

# KANSAS WATER OFFICE

## Appropriations Report

### AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Kansas Water Office (KWO) is the water planning, policy, and coordination agency for the State. The agency, in conjunction with the Kansas Water Authority (KWA), develops water policies through an open planning process; facilitates the coordination of agencies' activities regarding water; and operates a raw water marketing program to ensure an adequate supply for the citizens, municipalities, environment, and industries in the state.

### BUDGET ITEMS

	Agency		LBC (HB 2007, as Introduced)		Final Approved (SB 125)	
	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds
<b>FY 2025</b>						
<b>Approved</b>						
Approved Budget	\$1,399,615	\$49,131,924	\$1,399,615	\$49,131,924	\$1,399,615	\$49,131,924
<i>Subtotal – Approved</i>	<i>\$1,399,615</i>	<i>\$49,131,924</i>	<i>\$1,399,615</i>	<i>\$49,131,924</i>	<i>\$1,399,615</i>	<i>\$49,131,924</i>
<b>Reappropriation</b>						
1. SGF Reappropriation	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120
2. SWPF Reappropriation	-	\$8,081,600	-	\$8,081,600	-	\$8,081,600
<i>Subtotal – Reappropriation</i>	<i>\$120</i>	<i>\$8,081,720</i>	<i>\$120</i>	<i>\$8,081,720</i>	<i>\$120</i>	<i>\$8,081,720</i>
<b>Other Changes</b>						
3. State Water Plan Fund Transfer	-	(\$392,164)	-	(\$392,164)	-	(\$392,164)
4. Water Projects Grant Fund	-	\$11,859,467	-	\$11,859,467	-	\$11,859,467
5. Water Technical Assistance Fund	-	\$5,000,000	-	\$5,000,000	-	\$5,000,000
All Other Adjustments	-	\$757,980	-	\$757,980	-	\$757,980
<i>Subtotal – Other Changes</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$17,225,283</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$17,225,283</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$17,225,283</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,399,735</b>	<b>\$74,438,927</b>	<b>\$1,399,735</b>	<b>\$74,438,927</b>	<b>\$1,399,735</b>	<b>\$74,438,927</b>
<b>FY 2026</b>						
<b>Approved</b>						
Approved Budget	\$1,399,615	\$49,131,924	\$1,399,615	\$49,131,924	\$1,399,615	\$49,131,924
<i>Subtotal – Approved</i>	<i>\$1,399,615</i>	<i>\$49,131,924</i>	<i>\$1,399,615</i>	<i>\$49,131,924</i>	<i>\$1,399,615</i>	<i>\$49,131,924</i>
<b>Enhancement</b>						
6. Add Transfer Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Capital Outlay for New FTE Positions	\$9,300	\$9,300	-	-	-	-
8. Delete SWPF Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	(\$10,083,564)
9. Funding for New FTE Positions	\$211,169	\$211,169	-	-	-	-
10. Statewide SGF Operations Lapse	-	-	-	-	(\$21,120)	(\$21,120)
11. SWPF - Arbuckle Study	-	-	-	-	-	\$300,000
12. SWPF - Assessment and Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500,000
13. SWPF - Conservation Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	\$500,000
14. SWPF - HB 2302 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	\$850,000
15. SWPF - High Plains Aquifer Partnerships	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,000,000
16. SWPF - Independent Program Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-	\$450,000

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	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds
17. SWPF - John Redmond Reservoir Hydrosuction Pilot Program	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500,000
18. SWPF - Kansas Water Plan Education and Outreach	-	-	-	-	-	\$400,000
19. SWPF - MOU Storage Operations	-	-	-	-	-	\$778,711
20. SWPF - Reservoir and Water Quality Research	-	-	-	-	-	\$500,000
21. SWPF - Stream Gaging	-	-	-	-	-	\$698,708
22. SWPF - Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000,000
23. SWPF - Water Planning and Project Development	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500,000
24. SWPF - Water Quality Partnerships	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,464,890
25. SWPF Ending Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
26. 2025 Pay Plan	-	-	-	-	\$27,887	\$44,905
<i>Subtotal – Enhancement</i>	\$220,469	\$220,469	-	-	\$6,767	\$3,382,530
<b>Other Changes</b>						
4. Water Projects Grant Fund	-	(\$7,500,000)	-	(\$7,500,000)	-	(\$7,500,000)
5. Water Technical Assistance Fund	-	(\$2,500,000)	-	(\$2,500,000)	-	(\$2,500,000)
27. FEMA Federal Grant	-	\$1,217,500	-	\$1,217,500	-	\$1,217,500
28. SGF Allocations	\$8,372	\$8,372	\$8,372	\$8,372	\$8,372	\$8,372
29. State Water Plan Fund Appropriations	-	\$535,183	-	\$535,183	-	\$535,183
All Other Adjustments	-	\$970,465	-	\$970,465	-	\$970,465
<i>Subtotal – Other Changes</i>	\$8,372	(\$7,268,480)	\$8,372	(\$7,268,480)	\$8,372	(\$7,268,480)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,628,456</b>	<b>\$42,083,913</b>	<b>\$1,407,987</b>	<b>\$41,863,444</b>	<b>\$1,414,754</b>	<b>\$45,245,974</b>

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### 1. SGF Reappropriation

FY 2025

**Agency:** The agency carried over \$120 in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** The agency carried over \$120 in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025.

### 2. SWPF Reappropriation

FY 2025

**Agency:** The agency carried over \$8.1 million in unspent SWPF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** The agency carried over \$8.1 million in unspent SWPF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025.

### 3. State Water Plan Fund Transfer

FY 2025

**Agency:** Delete \$392,164 SWPF and transfer the same amount to the Kansas Department of Agriculture for the Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative in FY 2025.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Delete \$392,164 SWPF and transfer the same amount to the Kansas Department of Agriculture for the Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative in FY 2025.

### 4. Water Projects Grant Fund

FY 2025

**Agency:** Add \$11.9 million, all from the Water Projects Grant Fund, for other assistance to eligible municipalities or special districts related to water in FY 2025.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$11.9 million, all from the Water Projects Grant Fund, for other assistance to eligible municipalities or special districts related to water in FY 2025.

FY 2026

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**Agency:** Delete \$7.5 million from the Water Projects Grant Fund for other assistance to eligible municipalities or special districts related to water for FY 2026.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Delete \$7.5 million from the Water Projects Grant Fund for other assistance to eligible municipalities or special districts related to water for FY 2026.

## 5. Water Technical Assistance Fund

### FY 2025

**Agency:** Add \$5.0 million, all from the Water Technical Assistance Fund, for other assistance to eligible municipalities or special districts related to water in FY 2025.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$5.0 million, all from the Water Technical Assistance Fund, for other assistance to eligible municipalities or special districts related to water in FY 2025.

### FY 2026

**Agency:** Delete \$2.5 million from the Water Technical Assistance Fund for other assistance to eligible municipalities or special districts related to water for FY 2026.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Delete \$2.5 million from the Water Technical Assistance Fund for other assistance to eligible municipalities or special districts related to water for FY 2026.

## 6. Add Transfer Authority

### FY 2026

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**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add language allowing the Director of the Water Office to transfer funding between lines of appropriation of the SWPF, both within internal agency accounts and external accounts administered by the Department of Agriculture, University of Kansas, Department of Wildlife and Parks, and the Division of Environment, with the approval of the Director of the Budget and requiring the Secretary to certify each transfer and report those transfers to 1) the Director of Legislative Research, 2) the chairperson of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget, and 3) the appropriate chairperson of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add language allowing the Director of the Water Office to transfer funding between lines of appropriation of the SWPF, both within internal agency accounts and external accounts administered by the Department of Agriculture, University of Kansas, Department of Wildlife and Parks, and the Division of Environment, with the approval of the Director of the Budget and requiring the Secretary to certify each transfer and report those transfers to 1) the Director of Legislative Research, 2) the chairperson of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget, and 3) the appropriate chairperson of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means for FY 2026.

### 7. Capital Outlay for New FTE Positions

**FY 2026**

**Agency:** Add \$9,300 SGF for computers, monitors, and equipment for the requested two new FTE positions for FY 2026.

**LBC:** Delete \$9,300 SGF for computers, monitors, and equipment for the requested two new FTE positions for FY 2026.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** This item was not included in SB 125, as enacted.

### 8. Delete SWPF Appropriations

**FY 2026**

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Delete \$10.1 million SWPF including \$2.8 million for Research and Education, \$2.4 million for Resiliency, \$2.0 million for Water Quantity/Aquifer, \$1.5 million for Reservoir, and \$1.5 million for Water Quality.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Delete \$10.1 million SWPF including \$2.8 million for Research and Education, \$2.4 million for Resiliency, \$2.0 million for Water Quantity/Aquifer, \$1.5 million for Reservoir, and \$1.5 million for Water Quality.

### 9. Funding for New FTE Positions

**FY 2026**

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**Agency:** Add \$211,169 SGF and 2.0 FTE positions, including one Water Resource Planner position and one Water Conservation Support position for FY 2026.

**LBC:** Delete \$211,169 SGF and 2.0 FTE positions, including one Water Resource Planner position and one Water Conservation Support position for FY 2026.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** This item was not included in SB 125, as enacted.

### 10. Statewide SGF Operations Lapse

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** N/A

**Senate:** N/A

**Conference:** Delete \$21,120 SGF to lapse 1.5 percent of SGF operating expenditures statewide for FY 2026.

**Final Approved\*:** Delete \$21,120 SGF to lapse 1.5 percent of SGF operating expenditures statewide for FY 2026.

### 11. SWPF - Arbuckle Study

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$300,000 SWPF for Arbuckle study for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$300,000 SWPF for Arbuckle study for FY 2026.

### 12. SWPF - Assessment and Evaluation

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$2.0 million SWPF for assessment and evaluation for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Delete \$800,000 SWPF for aquifer monitoring and modeling for FY 2026.

**Conference:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF for assessment and evaluation for FY 2026.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF for assessment and evaluation for FY 2026.

### 13. SWPF - Conservation Assistance

FY 2026

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**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$500,000 SWPF for conservation assistance for water users for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$500,000 SWPF for conservation assistance for water users for FY 2026.

### 14. SWPF - HB 2302 Projects

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$850,000 SWPF for HB 2302 projects for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$850,000 SWPF for HB 2302 projects for FY 2026.

### 15. SWPF - High Plains Aquifer Partnerships

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$2.0 million SWPF for high plains aquifer partnerships for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$2.0 million SWPF for high plains aquifer partnerships for FY 2026.

### 16. SWPF - Independent Program Evaluation

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$610,000 SWPF for independent program evaluation for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Delete \$250,000 SWPF for independent program evaluation for FY 2026.

**Conference:** Add \$450,000 SWPF for independent program evaluation for FY 2026.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$450,000 SWPF for independent program evaluation for FY 2026.

### 17. SWPF - John Redmond Reservoir Hydrosuction Pilot Program

FY 2026

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**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** N/A

**Senate:** Add \$3.0 million SWPF for the John Redmond Reservoir hydrosuction pilot program for FY 2026. (Floor amendment)

**Conference:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF for the John Redmond Reservoir hydrosuction pilot program for FY 2026.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF for the John Redmond Reservoir hydrosuction pilot program for FY 2026.

### 18. SWPF - Kansas Water Plan Education and Outreach

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$400,000 SWPF for Kansas water plan education and outreach strategy for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$400,000 SWPF for Kansas water plan education and outreach strategy for FY 2026.

### 19. SWPF - MOU Storage Operations

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$778,711 SWPF for MOU storage operations and maintenance for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$778,711 SWPF for MOU storage operations and maintenance for FY 2026.

### 20. SWPF - Reservoir and Water Quality Research

FY 2026

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$500,000 SWPF for reservoir and water quality research for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$500,000 SWPF for reservoir and water quality research for FY 2026.

### 21. SWPF - Stream Gaging

FY 2026

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**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$698,708 SWPF for stream gaging for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$698,708 SWPF for stream gaging for FY 2026.

### 22. SWPF - Transfers

**FY 2026**

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF, including \$1.0 million for the water projects grant fund and \$500,000 for the water technical assistance fund for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Delete \$1.5 million SWPF for the Water Projects Grant Fund for FY 2026.

**Conference:** Add \$1.0 million SWPF, including \$500,000 for the Water Technical Assistance Fund and \$500,000 for the Water Projects Grant Fund for FY 2026.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$1.0 million SWPF, including \$500,000 for the Water Technical Assistance Fund and \$500,000 for the Water Projects Grant Fund for FY 2026.

### 23. SWPF - Water Planning and Project Development

**FY 2026**

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$3.5 million SWPF for water planning and project development for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Delete \$2.5 million SWPF for water planning and project development for FY 2026.

**Conference:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF for water planning and project development for FY 2026.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF for water planning and project development for FY 2026.

### 24. SWPF - Water Quality Partnerships

**FY 2026**

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF for water quality partnerships for FY 2026.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$1.5 million SWPF for water quality partnerships for FY 2026.

### 25. SWPF Ending Balance

**FY 2026**

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**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** N/A

**Senate:** N/A

**Conference:** Add language transferring \$7.0 million from the State Treasurer and \$921,417 from the EDIF to the SWPF for FY 2026.

**Final Approved\*:** Add language transferring \$7.0 million from the State Treasurer and \$921,417 from the EDIF to the SWPF for FY 2026.

### 26. 2025 Pay Plan

**FY 2026**

**Agency:** N/A

**LBC:** N/A

**House:** N/A

**Senate:** N/A

**Conference:** Add \$44,905, including \$27,887 SGF, to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration's market survey for FY 2026.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$44,905, including \$27,887 SGF, to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration's market survey for FY 2026.

### 27. FEMA Federal Grant

**FY 2026**

**Agency:** Add \$1.2 million from the agency's federal FEMA Federal Grant Fund for contractual services for FY 2026.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$1.2 million from the agency's federal FEMA Federal Grant Fund for contractual services for FY 2026.

### 28. SGF Allocations

**FY 2026**

**Agency:** Add \$8,372 SGF for increased estimates for group health insurance and KPERS for FY 2026.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$8,372 SGF for increased estimates for group health insurance and KPERS for FY 2026.

### 29. State Water Plan Fund Appropriations

**FY 2026**

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**Agency:** Add \$535,183 from the SWPF for Water Quality initiatives for FY 2026.

**LBC:** Concur with the Agency.

**House:** Concur with the LBC.

**Senate:** Concur with the House.

**Conference:** Concur with the Senate.

**Final Approved\*:** Add \$535,183 from the SWPF for Water Quality initiatives for FY 2026.

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