

House Bill 2984
As Introduced
March 24, 2008
Republican River Damages' Disposition

All monies from Nebraska and Colorado (Republican River Compact violations) credited to IWL Fund (A.G.)

A&R transfer max 3/5s of money (A.G. certified) from IWL Fund to IWL Reserve Account until Balance equals \$20million.

based on (A) ave. daily bal in IWL Fund; and (B) net earnings rate in PMI portfolio in preceding month...

Minimum 2/5s of money from Nebraska or Colorado credited to Republican River WCPF admin. by KWO...

66 2/3% deposited into the **Republican** River Water Conservation Projects Fund Expended only for conservation projects, utilization efficiency, administrative requirements and delivery projects, and similar types of projects set forth.

1/3 of money deposited into RR-WCPF shall be credited to SWPF w/ priority to projects that directly enhance Kansas' compliance with RR-Compact.

1/3 of money deposited into RR-WCPF shall be expended ONLY for conservation projects, utilization efficiency, administrative requirements and delivery projects identified in sub§(c) below, 1-10, in Lower-Republican River Basin (defined);

1/3 of money deposited into RR-WCPF shall be expended ONLY for conservation projects, utilization efficiency, administrative requirements and delivery projects identified in sub§(c) below, 1-10, in Upper-Republican River Basin (defined);

- §(c) Types of projects listed: 1-10.
- (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/related monitoring equipment 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.

Priority to: (1) Projects to achieve/maintain compliance with Republican river compact; (2) projects that achieve greatest water conservation efficiency for general good; and (3) projects required by DWR.