

RESOLUTION 2004-4
OF THE
SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District #3 (GMD3) is a body politic and was incorporated on March 23, 1976 under the provisions of K.S.A. 82a-1028 Groundwater Management District Act and therefore shall have the power to:

(n) adopt administrative standards and policies relating to the management of the district which are not inconsistent with the provisions of article 10 of chapter 82a of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or the Kansas water appropriation act; and

WHEREAS, GMD3 recognizes that current Kansas Legislation under both HB 2620 and SB 559, commonly referred to as the "Irrigation Transition Program", has attributes that would be beneficial to Western Kansas and in particular to Southwest Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Kansas generates the second strongest economy in the State and thereby provides considerable tax revenue as well as a steady job market; and

WHEREAS, the "Irrigation Transition Program" compliments the historically significant Arkansas River stream flow issues associated with the Kansas v. Colorado lawsuit; and

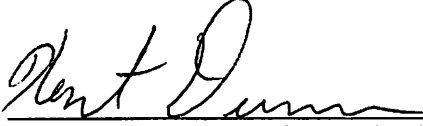
WHEREAS, recharging the Arkansas River helps numerous downstream cities, such as Garden City, Dodge City, Kinsley, Larned, Great Bend, Hutchinson and Wichita; and

WHEREAS, our reach of the Arkansas River does not receive adequate recharge because of obstructions and dams installed in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Arkansas River Sub-basin (Circle K Ranch area) receives annual recharge in spite of low river flows recorded west of Dodge City. Along with that, it will be beneficial to water users and other downstream stakeholders if some of GMD3's upstream permits are voluntarily dismissed through participation in this program; then

THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the GMD3 Board of Directors that this governing board supports the "Irrigation Transition Program" as long as the Kansas Legislature applies its grants only to land located in the Western Third of the State of Kansas overlying the Ogallala Aquifer. Groundwater Management Districts should be identified as the principle entity involved in the development and administration of the regulatory process for this program.

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2004



Kent Dunn, Acting Chairman