through the programs it employs. This mandatory conservation is accounted for throughout all of the programs to preserve at least a small part for future generations. The CKWBA charter can be found at http://www.gmd5.org/Water_Bank/Archive/2013-03-12_CKWBA_Charter.pdf. The following summarizes the sections of the CKWBA charter. The sections are noted for further reference.

Deposit (Charter Sections 503 & 504)

The CKWBA allows water to be deposited from one location and leased to another within the same hydrologic unit through the Deposit program. This program uses the actual water use for the ten years between 1987 and 1996. This is the maximum amount of water considered bankable with the CKWBA for use at another location. A water right's water use is available 24 hours a day on the Kansas Geological Survey's website called WIMAS at <http://hercules.kgs.ku.edu/geohydro/wimas/index.cfm>. A water user can use this webpage to look up their water use history and determine the amount of water bankable with CKWBA. The deposit program does have a term limitation of five years. Following the expiration of that term, the full water right is available to be used by the original water user or be re-deposited into CKWBA.

Lease (Charter Sections 505 & 506)

Once water is deposited into CKWBA, that water can then be leased elsewhere within the same hydrologic unit by one or many water users. Depending on the location of the lease, there is a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 16% reserved for conservation purposes. The magnitude of the conservation component is determined by many hydrologic and spatial parameters for that location. These parameters have been simplified into an easy-to-read conservation component map. This map shows the conservation component amount for each quarter of ground within the CKWBA boundaries. It is available for review at http://www.gmd5.org/Water_Bank/Forms/Figure5.pdf. If an area is shaded gray, that area has been determined that water cannot be leased into that quarter section until the hydrologic conditions improve. Within a matter of minutes, an individual can determine the amount of water that can be moved to another location per year by using the water use history available on WIMAS and the conservation component map mentioned above.

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Safe Deposit Accounts (Charter Sections 507 & 508)

The Safe Deposit Account (SDA) program is, by far, the most popular program in CKWBA. Enrollment into a SDA allows for a portion of unused water to be deposited for use by the same water right in future years. Without an account like this, a water user forfeits any unused water from year to year. The SDA uses the full appropriated amount under the water right. The annual amount deposited into the account is calculated using the following formula: $((WR \times 85\%) - WU) \times 25\%$. WR represents the full certified quantity of water authorized. WU represents the actual annual water use. The water deposited into the SDA cannot be transferred to another location or water right. There are no term limitations for a safe deposit account.

Forms & Reporting

The forms for enrollment in the CKWBA programs are available on our website at http://www.gmd5.org/Water_Bank/wb_forms.htm. If you would like a form sent to you, please contact our office. There are no special deadlines for water use reporting for the CKWBA. If a water right is enrolled in a CKWBA program, a copy of the annual water use report is required by the CKWBA each year by the same deadline imposed by KDA -DWR. All water accounting is handled by CKWBA.

Fees & Deadlines

The CKWBA is independently funded through the fees it collects to process the proper forms for its programs. Recently at a CKWBA board meeting, the fee schedule was simplified and reduced significantly. It can be found at http://www.gmd5.org/Water_Bank/Forms/2014_FeeSchedule.pdf. These fees are due at contract signing for all CKWBA programs. The deadline to deposit water into the CKWBA for use at another location is April 1. The lease program does not have a deadline associated with it and can be processed throughout the year. The enrollment for a SDA is December 31. This deadline is quickly approaching. Be sure to call our office to set up an appointment to discuss how CKWBA can work for your operation. Feel free to call or check our website if you have questions www.gmd5.org/Water_Bank/index.htm.

**Do we have your correct mailing address?
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