

## ISSUE: Adequate Long-Term Water Supply for S.W. Missouri



### S.W. MO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission\* & Tri-State Water Resource Coalition (Membership Dues Funded)

Carthage Water & Electric \*  
City of Branson\*  
City of Joplin\*  
City of Monett\*  
City of Mt. Vernon\*  
City of Nixa\*  
City of Republic\*  
Pierce City\*  
City of Willard\*

City Utilities of Springfield\*  
City of Ozark\*  
Liberty Utilities  
Greene County  
Jasper County  
Missouri American Water  
City of Springfield  
Dade County

2010 Population ~ 850,000  
2030 Population\* ~1 Million  
2030 % Increase\* 29%  
2060 Demand Increase\*\* 72%

\*Mo Office Administration

\*\*SW MO Water Resource Study



### Who Are We? We are the water providers for Southwest Mo

**Our Sole Mission:** To ensure **adequate, affordable, long-term water supply** for Southwest MO.

**The Challenge:** **WE NEED ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND IN OUR GROWING REGION.** Projects take years to build so we must work proactively.

**Success So Far:** A strong **regional coalition**, working with the **Corps of Engineers (COE)** and **MO Dept. of Natural Resources**, has invested over **\$5 million to date**. We have **funded extensive research** on demand/supply/new sources, **established gap projections**, and **continue to meet requirements to access water storage in Stockton Lake for future regional water supply**.

Studies have identified water needs in the future that exceed current supplies by 53 million gallons per day (MGD). Stockton Lake was identified as a solution that helps address these future water supply needs. The Coalition requested 39 MGD from Stockton Lake to help address the gap in future water supplies for current and future members. The COE Kansas City District prepared a Reallocation Report to assess the viability of potential water supply storage reallocation at Stockton Lake and the reallocation has been approved. We will seek help funding additional planning, water storage reallocation costs, and regional water infrastructure costs, **eventually becoming self-sustaining through rates**.

### **Who Will be Responsible for Funds?**

The S.W. MO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission is a governmental entity through which public dollars will be spent in a transparent and accountable way, as required by law. This commission's purpose is to fund and build *regional* water supply projects in S.W. MO. Current members are Branson, Carthage, Joplin, Monett, Mt. Vernon, Nixa, Republic, Pierce City, Ozark, Willard, and City Utilities of Springfield.

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