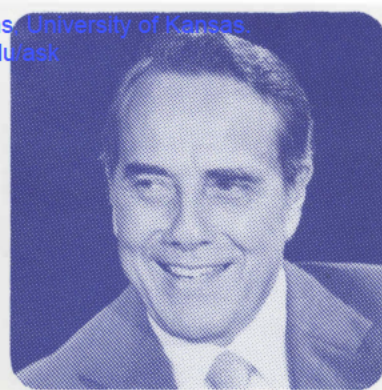


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PRESIDENT SIGNS WATER RESOURCES ACT, KANSAS PROJECTS BENEFIT

Washington, DC -- Four flood control ventures in Kansas are among the projects authorized in the Water Resources Development Act signed into law by President Reagan today, according to Senator Bob Dole (R-KS).

Sen. Dole said the Kansas projects have been authorized to receive approximately \$40 million in federal funds because of the act. The projects included in the legislation include:

- * Construction near Halstead of a \$7.2 million, 21,000 foot levee and floodwall along the Little Arkansas River and straightening of the river channel.
- * Deepening of the Brush Creek channel and replacement of of two bridges near Kansas City, at a cost of \$16.1 million.
- * Construction of 18 small dams along the upper Little Arkansas River in central Kansas, at a cost of \$12.4 million.
- * Raising and extending the Walnut River levees near Arkansas City, at a cost of \$14.5 million.
- * Construction of a \$4 million paved road to the Pearson-Skubitz Big Hill Reservoir near Cherryvale.

In addition, Sen. Dole said the legislation permits water from Marion Lake near Marion to be used for irrigation of farm land and it authorizes Soil Conservation Service "watershed" projects as long as agriculture receives a fifth of the benefits. He said it also authorizes \$12.4 million for a five-year study of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Sen. Dole said Congress next year will have to appropriate the actual funding. The legislation authorizes an estimated \$6 billion in federal funding for water projects throughout the United States. State and local governments will be responsible for providing 25-percent of the project funding costs.