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Gov. Noem Announces \$26.8 Million Loan for Sioux Falls Water Projects

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$26,808,800 loan from the EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program for the replacement of the Brandon Road pump station in Sioux Falls and for nonpoint source projects in the Big Sioux River watershed upstream of the city.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Sioux Falls will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “The loan will help the city replace the worn out Brandon Road pump station to provide reliable wastewater services to their customers. In addition, the City is to be commended for helping finance nonpoint source projects that will help improve water quality in the Big Sioux River, which is the lifeblood of the community.”

The wastewater project involves replacement of the existing Brandon Road pump station that, due to its age, is having issues with screens, electrical equipment, pump cavitation, efficiency, and standby power needs. In addition to replacement of the outdated facility, the new pump station will allow the system to handle increased future capacity. The project includes construction of new screens, pumps, piping, fittings, valves, electrical and mechanical controls, extension of two existing force mains, and the relocation and extension of existing utilities in the area.

The nonpoint source funding component provides \$2.43 million for water quality improvement projects to reduce sediment and bacteria levels in the river. These projects can include stream bank stabilization, grazing management, agricultural waste management, and creating vegetative buffers along the Big Sioux River and its tributaries.

The loan will cover the estimated cost of the projects. Loan terms are 1.5 percent for 20 years.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects.

The board met today in Pierre.