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State Water Commission Approves More Than \$5.9M For Water Projects Across North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) approved more than \$5.9 million in funding for projects including dam support, water supply, and other water infrastructure projects across the state during its August 18 meeting in Bismarck. The approved projects include \$1.18 million for the Pembina City Dam Modification project as well as over \$1.16 million for the Northeast Rural Water District User and Facility Expansion.

“A resilient water system is built one investment at a time,” Director Haase said. “The projects approved today reflect the diverse needs of communities across the state. By investing strategically today, we can reduce future risk and ensure our water infrastructure continues to serve North Dakotans for generations to come.”

Approved projects include:

- Burke County Water Resource District – North Star Dam Removal: \$185,282
- Garrison Diversion Conservancy District – MM 10R Irrigation Project: \$253,729
- Ransom County Water Resource District – Fort Ransom Dam Modification: \$457,500
- Pembina County Water Resource District – Drain 4 Stabilization: \$100,609
- Medora – New Water Storage Reservoir: \$784,156
- Underwood – Water System Improvements: \$450,074
- Pembina County Water Resource District – Pembina City Dam Modification: \$1,185,243
- Cass County Joint Water Resource District – Drain 13 Outlet Improvements: \$165,000
- North Cass Water Resource District – Drain 26 Improvements: \$279,626
- Richland County Water Resource District – Drain 4 (33) Improvements: \$127,218
- Northeast Rural Water District – User and Facility Expansion: \$1,277,607

- Western Area Water Supply – R&T Stanley and Little Knife Bay: \$646,650

Gov. Kelly Armstrong and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring voted with the State Water Commission to activate a water supply assistance program for livestock producers as the governor declared a drought disaster for extremely dry conditions across North Dakota. Producers seeking more information about the program may call (701) 328-4959 or email dwrlivestock@nd.gov. Program details, eligibility requirements, and application information are available at dwr.nd.gov.

The State Water Commission consists of eight members appointed by the Governor, the Agriculture Commissioner, and the Governor as chairperson. Cost-share funding approved by the SWC is primarily supported by North Dakota's Resources Trust Fund, which receives 20.5 percent of the state's oil extraction tax revenue.

For more information, visit www.dwr.nd.gov.

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