

Governor's Water Conference Registration is Now Open

Registration for the Governor's Water Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is now open.

The Governor's Water Conference is Tuesday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center in Manhattan, Kansas.

Conference topics include:

- i. Conservation and Sustainability**
- ii. Water Transportation**
- iii. Water Infrastructure**
- iv. Water Policy Shaping Kansas' Future**
 - i. Farm Bill Policy**

Conference speakers will include Tom Kula, Executive Director of the North Texas Municipal Water District and former United States Army Corps of Engineers Southwest Division General; Amy Larson, President of the National Waterways Conference; Matt Carstens, Sustainability Senior Vice President Land O'Lakes along with several other influential policy and decision makers.

Day two will build on the water policy and vision implementation discussions from the previous day with technical presentation posters and talks. Graduate and undergraduate students will present their research. Abstracts proposals for these presentations can be sent to KWO. Professional presentation proposals are due October 8 and student proposals are due October 22.

"We encourage anyone to attend who has an interest in our state's water resources. Legislators, water managers, state, federal, city and county administrators as well as scientists, organizations and producers are all welcome," said Tracy Streeter Kansas Water Office Director. "With the implementation of the *Long Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas* and the state's current resource conditions, there is no better time to focus attention to Kansas' water needs and the role water plays in growing our state's

economy.”

The Water Legacy Award and Be the Vision recipients will be presented at the conference and the KWO Photo Contest will be a feature again this year.

Registration is available online at www.kwo.ks.gov. The deadline is November 1. Conference details, tentative agenda, brochure, speakers, sponsors and hotel information can be found online as well.

The Governor’s Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is hosted by the KWO and K-State /Kansas Water Resource Institute. Major sponsors for the event include Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock.