



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT  
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

JOE FOSS BUILDING  
523 EAST CAPITOL  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-3182  
denr.sd.gov

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Thursday, March 31, 2016  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Mike Perkovich, 773-4216  
**FOR PROJECT DETAILS:** Visit <http://denr.sd.gov/bwnrapps.aspx>

**Gov. Dugaard Announces \$1.722 Million Loan  
for Perkins County Rural Water System Drinking Water Project**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Dugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$1.722 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program loan to Perkins County Rural Water System for drinking water system improvements.

The loan includes \$1,033,200 in principal forgiveness, which leaves \$688,800 for loan repayment. Loan terms are 2.25 percent for 30 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Perkins County Rural Water System will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Dugaard. “This funding will help the rural water system take necessary steps to ensure reliable drinking water service to its customers.”

The project involves changing the vertical alignment or insulating existing water main along Highway 12 and 73 near Lemmon that will lose minimum cover due to grade elevation changes as part of a state Department of Transportation project. About two miles of water main will be realigned and two miles insulated. Without a minimum ground cover, water mains are susceptible to freezing or breaking, which would result in a loss of service.

The funding package will cover the estimated cost of the project.

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. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan repayment amount for the borrower.

The board met Wednesday and Thursday in Pierre.