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Governor Burgum and Water Commission Members Reactivate the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program

Governor Doug Burgum and the State Water Commission have reactivated the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program. The program was approved at the Commission meeting held on June 22, 2017 with \$250,000 available in funding.

The program was originally created in 1991 and last activated in 2006 following an emergency drought proclamation. The program is administered by the State Water Commission and provides 50 percent cost-share assistance, of up to \$3,500 per project, with a maximum of three projects per applicant, to eligible livestock producers in designated counties experiencing drought-related impacts to their livestock operations.

Eligible items include: new water wells, rural water system connections, pipeline extensions, pasture taps, and associated works, labor, materials, and equipment rentals for work completed by the producer to develop new water supply projects.

The Water Commission and Governor Burgum have declared the following 26 counties eligible to receive cost-share assistance: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Burke, Burleigh, Divide, Dunn, Emmons, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Oliver, Renville, Sheridan, Sioux, Slope, Stark, Ward, and Williams.

Application forms and additional information are available on the Water Commission's website at www.swc.nd.gov. For further details please contact Mike Noone with the SWC Planning and Education Division at (701) 328-4968.