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Gov. Noem Announces $5.539 Million for Tea Wastewater Regionalization Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a $5,539,000 funding package for the City of Tea to regionalize its wastewater treatment system.

The funding package includes a $1,108,000 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant and a $4,431,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan. Terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years. The funds will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"I am pleased to announce that the City of Tea will receive this assistance," said Gov. Noem. "The funding will help the city meet its wastewater treatment system needs now and into the future."

The project includes two phases. The funding for phase one will be used to pay system development charges to buy into the Sioux Falls Water Reclamation Facility. The funding will also be used for the design of a pumping station and force main for the connection to Sioux Falls. Connecting to the City of Sioux Falls' treatment system will provide a long-term solution for managing Tea's wastewater and allow the for the eventual abandonment of Tea's existing wastewater treatment ponds.

The estimated cost for phase one of the project is $5,539,000.

The Consolidated Water Facilitates 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 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects.

The board met today via remote video connection.

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