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Wilson Lake Reallocation Feasibility Study



Study Background and Public Interaction: This study began in late 2009. On February 24, 2010, a public meeting was in Russell, Kansas to share information about the study process and to solicit input from the public regarding a potential reallocation at Wilson Lake. Input from the public at this meeting indicated concern over the action and strong desire that alternatives be considered in more detail. Subsequent to the public meeting, the Kansas Water Office has worked with area stakeholders to better define the area in which future demands would be served. This effort will result in the study area definition and an updated needs analysis that will become the basis for the final comparisons of alternatives.

Additional Effort: Parallel to this effort the Corps of Engineers awarded a contract with David Miller and Associates for assistance in conducting a preliminary alternative screening and gap analysis. The screening report is intended to provide documentation of the screening process, identify the alternatives that not suitable and would define the information gaps associated with the remaining alternatives. In addition, the contractor is preparing information detailing the approach for how economic studies would be conducted and will compile and summarize information obtained in the early phase of the project.

Current Status: No additional funding has been authorized for the study in fiscal year 2011. As such, the Corps of Engineers is preparing for the study to be put on hold once the draft report is submitted by the contractor in the fall of 2011.

No additional detailed analysis or revised modeling based for the Wilson Lake Alternatives (pool raise or reallocation from multi-purpose pool) will be conducted until the preliminary screening is complete and additional funds are provided for the study.

No additional public meetings are planned until such time as the draft report is completed and additional project funding becomes available.

When complete, the draft screening report will be posted on the website located at <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/Wilson/>.

Other Public Opportunities: In the near term a meeting will be held regarding results from a dam safety risk evaluation. This evaluation was not conducted as part of the Reallocation Study but may be of interest to members of the public. This meeting will be held at the AmericInn Conference Center in Russell, KS on April 7 from 3 to 7 pm. The meeting announcement is also located on the website at <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/Wilson/RelatedMaterials.cfm>