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Public Comment Period for Water Commission Irrigation Cost-Share

BISMARCK - The State Water Commission (SWC) is taking public comments related to the irrigation project cost-share percentage in existing Cost-Share Program policy. Current policy provides for up to 50 percent cost-share on projects associated with off-farm central supply works that are sponsored by eligible political subdivisions.

Public comments will be collected over a 14-day comment period from June 23 - July 6, 2023. For specific policy language see https://www.dwr.nd.gov/pdfs/cost_share_policy.pdf.

The SWC also provides support to the Bank of North Dakota's (BND) Ag PACE program to assist individual producers with loan interest buy-down related to on-farm irrigation development. For more information on BND's Ag PACE program see <https://bnd.nd.gov/ag/ag-pace>. Comments on the SWC's involvement in this program or others to support on-farm and other irrigation efforts are also invited.

Comments can be emailed to dwrcostshare@nd.gov or mailed to Department of Water Resources, ATTN Cost-Share, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck ND, 58504-5262. Questions can be directed to dwrcostshare@nd.gov or call 701-328-4989.

The SWC supports local sponsors in development of sustainable water-related projects in North Dakota through the Cost-Share Program. The primary purpose of the Cost-Share Program is to assist local project sponsors with financial support for water development projects – making them more affordable to local constituents.

The 10-member SWC consists of Gov. Doug Burgum as chairman, Ag. Commissioner Doug Goehring and eight members appointed by the governor to serve six-year terms.

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