NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2022 DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND INTENDED USE PLAN AND PROJECT PRIORITY LIST PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources will hold a public hearing to amend the South Dakota 2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List on September 29, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. CT.

The public may participate in person at the Matthews Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre SD, 57501. Online participation is available with live audio or by streaming through a computer or other mobile device. The full board packet and directions for access to the meeting and live streaming can be found on the South Dakota Boards and Commissions Portal at:

http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=108

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), previously referred to as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, was signed into law on November 15, 2021. This addendum is to amend the existing 2022 Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan for changes to the Drinking Water SRF program required by the BIL.

This public hearing is being held pursuant to ARSD 74:05:11:03 and meets all requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Intended Use Plan consists of two components. One component describes how the state intends to use available funds from both the standard program allocation and the BIL allocation for the year to meet the objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act and further the goal of protecting public health. This includes the amount of funds to be allocated to set-aside activities such as administration, state program management, small system technical assistance, and local assistance and other state programs.

The second component of the Intended Use Plan is a priority list of projects that will be eligible to receive funding. Projects seeking a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan must be on the priority list.

Persons interested in presenting public testimony concerning the amendment of the 2022 Intended Use Plan may appear at the designated place and time. Written comments will be received at any time prior to the hearing date by mailing them to the Environmental Funding Program, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 523 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501.

A copy of the proposed amendments to the 2022 Intended Use Plan can be received at no charge by requesting a copy from the address given above, by calling (605) 773-4216, by sending an e-mail request to andrew.bruels@state.sd.us, or from the DANR website at:

https://danr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx

Notice is further given to persons with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the above-mentioned office at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing if you have a disability for which special arrangements must be made at the hearing.

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