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Gov. Daugaard Announces \$4.071 Million in Loans for Pierre Projects

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources approved two loans totaling \$4.071 million to Pierre for wastewater treatment improvements and a new solid waste baler.

The funding package includes a \$3.821 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and \$250,000 Solid Waste Management Program loan amendment. The board had previously awarded \$575,000 for the baler in June 2015. Loan terms are 3 percent for 20 years for the Clean Water SRF loan and 2.25 percent for 10 years for the Solid Waste loan.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Pierre will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “This funding will help the city make much-needed wastewater system improvements to better serve its customers, and will allow the city to continue to bale municipal solid waste to extend the useful life of the regional landfill.”

The wastewater treatment project involves improvements to the grit removal system, primary clarifier, air piping to the air lift pump station and aeration basins. It will also include modifications to the city’s disinfection process to include replacing the existing chlorine disinfection system with ultraviolet disinfection.

In addition to replacing the city’s existing baler, the city will also replace concrete around the baler area and make improvements to the conveyor system.

The funding packages cover the estimated cost of each project.

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 Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects. Revenues come from dedicated solid waste fees that are deposited in the state Water and Environment Fund. The Legislature appropriates Water and Environment Funds annually to the Solid Waste Management Program through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The board met Wednesday and Thursday in Pierre.