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Gov. Daugaard Announces Nearly \$1.4 Million for Tulare Drinking Water System Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved \$1,395,000 in loans from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program and the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program for Tulare to make drinking water system improvements.

The loans include \$1.145 million in principal forgiveness which leaves \$250,000 in loan repayment. The estimated cost of the project is \$2.1 million. Loan terms are 2.25 percent for 30 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Tulare will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “The loan will help the city upgrade their aging drinking water system allowing them to better serve their customers and ensure there is a long-term, reliable water system in Tulare.”

The city plans to cap an old well and demolish the utility building where it is located, replace old pumps with new pumps and controls and demolish the old pump house, and remove a deteriorating ground storage reservoir and replace it with a new 80,000-gallon elevated storage tank.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the Petroleum Release Compensation Tank Inspection fee and the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects.

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

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.