

**82a-2317. Same; special irrigation district; formation and petition.** (a) The lower smoky hill special irrigation district shall be formed upon petition by eligible irrigation water right holders to the director of the Kansas water office, demonstrating a need for and requesting purchase of 500 acre feet or more for water supply access storage for the proposed special irrigation district. The petition shall provide contact information for each person signing, information on the land proposed for membership in the district, information necessary for verification of the water rights held on the eligible land and the amount of water requested from kanopolis reservoir water supply access storage by each person so signing. The Kansas water office may request additional information from each person signing such petition.

(b) The director of the Kansas water office, in consultation with the chief engineer, shall verify the ownership of subject land within the proposed special irrigation district for the lands noted in the petition, the water rights held for subject land by each person so signing and other matters the Kansas water office may deem necessary. Upon verification of the eligibility of those signing such petition the director of the Kansas water office shall set a date, time and place for the first meeting of such district for the purposes of electing a governing board for the special irrigation district.

**History:** L. 2011, ch. 89, § 17; July 1.