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**Kansas Water Photo Contest Launched**

*Photos Featured at the Governor's Water Conference in November*

Kansas boasts great natural resources and Kansans are encouraged to capture the most vital of these, water. The Kansas Water Office (KWO) is accepting water photos to be featured at the 2017 Governor's Water Conference in November. The photos need to pertain to water or water use in Kansas. Examples include all bodies of water, irrigation and agriculture, recreation and fun, or other water infrastructure.

Ten finalists will be selected for display at the 2017 Governor's Water Conference, scheduled for Nov. 8-9, 2017 in Manhattan, KS. Attendees at the conference will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite photo. The winning photo will earn feature photo at the 2018 Governor's Water Conference. It will also, along with second and third place, be displayed in the Kansas State Capitol and the Kansas Water Office during the year.

Entries can be submitted through our online portal on the KWO Website: [www.kwo.ks.gov](http://www.kwo.ks.gov) or sent to [kwo-info@kwo.ks.gov](mailto:kwo-info@kwo.ks.gov) with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi. The following formats are accepted: .jpg, .png and .gif. Participants have until Oct. 2, 2017 to enter a maximum of five photos that follow contest guidelines.

By submitting photos, participants grant KWO permission to freely use and share photos at the Governor's Water Conference, on social media, web, publications and displays.

Updates on the contest will be distributed through the KWO social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. For more information visit the KWO website.

The Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is hosted by the KWO, K-State /Kansas Water Resource Institute and the Kansas Geological Survey/KU. Major sponsors for the event include Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock.

*As the state's water office, KWO conducts water planning, policy coordination and water marketing as well as facilitates public input throughout the state.*

*The agency prepares the KANSAS WATER PLAN, a plan for water resources development, management and conservation.*

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\*\*\* Note our new website address: [www.kwo.ks.gov](http://www.kwo.ks.gov) \*\*\*