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Experience:

- Administered Kansas water law dealing with surface water and groundwater, including permitting, perfection of water rights, changes to existing water rights, water administration during periods of shortage, compliance and enforcement and promulgation of rules and regulations.
- Provided leadership for Missouri River management through Missouri River Basin Association and the organization of Missouri River Association of States and Tribes. Knowledge of federal projects, programs and processes, including reservoir operations, mitigation and efforts to recover endangered species. Genuine respect for cultural differences of people in the Missouri River Basin, including American Indian Tribes, States and various stakeholders with a wide range of interests.
- Actively participated in resolution of two major interstate river compact Lawsuits before the U. S. Supreme Court. This included the extensive Arkansas River Compact litigation with Colorado and leading the state team in the settlement of the Republican River Compact case with Nebraska and Colorado. Served as an expert witness in trial before Special Master. Significant experience participating in alternative dispute resolution processes in various circumstances.
- Extensive work in the legislative context, including working with members, committees and other interested parties at state and congressional level. Washington D.C. experience includes significant involvement in securing support for funding Missouri River mitigation and recover programs.
- Have worked with various federal agencies such as the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation on projects and reservoir operations, U. S. Department of Agriculture on implementation of conservation programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on protection of national wildlife refuges, ecosystems and endangered species and the U.S. Geological Survey on research and data collection programs. Developed rapport with other States, Tribal members, local governments, landowners, water users, and public/private organizations with an interest in water and/or natural resources.

Employment:

2007 – Present **Pope Consulting, LLC, Topeka, KS.**

Owner and Principal. Provides consulting services to clients related to water and natural resources management, water law administration,

interstate water issues, and the resolution of complex problems related to natural resources. Mr. Pope currently provides consulting services to companies and individual water users regarding water management issues. Past clients have included the Missouri River Association of States and Tribes, where Mr. Pope served as Executive Director and provided administrative services, leadership and policy advice to board of directors. He has also provided consulting services to the State of Kansas regarding interstate water disputes and served as an expert witness, as well as helped multiple parties with the settlement of complex water disputes and litigation.

1983 – 2007

State of Kansas, Department of Agriculture, Topeka, KS.

Chief Engineer-Director, Division of Water Resources. Held the position that by law is responsible for administration of Kansas laws and programs related to the conservation, management, use & control of water and watercourses. Actively participated in the natural resources cabinet team to coordinate programs and provide consensus advice to the Governor related to water and natural resources issues. Presented testimony and was extensively involved in legislative and congressional matters. Represented state on four interstate river compacts, and was the Governor's representative on several interstate organizations related to water, including Western States Water Council and river basin associations. Provided leadership and technical support for interstate water litigation to enforce compacts and served as an expert witness on several occasions. Administration of agency functions, including personnel and fiscal management for a staff of around 100. Directed programs, set priorities and carried out statutory duties. Promulgated rules and established policy related to water allocation and administration of water related laws. Resolved water disputes between users during periods of shortage. Was responsible for administration of laws related to dams, stream obstructions and levees for the protection of public safety, property and the environment. Coordinated agency programs with local, state and federal agencies, organizations and individuals. Made a large number of presentations on water and related topics at meetings and conferences throughout the country. Provided leadership for the protection of the state's interest in interstate rivers and aquifer systems and worked to resolve disputes when they occurred.

1978 – 1983

State of Kansas, Department of Agriculture, Topeka, KS.

Assistant Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources. Provided staff supervision and program management, legislative and policy support; carried out significant delegated authority in support of the Chief Engineer and agency, including decisions related to permitting. Served as Presiding Officer for Administrative Hearings.

1976 – 1978 **Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management, District #3,**
Garden City, KS. Manager. Directed staff, developed and administered
local water management programs and policies under the policy direction
of the Board of Directors.

1971 – 1976 **Kansas State University,** Manhattan and Garden City, KS.
Assistant Professor and Extension Irrigation Engineer. Carried out
educational programs and research related to the conservation,
management and wise use of water resources. Disseminated research
results through meetings, tours, demonstrations and field projects. Wrote
several publications on water conservation and management.

Education: **Oklahoma State University,** Stillwater, Oklahoma.
Master of Science, 1971, Bachelor of Science, 1970.
Agricultural Engineering with specialization in water resources
and irrigation engineering.

Professional Registration:

State of Kansas, Registered Professional Engineer, license #8020.

Awards and Honors:

Phi Kappa Phi, Oklahoma State University, 1971; **Young
Engineer of the Year, 1984, and Member of the Year, 1997,** Kansas
Section of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers;
Honorary Life Member, 1986, Groundwater Management Districts
Association; **Headgate Award, 2004,** Four States Irrigation Council;
Outstanding Government Engineer, 2005, Kansas Society of
Professional Engineers; **Fox Award, 2007,** Kansas Water Office; and
Distinguished Service Award, 2007, Kansas Water Congress.

Agencies, Organizations and Professional Societies:

American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, Member
and Past President, (Kansas Section); **Kansas and National Societies of
Professional Engineers,** Member. **Missouri River Association of States
& Tribes,** Past Executive Director; **Missouri River Basin Association,**
Past President; **Kansas Water Authority,** Past Member; **State
Conservation Commission,** Past Member; **Western States Water
Council,** Past Member and Committee Chair; **Association of Western
States Engineers,** Honorary Member and Past President; **Interstate
Council on Water Policy,** Past Board Member and Chairman; **USGS
National Cooperative Water Program Review Task Force,** Past
Member; and **Groundwater Management Districts Association,** Past
Member and President;