

Resolution 2017-3 OF THE
SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT No. 3
In support of funding of
Repair of a breach in the Arkansas River Bank in Finney County, Kansas

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3(District) is locally responsible under K.S.A. 82a- 1020 et. seq. for the proper management and conservation of the groundwater resources of the District, which includes in K.S.A. 82a-1028(m): “provide advice and assistance in the management of drainage problems, storage, groundwater recharge, surface water management, and all other matters of concern to the district;” and

WHEREAS, a significant renewable water supply into Kansas and the District is the flow of the Arkansas River, which is extensively utilized for beneficial purposes, including aquifer recharge benefits; and

WHEREAS, improved surface water control and management will conserve groundwater supplies in the District; and

WHEREAS, efficiency improvements to the Arkansas River system in the District is a preferred water management alternative to the regulation and restriction of hundreds of groundwater wells operated under the authority of junior water rights in the area, including municipal wells; and

WHEREAS, the District has historically authorized project expenditures for Arkansas River system efficiency improvements; and

WHEREAS, the *Repair of a Breach in the Arkansas River Bank in Finney County, Kansas* project is needed to restore the flow, aquifer recharge distribution and riparian ecosystem benefits from the available Arkansas River flows in Finney County, Kansas.


WHEREAS, the WaterSMART Grant application proposed budget describes a project funding need of \$147,245 for the *Repair of a breach in the Arkansas River Bank in Finney County, Kansas* to complete the needed improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 to support the funding of the needed \$73,622.50 local funding match to complete the proposed *Repair of a breach in the Arkansas River Bank in Finney County, Kansas*, subject to final project permitting and a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for funding assistance under the WaterSMART grant program.

Adopted this 14th day of June, 2017



Kirk Heger, President



Mike McNiece, Secretary