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**Gov. Dugaard Announces \$275,000 Grant
for James River Watershed Project**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Dugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$275,000 Consolidated Water Facility Construction Program grant to James River Water Development District for a south central watershed improvement project.

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

“I am pleased to announce that James River Water Development District will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Dugaard. “This will help the district continue its efforts to protect and improve water quality in the lower James River and Lewis and Clark Lake watersheds.”

The project area includes the Lewis and Clark Lake, Lake Andes, Geddes Lake and Platte Lake watersheds and the lower James River watershed. The project is an effort to restore water quality to meet designated beneficial uses and address total maximum daily loads for waterbodies in these watersheds.

Agriculture best management practices (BMPs) will be installed that target sources of sediment, nutrients and fecal coliform bacteria. The Consolidated grant will cost share the construction of animal waste management systems and development of nutrient management plans. Other BMPs installed by landowners with other project funding include filter strips, riparian buffers, tree plantings, grassed waterways, grassland management systems and conservation cropping systems.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the Petroleum Release Compensation and Tank Inspection fee and the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects. The Legislature appropriates Water and Environment Funds annually to the Consolidated Program through the Governor's Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The board met today in Pierre.