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Gov. Daugaard Announces \$3.014 Million for Big Sioux Community Water System Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved \$3.014 million to the Big Sioux Community Water System for a project to deliver water to Madison.

The \$3,014,000 funding package includes a \$2 million Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant and a \$1,014,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan. Loan terms are 3 percent for 20 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the Big Sioux Community Water System will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “This funding will help the system connect to the Minnehaha Community Water Corporation and deliver much-needed water to Madison.”

This project is part of a larger effort to “wheel” water to the city of Madison. With this funding Big Sioux Community Water System will construct a pipeline that runs from Minnehaha Community Water Corporation’s tower near Colton to Lewis & Clark regional water’s Madison service line. The connection to the Minnehaha system allows Big Sioux Community Water System to deliver up to 1 million gallon of water per day to Madison.

The funding package will cover the estimated cost of the project.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects. The Legislature appropriates Water and Environment Funds annually to the Consolidated program through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects.

The board met Thursday and Friday in Pierre.