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**Gov. Dugaard Announces \$31.45 Million in Loans
for Sioux Falls Sewer Projects**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Dugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved two loans totaling \$31.45 million to Sioux Falls for sewer and nonpoint source projects.

The \$31.45 million total includes an \$11,979,457 loan for a Brandon road pump station parallel force main and a \$19,475,025 loan for an outfall sewer replacement. Both loans are from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Terms for both loans are 1.25 percent for 10 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Sioux Falls will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Dugaard. “These funds will help the city make necessary upgrades to insure the city has adequate capacity to transport wastewater to the water reclamation facility for many years. In addition, the city will provide significant funding to install water quality best management practices along the Big Sioux River and its tributaries.”

The Brandon road pump station project will construct a second parallel force main from the pump station to the Sioux Falls Water Reclamation Facility. This will provide a dual force main system for protection against failure and sewage system back-ups, increase the capacity of the lift station and reduce friction losses and pumping costs.

The outfall sewer replacement project will replace the existing 66-inch outfall gravity sewer with a 72-inch gravity sewer line from the equalization basin to the Brandon road pump station. Other project components provide for the re-grading of a detention pond, installation of a new outlet structure and three storm sewer lines and modification of a diversion structure and two wet weather pump stations.

Both loans include funding for nonpoint source improvements within the Big Sioux River basin. The nonpoint source funding components provide \$1.52 million for stream bank stabilization, grazing management, agriculture waste management systems and vegetated buffers along the Big Sioux River and its tributaries.

The loans will cover the estimated cost of the sewer projects.

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

The board met Thursday and Friday in Pierre.