

*Bob Dole*



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**DOLE PROPOSAL FOR WICHITA WATER PROJECT APPROVED BY SENATE**

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate today approved Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request to grant \$500,000 to initiate a groundwater recharge demonstration project for Wichita. The project was added to the 1995 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill as an amendment during Senate debate today. The measure, which was approved by the Senate on Thursday night, will now go to a joint House/Senate conference committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

"Wichita has long searched for an adequate, local water supply to meet future demands," said Dole. "The groundwater recharge demonstration project has been a priority for the area, and my hope is that it will be valuable in demonstrating that Equus Beds Aquifer can be a vital water resource."

Upon final approval, this funding will allow for the initiation of the groundwater recharge demonstration project which will include a feasibility study of recharging the Equus Beds Aquifer to serve as a water source for Wichita and the surrounding communities. This source would help to meet the long-term needs of the area and ensure the availability of groundwater for irrigation purposes.

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