



Water Right Transition Assistance Program Application

WTAP Application Periods:

Fall: October 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023

Spring: February 15, 2024 through March 31, 2024*

***If sufficient funds remain available**

Mail completed WTAP application and all related Water Right Dismissal and / or Water Right Reduction forms to:

**Kansas Department of Agriculture
Division of Conservation
1320 Research Park Drive
Manhattan, Kansas 66502-5000**

Additional WTAP application material and information is available on DOC's website at:

<http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-conservation/water-conservation-programs>

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State of Kansas



Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation

Water Right Transition Assistance Program

Fiscal Year 2024 Application for Enrollment

1. Applicant: _____

2. WTAP High Priority Area : _____ 3. County: _____

4. Landowner(s):

A. _____

Name

Address

Telephone Number

Relationship of Applicant to Landowner(s): _____

B. _____

Name

Address

Telephone Number

Relationship of Applicant to Landowner(s): _____

***Attach additional sheets as necessary to identify all landowners**

5. Water Rights Proposed for Permanent Dismissal:

A. VR / WR # _____ Annual Q: _____

B. VR / WR # _____ Annual Q: _____

Total Quantity Proposed to be Dismissed: _____

6. Water Rights Proposed for Permanent Partial Reduction:

A. VR / WR # _____ Authorized Q: _____ Q to be Reduced _____

B. VR / WR # _____ Authorized Q: _____ Q to be Reduced _____

Total Quantity Proposed to be Reduced: _____

7. Total Authorized Acres in WR to be Dismissed / Partially Reduced:

A. VR / WR # _____ Authorized Acres: _____ # to be Reduced _____

B. VR / WR # _____ Authorized Acres: _____ # to be Reduced _____

Total Acreage Proposed to be Dismissed / Reduced: _____

8. Attach a map illustrating the location of the authorized Point(s) of Diversion and Place(s) of Use to be dismissed or partially reduced.

ATTENTION: If applicable, any fiduciary lien holders will be notified of payments issued on grants approved under the WTAP program.

9. Do the landowner(s) hold clear title to all acreage and water right(s) proposed to be permanently dismissed / partially reduced? _____

10. List all existing lien holders on any of the water right(s) or acreage proposed to be permanently dismissed and retired: _____

11. Is the authorized well(s) and applicable diversion works proposed to be permanently retired currently operable? Yes _____ No _____

Explanation _____

NOTE: Water rights must be active and in good standing with the Division of Water Resources. The final determination of the Historic Consumptive Water Use available under the proposed water right(s) will be made by the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources. The total amount of "Historic Consumptive Water Use" available for permanent retirement will be calculated using one of the three methods described below:

(A) Calculating the average amount of water consumed by crops as a result of the lawful beneficial use of water during the 10 preceding calendar years of actual irrigation and multiplying the average reported water use for the 10 selected years by a factor of 0.85 for center pivot sprinkler irrigation systems, 0.75 for flood or gravity irrigation systems and 0.95 for subsurface drip irrigation systems, but not to exceed the net irrigation requirements for the 50% chance rainfall for the appropriate county as shown in K.A.R. 5-5-12.

12. If using method (A), attach 1) documentation verifying the most recent ten calendar years of actual water use from the water right(s) proposed for dismissal or partial reduction; and 2) calculations indicating the total amount of Historic Consumptive Water Use determined to be available.

(B) calculating the available pumping capacity of a water right by multiplying a flow rate test for each point of diversion applied to be retired under the water right by a theoretical pumping duration of 100 days multiplied by an efficiency factor of 0.85 for center pivot sprinkler irrigation systems, 0.75 for flood or gravity irrigation systems and 0.95 for subsurface drop irrigation systems, but not to exceed the authorized quantity of the water right or the net irrigation requirements for the 50% chance rainfall for the appropriate county as shown in K.A.R. 5-5-12. Flow rate tests must have been conducted not more than one year prior to the application date and certified as acceptable by the local groundwater management district or the chief engineer.

13. If using method (B), attach 1) test documentation verifying the current rate of diversion (g.p.m.) of the water right(s) proposed for dismissal or partial reduction; and 2) calculations indicating the total amount of Historic Consumptive Water Use determined to be available.

(C) The applicant may also submit an engineering study that determines the average historic consumptive water use as an alternative method if it is demonstrated to be more accurate for the water right or water rights involved.

14. If using method (C), attach 1) documentation verifying the alternative engineering study; and 2) calculations indicating the total amount of Historic Consumptive Water Use determined to be available.
15. Attach documentation verifying the crop history of the acres authorized by the water right proposed for dismissal or partial reduction during the ten calendar years of actual water use.

WTAP grants cannot be approved for more than \$2,750 per acre-foot of the Historic Consumptive Water Use as calculated over the last ten years of actual annual water use of the water right(s) proposed for acceptance. However, WTAP grants can be combined with other federal or local water conservation programs which offer financial incentives. A commitment for matching monetary contributions by a sponsoring entity may enhance the priority of an application.

16. List any federal EQIP or CSP contracts which apply to the land authorized under the proposed water rights: _____

17. List any sponsoring entity providing a financial contribution toward the final retirement settlement and the amount being provided:

18. Attach a dryland transition plan if the acres authorized under the water right(s) to be dismissed or partially reduced will be planted to permanent cover and require temporary, limited irrigation.

19. Attach the appropriate WTAP Water Right Dismissal form(s) or WTAP Water Right Reduction form(s).

The evaluation of WTAP applications is a comparative process which ranks and awards retirement grants to proposals which will reduce the most consumptive water use, and provide the greatest hydrologic benefit, at the lowest possible price to the State of Kansas. Application bids are considered to be “competitive”.

For the voluntary, permanent dismissal and / or partial reduction of the water right(s) herein identified, I hereby bid and upon DOC’s approval (acceptance) of this application (offer) agree to receive compensation of the same amount payable according to the contracted terms of a Water Right Transition Assistance Program Grant Agreement, a unit price of

\$_____ per acre-foot of Historic Consumptive Water Use,

for an estimated total price of \$_____.

Applicant Signature

Phone Number

Address

City / State / Zip Code

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DWR Calculated Historic Consumptive Use Water available for dismissal _____

Application Preliminarily Approved Pending WR Dismissal Form Processing by DWR _____

Total ac-ft: _____ Cost per ac-ft \$ _____ Total Cost \$ _____

Application Rating Score: _____ Application Ranking Score: _____

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Final Application Approved _____

Payment Schedule:

Approved by _____ on _____, 20____.

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Application Not Approved _____

Reason: _____
