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**Gov. Dugaard Announces \$2.255 Million
for Florence Drinking Water Project**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Dugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources approved a \$2.255 million funding package to Florence for drinking water system improvements.

The funding package includes a \$1 million Consolidated Water Facility Construction Program grant and a \$1.255 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan. Loan terms are 3.25 percent for 30 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Florence will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Dugaard. “This funding will help the town make much-needed drinking water upgrades to better serve the town’s residents.”

The project involves replacing 17,000 feet of water mains and 7,250 feet of service lines, installing 145 water meters, constructing a 105,000-gallon ground water storage tank and adding a booster pump station.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2.355 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 Legislature appropriates Water and Environment Funds annually to the Consolidated program through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill. The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects.

The board met Thursday in Pierre.