Gov. Daugaard Announces $7.6 Million for Environmental Projects

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced today that the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved more than $7.6 million in grants, loans and principal forgiveness for water and waste projects. The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.

The $7,612,200 total includes $846,890 in grants and $6.765 million in low-interest loans, with $264,750 of the loan total in principal forgiveness.

“I am pleased to announce that this money is available to assist local communities,” said Gov. Daugaard. “Grant and loan awards will result in better drinking water, improved wastewater treatment and enhanced protection of the environment.”

The grants and loans awarded by the board are administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Grants were awarded to:
- Randall Resource Conservation, $275,000 grant for Lewis & Clark watershed restoration project
- Rapid City, $155,000 grant for Canyon Lake sediment removal project

Loans were awarded to:
- Colonial Pine Hills, $400,000 loan for a well filtration system
- Dakota Dunes, $1,600,000 loan for clear well expansion and high service pump
- Mid-Dakota Rural Water System, $2,535,000 loan for automatic meter reading project
- Mobridge, $1,475,000 loan for wastewater treatment improvements

Grant and loan packages were awarded to:
- Dupree, $240,000 for wastewater system improvements, which includes a $48,000 grant and a $192,000 loan
- Hoven, $353,000 for waterline replacement project, which includes an $88,250 grant and a $264,750 loan with all of the loan in principal forgiveness
- **Northwest SD Regional Landfill**, $412,000 for equipment and facility upgrades, which includes a $247,200 grant and a $164,800 loan
- **Tri County Landfill Association**, $167,200 for a storage building, which includes a $33,440 grant and $133,760 loan

The grants, loans and principal forgiveness were awarded from DENR’s Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program and Solid Waste Management Program.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects. The Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects.

The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for the Consolidated and Solid Waste programs through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

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