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## CHIEF ENGINEER VISITS GMD1



Pictured here are David Pope, Chief Engineer on the left and Executive Director Dave Brenn on the right. Mr. Pope's unscheduled visit was an opportunity to discuss general water issues relevant to the District and the State.

## AT A GLANCE

- "Women Managing the Farm" conference scheduled for Feb. 9-10, 2007 in Hutchinson, KS. [www.womenmanagingthefarm.info](http://www.womenmanagingthefarm.info)
- Central Plains Irrigation Conference Feb. 26-27, 2007 in Kearney, Nebraska Contact Donna Lamm 785-462-7574 [donnalamm@yahoo.com](mailto:donnalamm@yahoo.com)
- For Detailed information on the District - visit our web site: <http://www.gmd1.org>

## ANNUAL MEETING IN SHARON SPRINGS

The 34th Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1 Annual Meeting will be held in Sharon Springs on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Community Building, beginning at 2:30 CST.

## WEATHER MOD PROGRAM



Board Members and Staff of GMD1 tour facilities and aircraft at the Scott City hangar. The 2007 Weather Mod Program is slated to begin April 16, 2007.

From left to right: Administrative Assistant Jan King, Board Members Arla Peter, Alan James, Greg Graff, Bob Hoeme, Jr., and Chief Pilot of the Weather Mod Program, Kyle Spencer.

## 2006 WATER USE REPORTS DUE MARCH 1, 2007

The 2006 Annual Water Use Reports are due **March 1, 2007** to the KDWR. Failure to do so can be subject to penalties and fines. You must file the report even if you did not exercise your water right during 2006. The weather and field conditions are making it more difficult to read the meters this year, so make plans accordingly.



## WATER OPTIMIZER PROGRAM



The Water Optimizer is a spreadsheet irrigation management tool that was developed by UNL to help producers with irrigation and cropping choice in order to make the best monetary return in areas where there is limited water. It can be found at the following web site: <http://extension-water.unl.edu>.

## TRACKING LEGISLATION ON WATER ISSUES

If you are interested in tracking information on water related legislation in the 2007 session, you can contact the District office or go to [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org) and click on KWO Legislative Update. This site is regularly updated and provides history, detail and current status of legislation.

## KANSAS WATER CONGRESS HAS WINTER MEETING

The Kansas Water Congress Winter Meeting was held on January 8, 2007 in Topeka, Kansas. Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, gave a brief overview of the pending Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) proposal. A legislative panel including Sen. Marci Francisco, Sen. Janis Lee, Sen. Carolyn McGinn, Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Sen. Roger Pine, Sen. Mark Taddiken, Repr. Dan Johnson, Repr. Forrest Knox, Repr. Bill Light, Repr. Larry Powell, and Repr. Sharon Schwartz shared their views on CREP. Information was presented on the Water Right Transition Assistance Program (WaterTAP) as well as the Kansas vs. Colorado damage funds projects, NRCS Quick Response Area Program, Water Marketing, and Kansas Storage in Federal Reservoirs. Chief Engineer David Pope gave an update and status of Intensive Groundwater Use Control Areas (IGUCA) in the State. He also addressed the Republican River issues.



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER RIGHT

Each water right issued by the Division of Water Resources contains important “terms, conditions and limitations” that each water user should understand. These include the priority date assigned to the water right, authorized amount(s), specific location of the point of diversion(s) (well or surface), authorized place of use, specific use made of water, specific source of water, the maximum rate of diversion that can be pumped, specific time constraints for completing the diversion point and for perfecting the allowed rate and quantity, maintaining use records, and any overlap conditions if other water rights are involved. If you are interested in reviewing or learning more about your water right, or are interested in other programs, contact us and we will be glad to help you. **IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING CHANGE IN THE USE MADE OF WATER** (i.e. irrigation to stockwater, industrial or municipal) **CONTACT OUR OFFICE.**



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