

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the development of agricultural water resources.

WHEREAS, water resources are important to the Commonwealth and particularly to the agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Water is the water resource agency for the Commonwealth and is charged with the conservation, development, and proper use of the water resources of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for water resources for agriculture and agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for planning and development of water resources, including impoundment, for public water supplies; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for planning regarding the development of water resources for agricultural and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is value in having use of existing water storage projects, including impoundments, for agricultural purposes during drought conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Division of Water within the Department for Environmental Protection is directed to meet with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to determine the considerations and procedures for the development of agriculture and other water resources in the Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. The Division of Water shall report findings and recommendations regarding the development of agricultural and other water resources to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2016.