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State Water Commission Approves \$75M In Cost-Share Funding For North Dakota Water Projects

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) today approved approximately \$75 million in cost-share funding for water development projects across the state during its meeting in Bismarck. The approved projects focus on municipal, rural, and regional water supply improvements—efforts that strengthen North Dakota’s infrastructure and support long-term community resilience.

“With today’s approvals, we are addressing immediate water needs while investing in the future resilience and reliability of North Dakota’s water supply,” said Department of Water Resources Director Reice Haase.

Approved projects include:

- City of McVille – Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation – \$111,600
- Northeast Rural Water District – User and Facility Expansion – \$473,989
- Walsh Rural Water District – Walsh County Water Supply – \$939,000
- City of Medora – Pacific Avenue Water Main Replacement – \$575,637
- Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDCCD) – Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP) 2025–2027 Funding – \$55,000,000
- Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDCCD) – RRVWSP Loan Request – \$18,330,000

The Commission also heard four-year progress reports from the Western Area Water Supply Authority (WAWSA) and the Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource District, and received a presentation from Deloitte Consulting on the ongoing Governance and Finance Study, which will guide future funding and management strategies for North Dakota’s regional water systems.

The SWC consists of eight members appointed by the Governor, plus 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.

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