

**82a-1804. Republican river water conservation projects — Nebraska moneys fund; Republican river water conservation projects — Colorado moneys fund.** (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Republican river water conservation projects — Nebraska moneys fund to be administered by the director of the Kansas water office.

(b) Revenue from the following sources shall be credited to the Republican river water conservation projects — Nebraska moneys fund:

- (1) Amounts provided for by K.S.A. 82a-1801, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) moneys received from any source by the state in the form of gifts, grants, reimbursements or appropriations for use for the purposes of the fund.

(c) Moneys credited to the Republican river water conservation projects — Nebraska moneys fund shall be expended only for conservation projects, utilization efficiency, administrative requirements and delivery projects, and similar types of projects set forth in subsection (g), in those areas of the state lying in the lower Republican river basin between the Kansas/Nebraska border and Milford dam in all or parts of Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Geary, Jewell, Mitchell, Republic, Riley, Smith and Washington counties.

(d) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Republican river water conservation projects — Colorado moneys fund to be administered by the director of the Kansas water office.

(e) Revenue from the following sources shall be credited to the Republican river water conservation projects — Colorado moneys fund:

- (1) Amounts provided for by K.S.A. 82a-1801, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) moneys received from any source by the state in the form of gifts, grants, reimbursements or appropriations for use for purposes of the fund.

(f) Moneys credited to the Republican river water conservation projects — Colorado moneys fund shall be expended only for conservation projects, utilization efficiency, administrative requirements and delivery projects, and similar types of projects set forth in subsection (g), in those areas of the state lying in the upper Republican river basin in northwest Kansas in all or parts of Cheyenne, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman and Thomas counties.

(g) The types of projects that may be funded under paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 82a-1801, and amendments thereto, include:

- (1) Efficiency improvements to canals or laterals managed and paid for by an irrigation district or projects to improve the operational efficiency or management of such canals or laterals;
- (2) water use efficiency upgrades;
- (3) implementation of water conservation of irrigation and other types of water uses;
- (4) implementation of water management plans or actions by water rights holders;
- (5) water measurement flumes, meters, gauges, data collection platforms or related monitoring equipment and upgrades;
- (6) artificial recharge, funding a water transition assistance program; the purchase of water rights for stream recovery or aquifer restoration and cost share for state or federal conservation programs that save water;
- (7) maintenance of the channel and the tributaries of the Republican river;
- (8) reservoir maintenance or the purchase, lease, construction or other acquisition of existing or new storage space in reservoirs;
- (9) purchase, lease or other acquisition of a water right; and
- (10) expenses incurred to construct and operate off-stream storage.

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