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**Gov. Daugaard Announces Additional \$500,000 to Bear Butte Valley Water
for Regional Water System**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources approved an additional \$500,000 in grant assistance from the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program to Bear Butte Valley Water for a regional water system.

The grant is in addition to \$1.5 million previously awarded for the project.

“These funds will enable Bear Butte Valley Water to construct its water distribution system to provide high-quality drinking water to rural customers in northwestern Meade County and northeastern Lawrence County,” the Governor said.

The project involves installing 130 miles of water distribution pipelines to serve 215 rural service locations that experience water quantity and quality issues. In addition, the Bear Butte Valley system construction includes a well for its water source, treatment and two water storage tanks.

The estimated cost of the project is \$11 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 statewide. The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for the Consolidated program through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The board met Thursday in Pierre.