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Sixty plus years of irrigation have lowered the water table across the entire district. In 2012, the Governor of Kansas recommended to start conservation of our water. Wasteful use of public water for irrigation was to stop. Conserve and conservation was to be practiced, with water right holders not being scared that these practices would come to hurt us.

The district needs to address this without being discriminatory against those who have already decided to cut back on their own following the governors 2012 recommendations. This plan gives no credit to those water right holders that have conserved in the base years. Kansas use it or lose it was voted out in 2012. In studying the program's yearly allocations, there are a percentage of water right holders who will be pumping their appropriated quantity under their water rights. It shows most of these water right holders have showed no conservation practices in the 2009-2015 base years. Some of these same people even sometimes over pumped their appropriated water right.

In conclusion, we depend on our government officials to look this program over and make recommendations accordingly. Conservation should be carried out by all equally.

Thank You,
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