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Governor Burgum Requests Additional Funding for Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Program

Governor Doug Burgum has requested that State Engineer Garland Erbele authorize an additional \$75,000 in funding for the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Program.

These added emergency funds for the Program will be made available for projects until additional funding can be approved through Commission action in the future. The State Engineer has the authority to authorize up to \$75,000 for projects without State Water Commission approval.

Gov. Burgum and the State Water Commission reactivated the Program at the Commission meeting held on June 22, 2017 with \$250,000 available in funding.

The Program was originally created in 1991 and was 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 and pasture taps; and associated works, labor, materials, and equipment rentals for work completed by the producer to develop new water supply projects.

The following counties are eligible to receive cost-share assistance at this time: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Burke, Burleigh, Dickey, Divide, Dunn, Emmons, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Oliver, Renville, Sheridan, Sioux, Slope, Stark, Stutsman, Ward, and Williams.

The Water Commission will continue to update eligible counties and drought information on its website at, www.swc.nd.gov. For further details about the program please contact the SWC Planning and Education Division at (701) 328-4989 or email swclivestock@nd.gov.