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#### Governor's Water Conference to be Held October 24-25

The Kansas Water Office is excited to announce the Governor's Water Conference will be held Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center in Manhattan, KS.

The Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas will highlight the latest policy and research developments of water issues in Kansas. Many great speakers and topics are planned; a few are highlighted below.

- **Charles Fishman** will be discussing the value of water. The author of two bestselling books: *The Big Thirst* and *The Wal-Mart Effect*, he speaks nationally on economic and social issues.
- **Pat Mulroy**, who oversees the Las Vegas Valley Water District and Southern Nevada Water Authority, will talk on drought management.
- **Dr. James Stack**, Director, of the Great Plains Diagnostic Network and Professor of Plant Pathology, KSU, will speak on day 2.

Day one includes topics such as drought resiliency and conservation, the value of water and meeting Kansas water needs. Day two will build on the water policy discussions from the previous day with technical presentation posters and talks.

Legislators, water managers, scientists, state, federal, city and county administrators as well as organizations, irrigators and citizens who share an interest in Kansas water resources are encouraged to attend.

Registration is now available online at [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org). The **registration deadline is October 15**. Conference details, brochure, speakers and sponsors can be found online as well.

The Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is co-sponsored by the Kansas Water Office (KWO) and K-State /Kansas Water Research Institute. Sponsors for the event come from multiple diverse water interests. Major sponsors for the event include Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock.

If accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please notify the KWO, (785) 296-3185, at least five working days prior to the meeting.