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**Gov. Dugaard Announces \$36.85 Million Loan for New Pierre Drinking  
Water Treatment Plant**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Dugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$36,850,000 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program for the construction of a new drinking water treatment plant.

The \$36,850,000 loan will be used to develop a new surface water supply intake and build a centralized drinking water treatment plant.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Pierre will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Dugaard. “The loan will help the city build a new drinking water treatment plant allowing them to better serve their customers and ensure a long-term, quality water supply for Pierre residents.”

Pierre’s water supply currently comes from a series of wells that have high manganese, hardness, sulfate, and total dissolved solids concentrations. The city currently does not have a centralized drinking water treatment plant to remove these contaminants. To remedy this issue, the city plans to switch water sources to Missouri River water and build a new drinking water treatment plant. The loan will allow the city to develop a new water intake on the Missouri River, build a raw water pump station, transmission pipe, a new eight million gallon per day ultrafiltration treatment plant, and a transmission pipe to connect into the existing Pierre water distribution system.

The loan will cover the estimated cost of the project. Loan terms are 2.5 percent for 30 years.

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 drinking water projects.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.