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Gov. Daugaard Announces $275,000 for Watershed Restoration Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says that the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a $275,000 grant to the Randall Resource Conservation and Development Association for a watershed restoration project.

The funds will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased to announce that the Randall Resource Conservation and Development Association will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “This funding will help the association continue its efforts to protect and improve the water quality in the Lewis and Clark Lake watershed and surrounding area.”

This is the fourth segment of a multi-year effort to implement best management practices in the Lewis and Clark Lake, Lake Andes, Geddes Lake and Platte Lake watersheds. The total project area encompasses 2.5 million acres. The project’s goal is to restore water quality, address total maximum daily loads established for the water bodies and reduce sedimentation into Lewis and Clark Lake. It will also help address feedlot waste runoff and associated nonpoint source pollution problems.

The estimated cost of this project segment is $3.1 million.

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 board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.

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