

**SRESOLUTION NO. 1: THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS WATERSHEDS CHALLENGES EACH WATERSHED DISTRICT WITH STATE AND LOCALLY FUNDED DAMS LEFT IN THEIR GENERAL PLAN TO CONSTRUCT TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO AT LEAST ONE REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING IN THE NEXT YEAR.**

WHEREAS, the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) Budget Committee will ask for input from the RAC committees to formulate the 2023 budget for the Dam Construction program; and

WHEREAS, each RAC needs to hear from Watershed Districts as per accomplishments, benefits, costs, restrictions, and

WHEREAS, the dam construction program in the past 40 years has only completed 50% of the planned general plan projects; and

WHEREAS, each project must show a positive benefit to cost ratio to include mitigation costs making the program one of if not the only State conservation program with this requirement; and

WHEREAS, in the past four years and mainly due to USACE's compensatory mitigation requirements (perpetuity on conservation easement, third party easement holder, lack of KSMG credits earned) the Watershed Dam Construction funding has been diverted/directed to very worthy and much needed rehabilitation projects; and

WHEREAS, until the funding level is restored to previous years' levels, there is little chance the Kansas Watershed Districts will accomplish their General Plan Dam completion goals; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Association of Kansas Watersheds supports direct involvement by Watershed Districts with their RCA committee by sending a representative to at least one RAC committee meeting in the next year.