

Chief Engineer/Director Water Resources Division

Job Code
8256B1

Job Title
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Pay Grade
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CONCEPT:

Administrative and professional engineering work in the planning, directing and evaluating of major state wide engineering programs and activities for the Water Resources Division of the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Work involves directing the operations of the Division of Water Resources in the regulation of water usage. Work involves the interpretation of laws, and the formulation, adoption and implementation of rules, regulations, policies, and programs concerning water resources. Responsibilities include directing operations charged with the inspection of dams, levees, and channels, to insure compliance with laws and rules and regulations of the State. Responsibilities include appearing before public groups and representing the state on various committees and river compacts.

TASKS:

- Plans, organizes and directs the evaluation of engineering projects regarding the construction of flood control works, zoning of floodplains by cities; the construction, repair and maintenance of levies; the construction of dams, placing of obstructions in streams; and the changing of course, current, or cross section of streams; establishing of bank lines as boundaries within which counties may clean and maintain stream channels; and bank stabilization and soil erosion control along streams for compliance with state laws, rules, and regulations.
- Establishes rules and regulations based on interpretation of state laws regarding use of water in Kansas.
- Establishes water rights and regulates the appropriation of water for beneficial use.
- Evaluates/approves petitions and applications and issues permits pertaining to drainage districts, dam construction, watershed districts, irrigation districts, and groundwater management districts.
- Participates with other agencies in the preparation of a general, comprehensive state plan of water resources development.
- Plans, develops, and implements long term water resource management strategies.
- Holds hearings, attends conferences, serves on various committees, testifies before the legislature, speaks to civic groups, farm organizations, conservation groups, state and interstate organizations about conservation, control, and use of water in Kansas.
- Represents the agency and the State of Kansas on the Kansas-Nebraska-Colorado Republican River Compact, the Kansas-Colorado Arkansas River Compact, the Kansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact and the Kansas-Nebraska Big Blue River Compact.

LEVELS OF WORK

- Class Group consists of one class.

Minimum Requirements: Licensed as a professional engineer by the Kansas Board of Technical Professions. Experience in water resources engineering or management, hydrology, and water law administration, including supervisory experience.

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