

No. 1548-3Water Division No. 3 JAMES RIVER District

(Blanks to be filled by the Engineer for the W. & C.)

TESTED RIGHT
APPLICATION FOR PERMITSTATE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**To appropriate Water within the State of South Dakota**

(NOTE—Draw a line through items not applicable.)

1. Name of applicant South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks
 Postoffice address Pierre, County Bugbas, State South Dakota

- I. If a corporation _____
 (a) Name of same _____
 (b) Date and place of incorporation _____
 (c) Amount of capital stock _____
 (d) Amount paid in _____
 (e) Names and addresses of directors _____

(NOTE—A certified copy of articles of incorporation must accompany the application.)

II. Method of accomplishing the work and financial resources of the applicant:

- (a) Method of accomplishing work (Whether by contract, employment of others, or by direct labor)

 (b) Cash on hand, \$ _____ (c) Treasury stock, \$ _____
 (d) Bonds to be issued, \$ _____ (e) Other resources, \$ _____

2. Name of diversion work FAULKTON LAKE - Faulk County
 As required to fill lake to outlet level - approximately 220
 3. Amount of water claimed acre feet per year cubic feet per second _____
S. W. P. SNAKE CREEK
 4. Source of water supply Local drainage
 5. Location of point of diversion point in the watershed located in the SW 1/4 Sec. 17,
T. 118; R. 69. on _____ bank _____ County.
 6. Annual period or periods during which water is to be used continuously
 7. To be used for:

- I. Irrigation or domestic use: Gravity, overhead sprinkling or combination system? _____
 (a) Number of acres to be irrigated _____ acres.

- (b) Legal subdivisions to be irrigated _____

(NOTE—A list of lands to be irrigated, giving each subdivision and fraction with acreage thereof, should be written here, or may be appended as a part of this application. Same must also be shown on accompanying map.)

- (c) Statement as to domestic use (giving location, etc.) To the ordinary highwater mark

of inundated portions of Sec. 17 & 18, T. 118, R. 69.

II. Stockwatering, mining, milling, power, fish culture, fire protection and public recreation:

- (a) Nature of use Public recreational uses
 Name any of the above uses claimed
 (b) Amount of power to be generated _____ horse power.
 Amount claimed for engine cooling _____
 (c) Location of plant _____
 (d) Method of developing power _____
 (e) Point where water will be returned to stream _____

V/R.

8. Estimated cost of work:

(a) Head Gates, \$..... (b) Pumping plant, \$.....
 (c) Fluming, \$..... (d) Canal-earth, \$..... Rock, \$.....
 (e) Other structures \$..... Total, \$.....

9. Description of diversion works:

I. Nature of works: (Reservoir, dam, ditch, flume, pumping plant, etc.)

II. Dimensions of works.

(a) Dam: Height 34 feet; length at bottom 900 feet; length at top 525 feet; thickness at bottom 122 feet; thickness at top 24 feet; slope at front water face 4:1; slope at back face 4:1 material used in construction earth, rock facing
 (b) Reservoir: Capacity when filled 1100 acre feet. Surface area at highwater mark 110 acres.

DEPTH AT OUTLET-FEET	SURFACE AREA AT EACH DEPTH AT OUTLET-ACRES	FEET	ACRE-FOOT CAPACITY

(c)* Head gate: Width.....feet; height.....feet;
 Material.....
 (d) Canal: Total length.....miles.

LOCATION BELOW HEADGATE	DEPTH	BOTTOM WIDTH	WIDTH AT WATER-LINE	GRADE PER MILE
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet

(Give dimensions where reductions in size are made.)

completed .. not applicable

10. Time required for completion of workyears.
 11. Time required for complete application of water to the proposed beneficial use completed years.
 12. Choice of newspaper for publication of notice of intention to appropriate not applicable

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of Hughes } ss.

I, R. A. Hodgins, being first duly sworn on my oath depose and say: That my relation to the above described undertaking is that of owner, that I have read the above foregoing statement, examined the map accompanying the same, and that I know of my own personal knowledge that the matters therein stated and shown are true.

Signed

R. A. Hodgins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of MARCH 1968

H. E. Bowers

Notary Public (or other qualified officer.)

*Each diversion must have a headgate or measuring device.

H. E. Bowers, Notary Public

My Commission Expires

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Remarks by State Water Resources Commission:

"VESTED RIGHT" CLAIMED

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
County of HUGHES ss.

Pierre, South Dakota, APRIL 15, 1968

This is to certify that the foregoing application was received by the Commission at 10:30 o'clock
A m upon the 2ND day of APRIL, 1968

State Water Resources Commission

By:

Durston
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Number of permit 1548.3

Date of first receipt of application APRIL 2, 1968

Date of return to applicant for correction, amendments or changes required as follows. _____, 19____

Date of receipt of corrected application _____, 19____

Date from which applicant may claim right 1936

Approved APRIL 15, 1968, Recorded in Book 10 Page 151

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing application for a permit to appropriate water of the State of South Dakota, and we hereby grant the same as stated herein, subject, however, to the following limitations and conditions:

1st. The equivalent of at least one-fifth of the work above specified is ~~to be~~ completed ~~on or before~~ _____

2nd. The whole of said work is ~~to be~~ completed ~~on or before~~ _____

3rd. The limit of time for proof of beneficial use of water appropriated in accordance herewith is

COMPLETED

4th. The water appropriated shall be used for the purpose of PUBLIC RECREATION

5th. The prior right of all persons who, by compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota have acquired a right to the use of water must not be injuriously affected by this appropriation.

6th. The amount of the appropriation herein granted shall not exceed 220 ACRES FERT ANNUALLY ~~either for power or for irrigation~~; neither shall it exceed the capacity of the above described system of diversion works, nor the least amount of water that experience may hereafter indicate as necessary for ~~the production of crops~~ ~~in the raising of livestock husbandry~~ ~~and for other uses~~ ~~and the appropriation must be limited to not more than one~~ ~~sevenths (1/7) of one cubic foot of water per second of time for each acre of land to which water is actually~~ USED FOR PUBLIC RECREATION 1969

and beneficially ~~applied for irrigation~~ on or before JUNE 30, 1955; said water to be used during the following described annual period:

CONTINUOUSLY

Witness my hand this 15TH day of APRIL, 1968

State Water Resources Commission

By:

McClellan
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Certificate of Construction issued APRIL 15, 1968

Water License issued APRIL 15, 1968

Permit No. 1548-3Water Division No. 3 JAMES RIVER Water District**Certificate of Completion of Works**

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That the Department of Game, Fish and Parksof Pierre, County of Hughes, and State of South Dakotathe holder Vested Right of Permit No. 1548-3, issued upon Application No. 1548-3 bearing date of priority of 1936authorizing the diversion of 220 acre feet annually to the use of the waters of S. Fork of Snake CreekCounty of Faulk State of South Dakota, at a point in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 17, T118N, R69Wfor public recreationpurposes, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of the State of South Dakota relating to proof of completion of the works of diversion set out and described in said Permit; that said works are recognized as satisfactory 220 acre feet annually for diverting and conveying to the place of intended use

to be used in place for public recreation

Witness my hand this 15th day of April A. D. 1968

State Water Resources Commission

By:

J.W. GRIMES
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WATER LICENSE No. 1548-3

WHEREAS, On the 2nd day of April A. D. 1968
the Department of Game, Fish and Parks
of Pierre County of Hughes and State of
South Dakota duly made application (No. 1548-3 Vested right
annually) to us for a permit to use 220 acre feet
of the waters of the S. Fork of Snake Creek
County of Faulk, State of South Dakota, for public recreation
purposes; and

WHEREAS, On the 15th day of April A. D. 1968
Vested right Permit No. 1548-3 recognizing
was issued to said applicant for the diversion of said water, and providing for the
completion of the works of diversion therein described on or before the
and for the application to beneficial use of said
water and

WHEREAS, On the 2nd day of April A. D. 1968
the holder of said permit duly made proof of the completion of adequate works for the diversion of 220 acre feet
annually of said waters, as evidenced by our Certificate No. 1548-3
dated April 15, 1968 confirming the completion of works of sufficient capacity for
220 acre feet annually diverting and conveying to the place of intended use of water, with date of
priority of 1936 and,

WHEREAS, On the 2nd day of April A. D. 1968
proof was duly made of the application to beneficial use of 220 acre feet annually
to be stored and used in place for public recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, By the virtue of the authority vested in us by the laws of the State of South Dakota,
We hereby grant and confirm to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks
of Pierre the holder and owner of said Vested Right Permit No. 1546-3
a water right, dating from 1936 to the use of 220 acre feet
annually
~~xxxxxx~~ of the waters of the S. Fork of Snake Creek
In the County of Paulk and State of South Dakota, or so much thereof as may be
necessary for the purposes hereinbelow mentioned, to be diverted at a point in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4,
Section 17, T118N, R69W.
and ~~xxxxxx~~ stored in place

for the purpose of public recreation, subject to any limitations listed in
the Permit to Appropriate Water, and

subject, however, to the laws of the State of South Dakota applicable to a license for the use of the waters of the State, and subject also to the local or community customs, rules and regulations which have been or may be adopted from time to time by a majority of the users from a common source of supply, canal or lateral from which such water may be taken, when such rules and regulations have for their object the economical use of such water.

WITNESS, My hand and seal of our office at Pierre, South Dakota,
this 15th day of April A. D. Nineteen
Hundred and sixty-eight.

State Water Resources Commission

By:

J. W. GRIMES
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Location No.

Water Division No. Water District

Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use**PETITION OF HOLDER**

Ques. 1. State your name, residence, occupation and postoffice address.

Ans. South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and ParksFrankton Lake, Faulk County

Ques. 2. If acting in behalf of a corporation, state its name, principal place of business (if a foreign corporation, give name and postoffice of statutory agent,) your position with reference to same, and your authority for appearing in its behalf.

Ans.

Ques. 3. State date of posting and date of recording notice of appropriation.

Ans.

Ques. 4. State source of water supply and give exact location of point of diversion.

Ans. Point in the watershed located in the SW 1/4 Sec. 17, T. 118, R. 69

Ques. 5. Describe your works of diversion giving length and height of each dam and state amount of water they are capable of conveying from point of diversion to place of use, and give name of canal or ditch or other works by which water is conducted to such place of use, and date of completion of same.

Ans. Earth dam - approximately 900 feet long, 34 feet highImpoundment of 110 acres at dam site

Ques. 6. State for what purpose water is used and describe place of use. (If for irrigation, name each subdivision in which used, and number of acres in each subdivision that have ACTUALLY been irrigated with said water.)

Ans. Fish and wildlife propagation, conservation and recreation

Ques. 7. If for other than irrigation purpose, state how applied, amount of horse power generated, etc.

Ans. Used in place in lake or reservoir

Ques. 8. What is the minimum amount of water required for the use specified above?

Ans. As required to fill lake to outlet level - approximately 220 acre feet
per year.

Ques. 9. If you are not the person or representative of the corporation to whom above mentioned permit was originally issued, please state how ownership was acquired by present holder.

Ans.

Ques. 10. State when, how, in what amount and to what extent, the water diverted under above mentioned permit has been used.

Ans. Been in use ever since 1936 when dam was constructed. Used by the
..... public for the uses specified except for that amount lost by evaporation and
..... seepage

(Sign)

R. A. Hodgins

I hereby certify that the foregoing testimony was read to the above subscriber before its signing, that I believe him to be the person he represents himself to be, and that said testimony was subscribed and sworn to before me, at my office in, County of *Hughes*

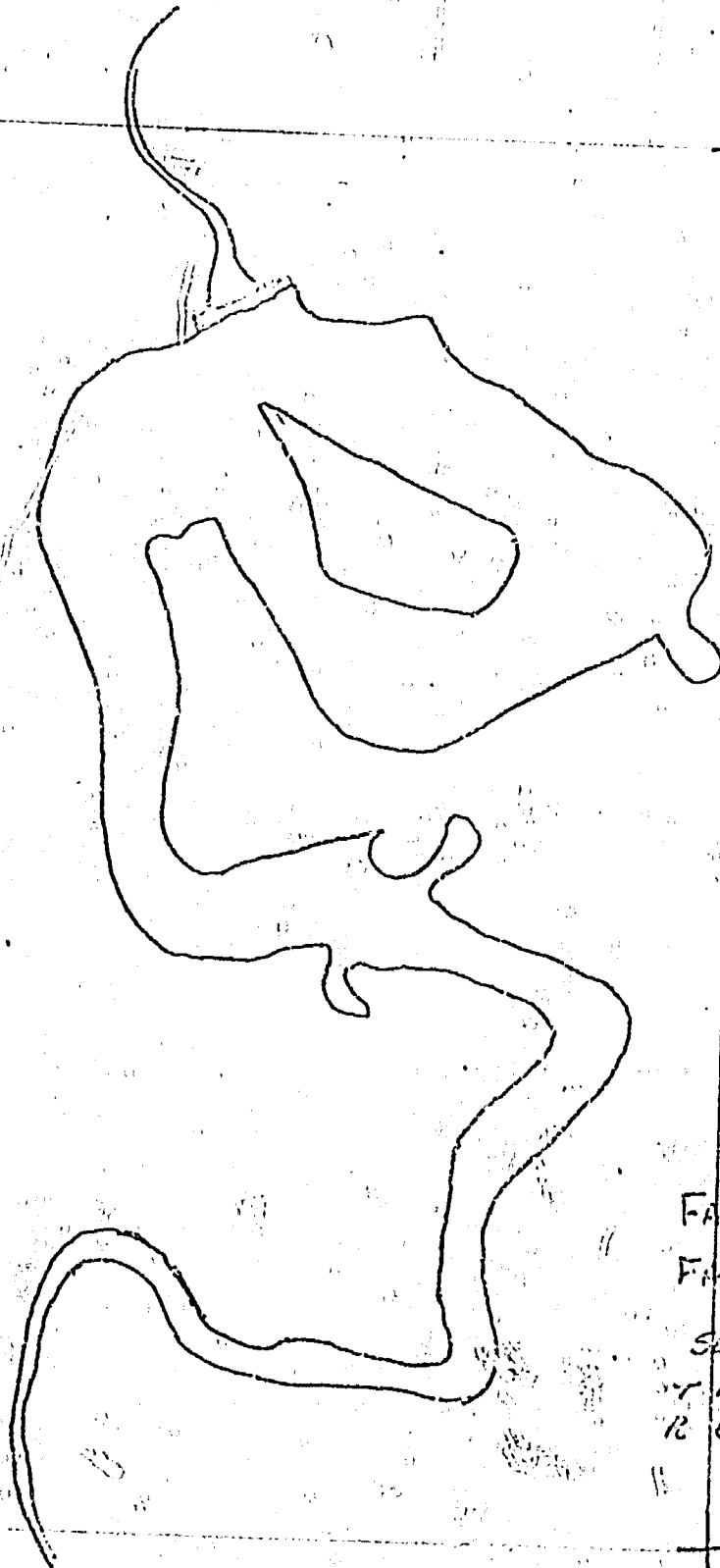
State of South Dakota, on this *27th* day of *March* A. D. 19*68*

Witnesses.

H. E. Bowers
H. E. Bowers, Notary Public

My Commission Expires

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am a duly qualified elector residing in the immediate vicinity of the diversion works designated in the foregoing testimony that I have no interest in the works, water or land above described, that I have read the foregoing testimony and that I know of my own personal knowledge that the matters therein stated are true.



FAULKTON LAKE
FAULK CO.

SEC. 17-18

T 118

R 69

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SOUTH DAKOTA
Department of
Water & Natural Resources

Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3101

September 21, 1988

Richard Beringson, Secretary
Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Anderson Building
445 E Capitol
Pierre SD 57501

Dear Mr. Beringson:

I am writing to notify you that pursuant to the Notice of Intent to Validate Vested Water Right Claims dated June 20, 1988 that I intend to oppose validation of all Department of Game, Fish and Parks Vested Water Right Claims for lakes for the following reasons:

1. Until the outlet elevation for each lake is surveyed and the outlet elevation is set by the Water Management Board.
2. To allow the Vested Water Right Claim to be amended, if necessary, as follows:
 - a) Include the outlet elevation;
 - b) To correct the amount of water claimed;
 - c) To add the qualification that a vested claim is subject where necessary to installation of a concrete outlet structure to assure retention of the outlet as the established elevation; and
 - d) To add any amendments and qualifications necessary to clarify a Vested Right Claim.

Also, that I intend to oppose validation of all Department of Game, Fish and Parks Vested Water Right Claims for dams to allow the Vested Water Right Claim to be amended, if necessary, as follows:

1. To include the spillway elevation;
2. To correct the amount of water claimed; and
3. To add any amendments and qualifications necessary to clarify a Vested Right Claim.



September 21, 1988

Richard Beringson, Secretary

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We will be working with your staff on these validations. We have already discussed setting outlet elevations before validating claims for lakes. Although the work necessary to complete the validation process will take several years to complete, the results should be of benefit to the public and to your Department. As the work is completed to validate each claim, the claim will be presented to the Water Management Board for validation.

Please advise if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

John A. Hatch
for JOHN HATCH, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Division
605 773-3352

cc: Ron Koth, Department of Game, Fish and Parks

Water Rights Program File Documentation

Name of Dam: Faulkton

NID No.: SD00017

Date: Nov. 13, 2024

RE: Survey for water right validation

Comments:

Using the VRS Now service (Midstates VRS) from Trimble and a Trimble R12i, survey data was collected at Faulkton Dam in NAVD 88 on October 29th, 2024. The focus of the survey was to obtain an elevation of the crest of the primary spillway to validate the vested water right claim for the dam (Vested Water Right Claim No. 1548-3). Other points were also collected and are summarized in the below table. The topo180 is a longer shot (takes about 2.5 to 3 minutes) and the rapid point takes a couple of seconds. For a rough quality control check, the survey data was compared to the 5-meter IFSAR dataset for the area and the surveyed elevations generally agreed with the IFSAR data within the level of accuracy of the IFSAR data.

The primary spillway at Faulkton Dam is a concrete chute spillway with an ogee-type crest. Getting right on the exact apex of the ogee crest can be challenging. Additionally, given the age of the spillway, there is potential to be some very slight loss of concrete across the ogee crest over the years. Considering this, and the survey data, the recommendation is to validate the vested claim at a primary spillway elevation of 1,597.4ft (NAVD 88).

Point Name	Antenna height (ft) base of quick release	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation (ft) (NAVD88)	H precision (survey ft)	V precision (survey ft)	V precision (cm)	point type
Primary Spill Crest-left side	6.562	45.03408499	-99.16772712	1597.244	0.035	0.053	1.6	topo180
Primary Spill Crest-center	6.562	45.03401449	-99.16773075	1597.37	0.034	0.049	1.5	topo180
Primary Spill Crest-right side	6.562	45.03382007	-99.16773998	1597.355	0.043	0.051	1.6	topo180
Aux spill center	6.562	45.0345138	-99.16862062	1600.219	0.034	0.046	1.4	topo180
crest1	6.562	45.03364195	-99.16790747	1605.049	0.045	0.058	1.8	rapid point
crest2	6.562	45.033484	-99.16787023	1606.13	0.042	0.056	1.7	rapid point
crest3	6.562	45.03341481	-99.16784136	1606.294	0.039	0.056	1.7	rapid point
crest4	6.562	45.03336364	-99.16781271	1605.759	0.044	0.06	1.8	rapid point
crest5	6.562	45.03330513	-99.16777687	1605.504	0.038	0.054	1.6	rapid point
crest6	6.562	45.0332347	-99.16772738	1605.6	0.044	0.057	1.7	rapid point
crest7	6.562	45.0331792	-99.16768773	1605.434	0.051	0.069	2.1	rapid point
crest8	6.562	45.03306068	-99.16760371	1605.457	0.056	0.08	2.4	rapid point
crest9	6.562	45.03300059	-99.1675632	1605.412	0.056	0.082	2.5	rapid point
crest10	6.562	45.03291949	-99.16750694	1605.353	0.071	0.109	3.3	rapid point
crest11	6.562	45.03283077	-99.16744673	1605.396	0.061	0.1	3.0	rapid point
crest12	6.562	45.03276474	-99.16740274	1605.593	0.052	0.083	2.5	rapid point
crest13	6.562	45.032669	-99.16733847	1606.087	0.056	0.061	1.9	rapid point
crest14	6.562	45.03262088	-99.16730585	1605.977	0.076	0.112	3.4	rapid point


Whitney Kilts
Natural Resources Engineer



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March 13, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Kevin Robling, Secretary
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre SD 57501

From: Mark Mayer, PE *mgm*
Director of Office of Water, DANR

Subject: Validation of Recognized Vested Water Right Claim No. 1548-3
Department of Game, Fish, and Parks for Faulkton Lake & S Fork Snake Creek

A Notice of Intent to validate recognized Vested Water Right Claim No. 1548-3, for Faulkton Dam, was published in the Faulk County Record on June 22 and 29, 1988. The Notice was published to validate the claim for sufficient water to fill Faulkton Lake annually to the outlet elevation or to the elevation necessary to maintain the ordinary high water mark, whichever is lower. The Chief Engineer petitioned opposing the validation of all Department of Game, Fish, and Parks vested water right claims for dams to include the spillway elevation, correct the amount of water claimed, and add any amendments and qualifications necessary to clarify the vested right claim.

Water Rights Program staff collected survey data for Faulkton Dam in October 2024, which included the spillway elevation. Therefore, validation of the vested right claim may now proceed.

Enclosed is the recommendation for the Water Management Board to validate the recognized Vested Water Right Claim No. 1548-3 for sufficient water annually to maintain the water to the spillway elevation of 1,597.4 feet mean sea level (NAVD 88).

The Water Management Board will consider validation of Claim No. 1548-3 at 9:30 AM (Central Time) on Wednesday May 7, 2025, in the Floyd Matthews Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre SD 57501. The agenda time is an estimate and may be delayed due to prior times on the agenda.

Applicable provisions of the published notice of intent to validate Claim No. 1548-3 will still apply to this hearing.

Please contact Ron Duvall or Amanda Dewell with the Water Rights Program (605) 773-3352 if you have any questions.

enclosure

cc: Jennifer Verleger, Assistant Attorney General
James Gilkerson, Dept of Game, Fish, and Parks
Ryan Tobin, Dept of Game, Fish, and Parks



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**RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF ENGINEER ON VALIDATION OF
RECOGNIZED VESTED WATER RIGHT CLAIM NO. 1548-3,
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS, FAULKTON LAKE**

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the following is the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, concerning validation of Recognized Vested Water Right Claim No. 1548-3, Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, c/o Secretary Kevin Robling, 523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre SD 57501.

The Chief Engineer of the Water Rights Program recommends VALIDATION of recognized Vested Water Right Claim No. 1548-3 for sufficient water to maintain the water level to Faulkton Lake's spillway elevation of 1,597.4 feet mean sea level (NAVD 88). The vested water right will retain a priority date of January 1, 1936.

This recommendation is based on survey data collected at Faulkton Dam by Water Rights Program staff, which included the spillway elevation.

Mark Mayer, PE
Director of Office of Water
March 13, 2025

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies under the penalty of perjury that I have personally mailed a true and correct NOTICE OF HEARING & RECOMMENDATION dated March 13, 2025, via Inter-Office Mail to the following parties on March 13, 2025.

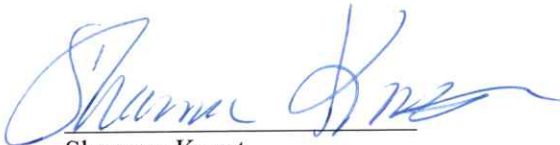
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Shannon Konst
Senior Secretary-Water Rights

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS
COUNTY OF HUGHES)

Sworn to, before me, this 13th day of March, 2025.



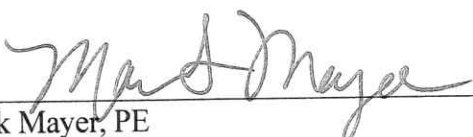
Rachel Rodriguez Notary Public
My Commission expires May 16, 2029



REISSUED WATER LICENSE NO. 1548-3

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA VALIDATED VESTED WATER RIGHT

- (1) Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, 523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre SD 57501, was issued Water License No. 1548-3 on April 15, 1968, for a recognized vested water right claim for Faulkton Lake and South Fork Snake Creek, located in Faulk County, South Dakota. Application of water to beneficial use for public recreation purposes was the basis for recognition of the vested water right claim and issuance of the water license. As originally issued, the water license authorizes use of 220 acre-feet of water annually for public recreation purposes, with claimed priority date of January 1, 1936.
- (2) On May 7, 2025, the South Dakota Water Management Board validated Vested Water Right No. 1548-3, pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 46-2A-46. Validation of Vested Water Right No. 1548-3 is for sufficient water annually to maintain the water level up to the spillway elevation of Faulkton Lake, rather than a specific number of acre-feet of water.
- (3) Reissuance of Validated Vested Water Right No. 1548-3 to the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks is for sufficient water annually to maintain the water level to the spillway elevation of 1,597.4 feet mean sea level (NAVD 88), for public recreation purposes with a priority date of January 1, 1936. The spillway for Faulkton Lake is location in the NE ¼ SE ¼ Section 17-T118N-R69W.
- (4) Water Rights obtained in compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota must not be unlawfully impaired by this appropriation.


Mark Mayer, PE
Director of Office of Water
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

5/20/25
date





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Kevin Robling, Secretary
South Dakota Dept of Game, Fish, and Parks
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre SD 57501

Dear Secretary Robling:

Enclosed is a reissued water license for Validated Vested Water Right No. 1548-3. This is the final water right document completing your process of obtaining a Validated Vested Water Right.

So long as the water is used beneficially, as stated in the Water License, State Water Laws provide that you have a continuing right to use the water.

Sincerely,

Mark Mayer, PE
Director of Office of Water
(605) 773-3352

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