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State Water Commission Approves \$17M In Cost-Share Funding For North Dakota Water Projects

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) today approved \$17 million in cost-share funding for water development projects across the state during its meeting in Bismarck. The approved projects were related to water supply, flood protection, dam rehabilitation, and general water improvements - all expected to enhance community resilience and support sustainable water resource management.

“Support for these projects is an investment in the future of North Dakota’s communities, economy, and natural resources,” said North Dakota Department of Water Resources Director Reice Haase. “By partnering with local sponsors, we have the opportunity to positively impact water development efforts in all corners of the state.”

Approved projects include:

- ND Game & Fish Dept. Baukol-Noonan Dam Rehabilitation – \$250,020
- Red River Basin Commission Operations 2025–2027 – \$300,000
- South Central Rural Water District Service to Napoleon – \$703,110
- City of Valley City Permanent Flood Protection – \$9,595,675
- Lower Heart River Water Resource District Flood Risk Reduction Project – \$360,000
- Pembina County Water Resource District (WRD) Renwick Dam Safety Improvements – \$330,467
- Pembina County WRD Dams Emergency Action Plans – \$64,080
- Pembina County WRD Tongue River Cutoff Channel Improvements – \$95,850
- Western Area Water Supply Authority Williston Regional Water Treatment Plant DeviceNET – \$1,453,007
- South Central Rural Water District University of Mary Service Area Water Storage – \$3,971,780

For the state-owned Northwest Area Water Supply intake and Snake Creek Pumping Plant modifications project, the SWC approved \$18.9 million in federal Municipal, Rural, and Industrial Water Supply Program funding, and \$2.79 million in state funding.

The SWC also received updates regarding the Mouse River, Missouri River, Northwest Area Water Supply, Southwest Pipeline Project, and Devils Lake.

The SWC consists of eight members appointed by the Governor, plus the Governor as chairperson. The cost-share funding approved by the SWC is almost entirely supported by North Dakota's Resources Trust Fund, which is funded from 20.5 percent of the state's oil extraction tax.

For more information about the State Water Commission and the Department of Water Resources, visit www.dwr.nd.gov.

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