

82a-907. State water resource planning act; considerations in formulation of state water plan. In formulating the state water plan the office shall consider:

(a) The management, conservation and development of the water resources of the state for the benefit of the state as a whole;

(b) the benefits to be derived from development of reservoir sites for the combined purposes of flood control, water supply storage and recreation;

(c) the safeguards to public health, aquatic and animal life established by K.S.A. 65-161 to 65-171t, inclusive, and amendments thereto, and the Kansas water quality management plan approved and adopted as provided by chapter 351 of the 1979 Session Laws;

(d) the water development policies, whenever possible, consistent with the beneficial development of other natural resources;

(e) the public health and general welfare of the people of the state;

(f) all appropriation and other rights to the use of water that exist pursuant to the Kansas water appropriation act and the state water plan storage act;

(g) the interrelationship of groundwater and surface water supplies and the effects of evapotranspiration on water supply;

(h) the alternative plans, programs and projects in the interest of effective water resource management, conservation and development;

(i) the means and methods for the protection of aquatic and other wildlife;

(j) the use of waters to augment the flow of surface streams for the support of aquatic and other wildlife and to improve the water quality of the stream and to protect the public health;

(k) the inclusion of conservation storage in reservoir development and planning for the regulation of streamflow for the purpose of quality control, such inclusion not to serve as a substitute for methods of controlling wastes at their sources;

(l) the maintenance, preservation and protection of the sovereignty of the state over all the waters within the state;

(m) plans, projects and recommendations of public corporations, the federal government and state agencies prepared pursuant to statutory authority;

(n) plans, recommendations and projects of private associations or organizations as they relate to the water resources of the state;

(o) the need of the state to control storage in federal reservoirs by purchase or agreement; and

(p) such other matters as the office deems proper or desirable.

History: L. 1963, ch. 514, § 7; L. 1981, ch. 398, § 7; L. 1984, ch. 379, § 5; L. 1986, ch. 394, § 1; July 1.