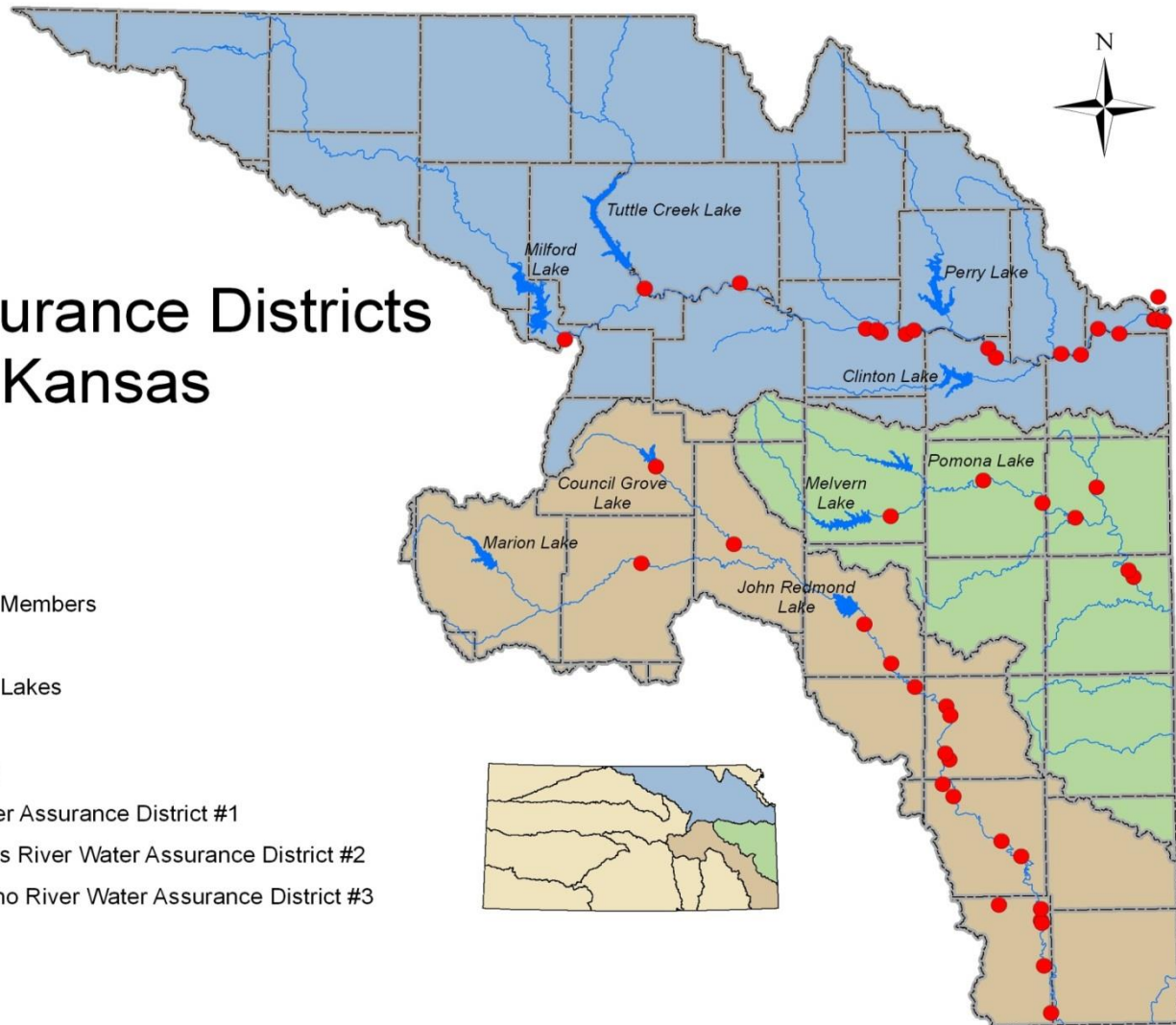




Water Assurance Districts in Kansas

- Assurance District Members
- ~ Hydrology
- Assurance District Lakes
- County
- Assurance District**
 - Kansas River Water Assurance District #1
 - Marais Des Cygnes River Water Assurance District #2
 - Cottonwood/Neosho River Water Assurance District #3



Implementing the Vision

- ▶ **Water Resources Sub-Cabinet Formed**
 - ▶ Agriculture
 - ▶ Health and Environment
 - ▶ Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
 - ▶ Water Office



2015 Legislative Success

- ▶ **Water Conservation Areas (WCA)**
 - ▶ simple, streamlined and flexible tool
 - ▶ any water right owner or group of owners develop a management plan
 - ▶ water right flexibilities available
 - ▶ original water tenants remain intact
- ▶ **Multi-Year Flex Account Balance Carry Forward**
 - ▶ Allows unused balance of a 5 year MYFA to carry forward to a new MYFA
 - ▶ Encourage conservation and eliminate another use-it-or-lose-it scenario
- ▶ **Rewarding Conservation**
 - ▶ Future regulation and management plans must recognize and consider previous conservation efforts
- ▶ **3rd Party Conservation Easements**
 - ▶ New tool allowing Division of Conservation to hold conservation easements
 - ▶ To aid the project applicants in coping with the mitigation requirements resulting from 404 permit provisions

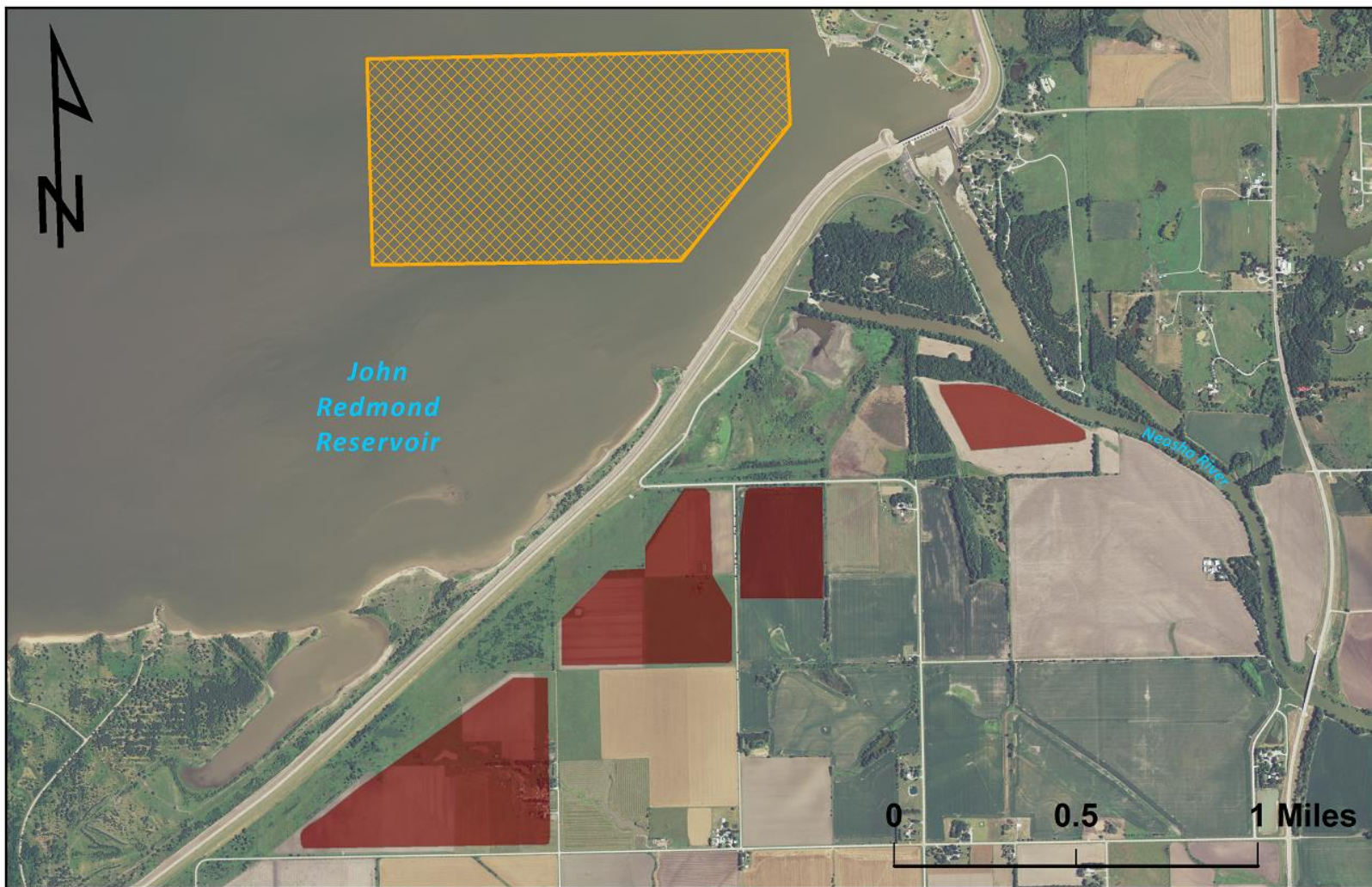
Proposed Rule and Reg Changes

- ▶ Limiting point of diversion movement
 - ▶ 300 ' in declining groundwater areas
 - ▶ Reduce GW declines & decrease impairment likelihood
- ▶ Stiffer Civil Penalties for Exceeding Authorized Quantity
- ▶ Civil Fines for Lack of Water Use Report
- ▶ Authority to Seal Meters
 - ▶ Discourage tampering

Water Transfers Act to be applied

- ▶ Public interest determination
- ▶ Trigger: Proposed transfers greater than 35 miles & greater than 2,500 acre-feet
- ▶ City of Hays and Russell municipal supply project
- ▶ Source: R9 Ranch water rights in Edwards County
- ▶ 80 + mile transfer to be proposed





■ Potential Confined Disposal Facility (CDF)

▨ Dredge Area

Streambank Stabilization



John Redmond Reallocation



VISION

Kansans act on a shared commitment to have the water resources necessary to support the state's social, economic and natural resource needs for current and future generations.



Technology & Crop Varieties



Water Management



Water Conservation



New Sources of Supply



Thanks for coming to Kansas!!!

