

WATER PERMIT NO. 9022-3

Name of Applicant: **Leonard Sigdestad**

Address: **22365 Barton Road Box 350, Grand Terrace CA 92313**

Phone: **909-7096200**

Amount of Water Claimed: **No Add'l**

Total Acres: **40**

Source of Water Supply: **Groundwater**

Water to be used for: **Irrigation**

County: **Codington**

Type of Waste Disposal System:

Location: **Approx. 15 miles southeast of Milbank**

PRIORITY Date Received: **01-02-26**

Application/License Fee: **\$700.00**

Corrected Application Received: **01-26-26**

Period of Annual Use: **May 1 – September 30**

Remarks: **Using the existing well authorized by 3672-3, with no increase of water**

Diversion Point: **SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 10-T119N-R51W**

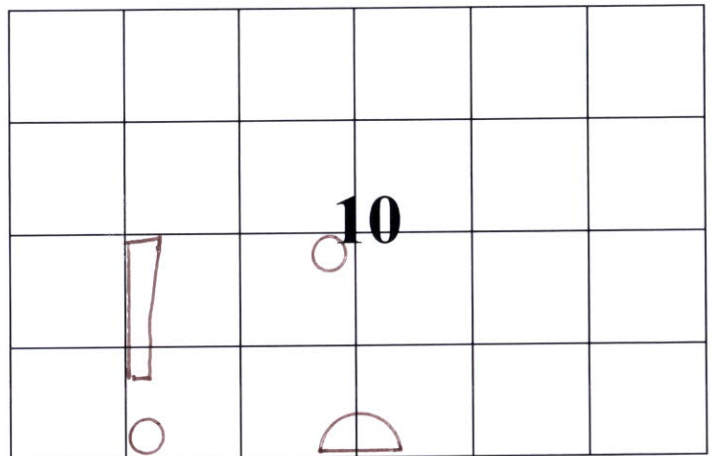
Land to be Irrigated: **SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 10-T119N-R51W**

Depth of Well: **133**

Well Driller: **Northstar Drilling**

Remarks:

Type of Map: **aerial**



Reviewed and the Number Assigned on: **02-02-26**

By: **Rachel Rodriguez**

Notice of Hearing - date to intervene: _____

SOUTH DAKOTA
WATER PERMIT NO. 9022-3

Date of first receipt of application January 2, 2026.

Date of return to applicant for corrections, amendments or changes January 16, 2026.

Date of receipt of corrected application January 26, 2026.

The Water Management Board approved Water Permit No. 9022-3 on July 8, 2026, for Leonard Sigdestad, 22365 Barton Road Box 350, Grand Terrace CA 92313, authorizing the construction of the water use system and the placing of water to beneficial use subject to the following limitations, conditions and qualifications:

1. Water Permit No. 9022-3 authorizes irrigation of an additional 40 acres, from the existing well authorized by Water Right No. 3672-3. Water Right No. 3672-3 authorizes diversion of 1.78 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well completed into the Antelope Valley Aquifer (133 feet deep) located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10 for irrigation of 132 acres located in the SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 10; all in T119N-R51W. This Permit authorizes irrigation of an additional 40 acres located in the SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10-T119N-R51W. This Permit and Water Right No. 3672-3 will authorize irrigation of a combined total of 172 acres, with no increase to the 1.78 cfs diversion rate. This site is located in Codington County, approximately one mile north of South Shore SD.
2. The amount of the appropriation may not exceed 2 acre feet annually for each acre of land to which water is actually and beneficially applied for irrigation. The water is to be used during the following described annual period: May 1 – September 30.
3. The date from which applicant may claim right is January 2, 2026.
4. One-fifth of the construction is to be completed on or before January 8, 2029.
5. All construction is to be completed on or before July 8, 2031.
6. Water is to be put to beneficial use on or before July 8, 2035.
7. Water rights obtained in compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota may not be unlawfully impaired by this appropriation.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The well approved under this Permit and Water Right No. 3672-3 is located near domestic wells and other wells which may obtain water from the same aquifer. The well owner under this Permit must control withdrawals so there is not a reduction of needed water supplies in adequate domestic wells or in adequate wells having prior water rights.
2. Any future additional or replacement wells must be constructed by a licensed well driller and construction of the well and installation of the pump must comply with Water Management Board Well Construction Rules, Chapter 74:02:04 with the well casing pressure grouted (bottom to top) pursuant to Section 74:02:04:28.
3. This Permit is approved subject to the irrigation water use questionnaire being submitted each year.

WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

By: Adam Mathiowetz
Adam Mathiowetz, PE
Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Aug. 07, 2026
date



FORM 2: Application for irrigation in South Dakota
(type or print)

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Mail to: SD DANR, Water Rights 523 E Capitol Ave Pierre, SD 57501-3182 ph. (605) 773-3352	No. <u>9022-3</u> Hydrologic Unit <u>07020001</u> Basin <u>Upper Minnesota</u> Newspaper <u>Watertown Public Opinion</u> <u>Watertown Current</u> (office use only)
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Application for Permit to Appropriate Water for Irrigation

Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Vested Right ☐ Amendment/Correction to Permit No. _____
(Use predates Mar 2, 1955)

Description of amendment/correction: (i.e. change diversion point(s), add diversion point(s), change use, etc.)

1. Name to Appear on Irrigation Permit Leonard Sigdestad
Note: The "Name to Appear on Irrigation Permit" must be the name in which the property to be irrigated is held in.
Mailing Address 22365 Barton Rd Box 350 Grand Terrace CA 92313
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
Phone 909 7096200 Mobile _____ Email: drsig@sbccglobal.net
2. Amount of water claimed 0 *CFS or 0 **GPM ***AF Total Acreage 37.540
(*Cubic Feet per Second) (**Gallons per Minute) (***)Acre Feet - storage capacity of dam/dugout or annual use if applicable)
3. Source of water supply 1 Well Antelope Valley Ag
4. Location of point of diversion 10-T119N-R51W SE 1/4 SE 1/4
(example - 3 wells in SW1/4 NE1/4 section 12-T104N-R53W)
County Codington
5. County or counties where water will be used Codington
6. Annual period during which water is to be used May 1 - Sept. 30
7. List below each forty-acre division, or lot, or fraction thereof and show number of acres to be irrigated in each.
(Attach sheet if more space is needed)

Land Description	Acres	Land Description	Acres
10 T119N R 51W SE 1/4 SE 1/4	23		
10 T119N R 51W NE 1/4 NE 1/4	1.52		
10 T119N R 51W SW 1/4 SW 1/4	2.53		
10 T119N R 51W NW 1/4 SW 1/4	1.05		12

8. Give a description of the project. (Attach sheet if more space is needed)

For questions Call Jim Thxen (605) 520-8154
or Email JPTHxen@ITCTel.com. 1 small Pivot 23 acres
and Gun irrigation

I, Jim Thxen Tenant + agent the applicant, certify under
Name of Person Title (if applicable)

penalty of perjury that I have read this application, examined the attached map, and that the matters stated are true. I further certify, if acting on behalf of an entity or individual other than myself, that I am authorized to submit this application.

2021-08

Attachments: Attach Form 2A if diversion is from a well or dugout, or if storage of water is proposed. Also, attach map and any other technical information. (see instructions)

Supplemental Information
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1. Well Information (check one or both as applicable) ☐ Drilling new well(s) ☒ Using existing well(s)

- a) If new wells, how many _____ Have test holes been drilled? ☐ Yes ☐ No Drilled by _____
(if yes, please provide copies of logs)
- b) If existing wells, how many 1 Provide copy of log(s), if available. Drilled by _____

For either existing or proposed wells:

- c) Well Depth (required) 85 Depth to Top of Water Bearing Material _____ Depth to Water from Surface _____
- d) Distance to nearest domestic well on applicant's property ~~2030~~ Property owned by others 2030

2. Wastewater Disposal System Information

- a) Type of System (i.e. septic tank, drain field) _____
- b) System Capacity (gallons) _____ Year Constructed _____
- c) Connected to the City of _____ Sanitary System

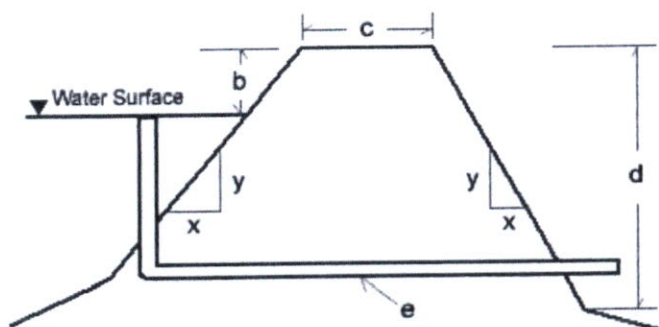
3. Dugout Information

- a) Surface Dimensions _____ Depth _____
- b) Depth to water (ground surface to water level) _____

4. Water Storage Dams

If the proposed water use system contains one or more storage dams, please furnish the information requested below for each dam. The locations of the dams need to be shown on the map submitted with the application.

- a) If a private engineering firm or government agency was involved in the design of this dam, please give their name and address: _____



- b) Freeboard _____
- c) Crest Width _____
Crest Length _____
- d) Height _____
- e) Primary Outlet Capacity _____
If pipe, diameter _____
- f) Secondary Spillway Capacity _____
Spillway Width _____
- g) X & Y Slope (e.g. 3 to 1 is a typical slope)
Upstream _____
Downstream _____
- h) Area of Impoundment _____
- i) Storage _____ Acre Feet
- j) Drainage Area Above Dam _____ Acres

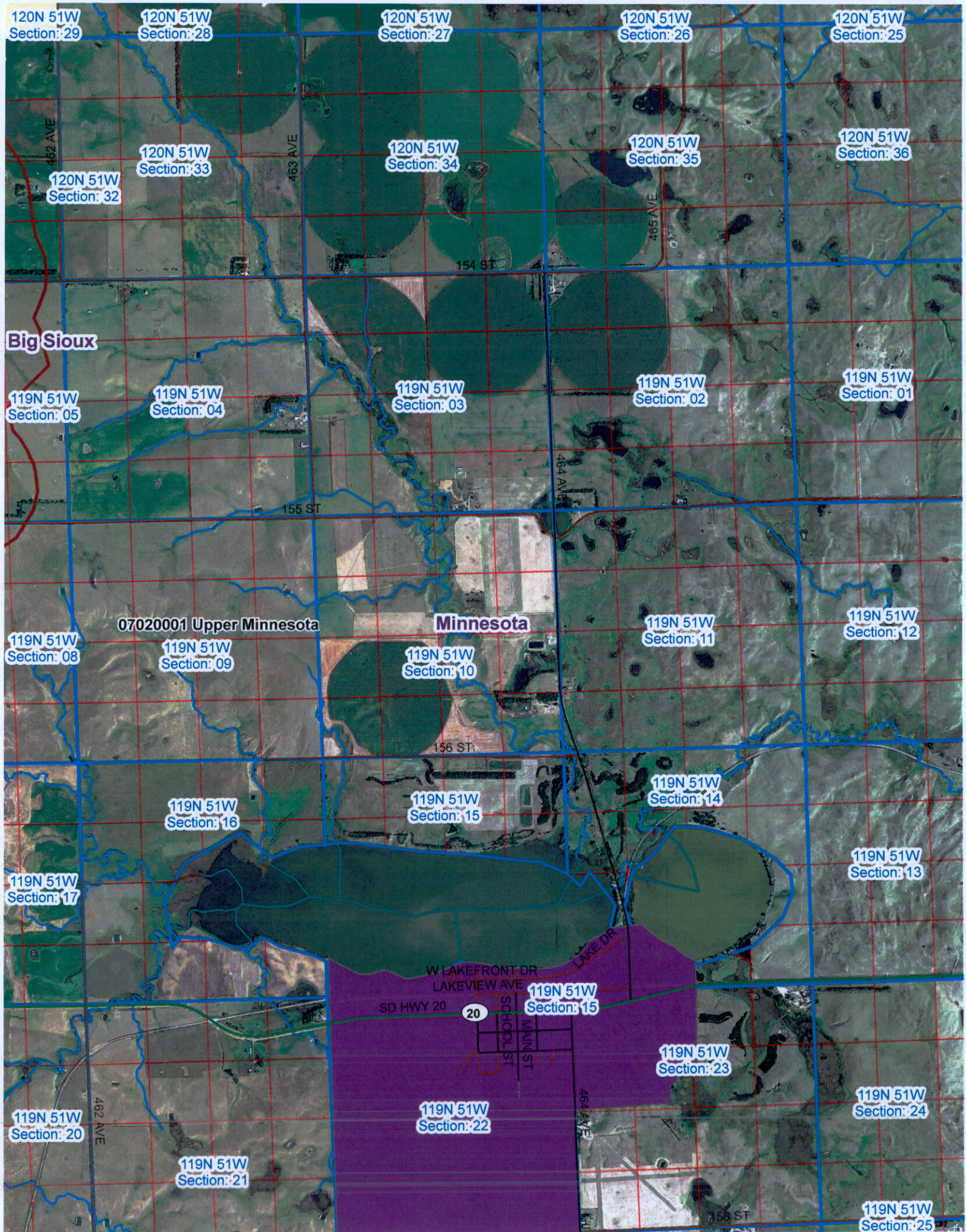


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SD Game Fish & Parks
400 W Kemp Avenue
Watertown, SD 57201
N ½ N ½ & Govt Lots 1-4 15-T119-N R-51-W

Grant Roberts Rural Water System
1205 S Dakota Street
Milbank, SD 57252
Drake Add 10-T-119-N R-51-W
N1/2 Less RD & Less Strip in E1/2 NE1/4 & Less S490' E771' 10-T119N R-51-W

Michael & Linda Henrichs Heritage Land Trust
15465 463rd Ave
South Shore, SD 57263
E ½ E ½ 9-T119-N R-51-W

Jeffrey Alan Dorale
1104 Weeber Circle
Iowa City, IA 52246
Lot 2 Jad Add 16-T-119-N R-51-W

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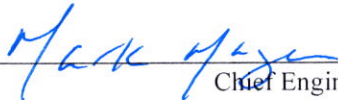
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Date January 26, 2026

RECEIVED OF Leonard Sigdestad 22365 Barton Road Box 350 Grand Terrace CA 92313

The following amount in fees for services rendered as provided for by law:

Fee for Application for Permit No. <u>9022-3</u> to Appropriate Water, to construct and to put water to beneficial use	\$ <u>500.00</u>
Fee for Application for Permit No. _____ to Appropriate Water for Future use	\$ _____
Fee to retain Future Use Permit No. _____ after period of seven years.	\$ _____
Fee for Inspecting Constructed Works, confirming beneficial use and issuing Water License No. <u>9022-3</u>	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Fee for Filing Transfer Form _____	\$ _____
Fee for _____	\$ _____
Fee for Issuing New Well Driller's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Renewal of Well Driller's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Issuing Well Pump Installer's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Renewal of Well Pump Installer's License No. _____	\$ _____
(Any Other Work Provided by Law) TOTAL	\$ <u>700.00</u>

By 
Chief Engineer

Rodriguez, Rachel

From: Rodriguez, Rachel
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 1:08 PM
To: jpthyen@itctel.com
Cc: 'drsig@sbcglobal.net'
Subject: Water Permit Application for Irrigation
Attachments: list.pdf

Good afternoon,

In looking over your application for a water permit, there are a few items that need clarification:

- No 1, I cannot read the name, it looks like Leonard and the last name Sigdestad. Please provide the name as you want it to appear on the application.
- When I map the areas bases on the map you provided, I come up with a higher number of acres. Do you want to round up to 40 acres?
- No indicate no water and that you will be using an existing well. Using the name "Sigdestad," a search of our database returns zero results. Please provide the name and/or water permit no of the existing well you plan to use.
- What is the purpose of the list, see attachment.
- The fees for this application would be: application fee \$500.00 + inspection fee \$200.00 = \$700.00

Thank you,

Rachel Rodriguez
DANR | Program Assistant
Rachel.Rodriguez@state.sd.us



Water Rights Program - File Documentation

NAME: Jim Thyen

ADDRESS: 22365 Barton Road, Box 350, Grand Terrace CA 92313

DATE: January 20, 2026

RE: Leonard Sigdestad Water Permit Application

COMMENTS:

I spoke with Jim regarding the water permit for Mr. Sigdestad. He confirmed the name to appear on the water permit and agreed to round up to 40 acres. He also provided the permit number of the existing well that will be used for the additional 40 acres. The list is for neighbors around the area to be irrigated.

I told him once the fees where received I would begin to process the application.

Rachel Rodriguez

Rachel Rodriguez

Water Rights Program

605 773-3352

rachel.rodriguez@state.sd.us

Dewell, Amanda

From: Dewell, Amanda
Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 12:26 PM
To: jpthyen@itctel.com; 'drsig@sbcglobal.net'
Cc: Rodriguez, Rachel
Subject: Water Permit Application
Attachments: 9022-3 App.pdf

Leonard & Jim –

I'm the attached Water Permit Application submitted to our office for irrigation of 40 acres in Codington County and I notice that Jim has signed at the bottom in place of Leonard. Additionally, this application is requesting to utilize an existing well authorized under WR No. 3672-3 (Coast Properties Investors LLC).

Coast

With this email I hope to determine the following:

- Has Leonard given Jim authority to sign for him? If so, a letter or email in the affirmative would be needed.
- WR No. 3672-3 is held in the name of "Coast Properties Investors LLC" with Leonard listed as the primary contact. Should this application be being submitted by the same entity?
- The well authorized by WR No. 3672-3 is entitled to diversion of 800 gpm (1.78 cfs). Will these additional acres result in any increase to that pump rate, or will the systems be operated on a rotation?

Thank you,

Amanda Dewell

DANR - Water Rights Program

Permitting Administrator

Main Phone: 605 773-3352

Website: danr.sd.gov



Dewell, Amanda

From: Jim Thyen <jpthyen@itctel.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 6:27 AM
To: Dewell, Amanda
Subject: [EXT] Permit
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Amanda,

Attached are the documents returned from Leonard and a letter authorizing me to sign for this permit.
We will not need to increase pumping rate. We will be operating in rotation.

Feel free to contact me by phone 605 520-8159 or email
jpthyen@itctel.com

Thanks,
JimThyen

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S24+, an AT&T 5G smartphone

Coast Properties
22365 Barton Rd Box 350
Grand Terrace CA, 92313

Phone 909-709-6202

February 18, 2026

To Whom it may Concern:

Please allow Jim Thoon
to sign for me to get our
permit finalized

Sincerely

Leonard Sigler



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER FOR WATER PERMIT
APPLICATION NO. 9022-3, Leonard Sigdestad**

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the following is the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources concerning Water Permit Application No. 9022-3, Leonard Sigdestad, 46220 165th Street, Watertown SD 57201.

The Acting Chief Engineer is recommending DEFERRAL of Application No. 9022-3 pending Water Management Board action on a previously filed application by the City of Milbank (Application No. 8990-3) to reserve water from the Antelope Valley Aquifer. The Board's decision on Application No. 8990-3 will impact the amount of water available for appropriation from the aquifer. Consequently, Application No. 9022-3 should be deferred until the status of water availability from the Antelope Valley Aquifer is known based on the Board's decision. At the time of hearing of this application by the Board, the Acting Chief Engineer's deferral recommendation may be revised to either APPROVAL or DENIAL depending on the Board's decision on previously filed Application No. 8990-3.

See report on application for additional information.

Adam Mathiowetz, PE
Acting Chief Engineer
April 07, 2026

Report to the Chief Engineer
On Water Permit Application No. 9022-3

Leonard Sigdestad

April 2nd, 2026

Water Permit Application No. 9022-3 proposes to irrigate an additional 40 acres from an existing well authorized by Water Right No. 3672-3. Water Right No. 3672-3 authorizes 1.78 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well completed into the Antelope Valley aquifer (133 feet deep) located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10 for the irrigation of 132 acres located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10; all in T119N-R51W. This application proposes to irrigate an additional 40 acres located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10-T119N-R51W, with no increase to the 1.78 cfs diversion rate. This application, if approved, and Water Right No. 3672-3 will authorize irrigation of a combined total of 172 acres, with no increase to the 1.78 cfs diversion rate. The site of interest is located approximately one mile north of South Shore, SD in Codington County.

AQUIFER: Antelope Valley (AV)

HYDROGEOLOGY:

The Antelope Valley aquifer is a glacial outwash aquifer that is composed of very coarse sand to coarse gravel (Hansen, 1990 and 1994). Hedges and others (1982) estimated the areal extent of 28,700 acres and amount of recoverable water stored of 64,580 acre-feet in the Antelope Valley aquifer. Using aquifer materials maps (Jensen 2001, 2003, & 2004), county studies released after the Hedges and others (1982) study (Biessel & Gilbertson, 1987; Hansen, 1990), sand and gravel resource studies (Schulz, 1991; Jarrett, 1986), lithologic logs (Water Rights, 2026f), observation wells (Water Rights, 2026b), and well completion report data (Water Rights, 2026d), Water Rights Staff delineated an updated area for the Antelope Valley aquifer (Figure 1; Drennon, 2026), of approximately 35,000 acres. The Antelope Valley aquifer is located in the axis of the drainage divide between the Big Sioux and Minnesota Rivers and is hydrologically connected to numerous small lakes and sloughs that overlie or are directly adjacent to the aquifer (Hansen, 1990). The aquifer is generally under unconfined conditions; however, there are locations where the aquifer is buried under up to 50 feet of till where it is generally under confined conditions (Hansen, 1990). In Grant and Codington Counties, the depth to the top of aquifer materials ranges from land surface to 57 feet below grade (Hansen, 1990). The average thickness of Antelope Valley aquifer materials is 34 feet with a documented maximum thickness of 52 feet (Hansen, 1990).

Water Right No. 3672-3 has a water well completion report on file for the existing diversion point this application intends to use. The well was completed into the Antelope Valley aquifer on June 19th, 1979 (Water Rights, 2026b). The reported depth to the top of aquifer material is approximately 81 feet below the ground surface, static water level was at ground surface, and a saturated aquifer thickness of approximately 52 feet (SDGS, 2026; Water Rights, 2026b). Based on this, other nearby water well completion reports, and the hydrograph of nearby observation

well CD-76G, the Antelope Valley aquifer is locally confined by a clay lens at the diversion point (SDGS, 2026; Water Rights, 2026b and 2026d).

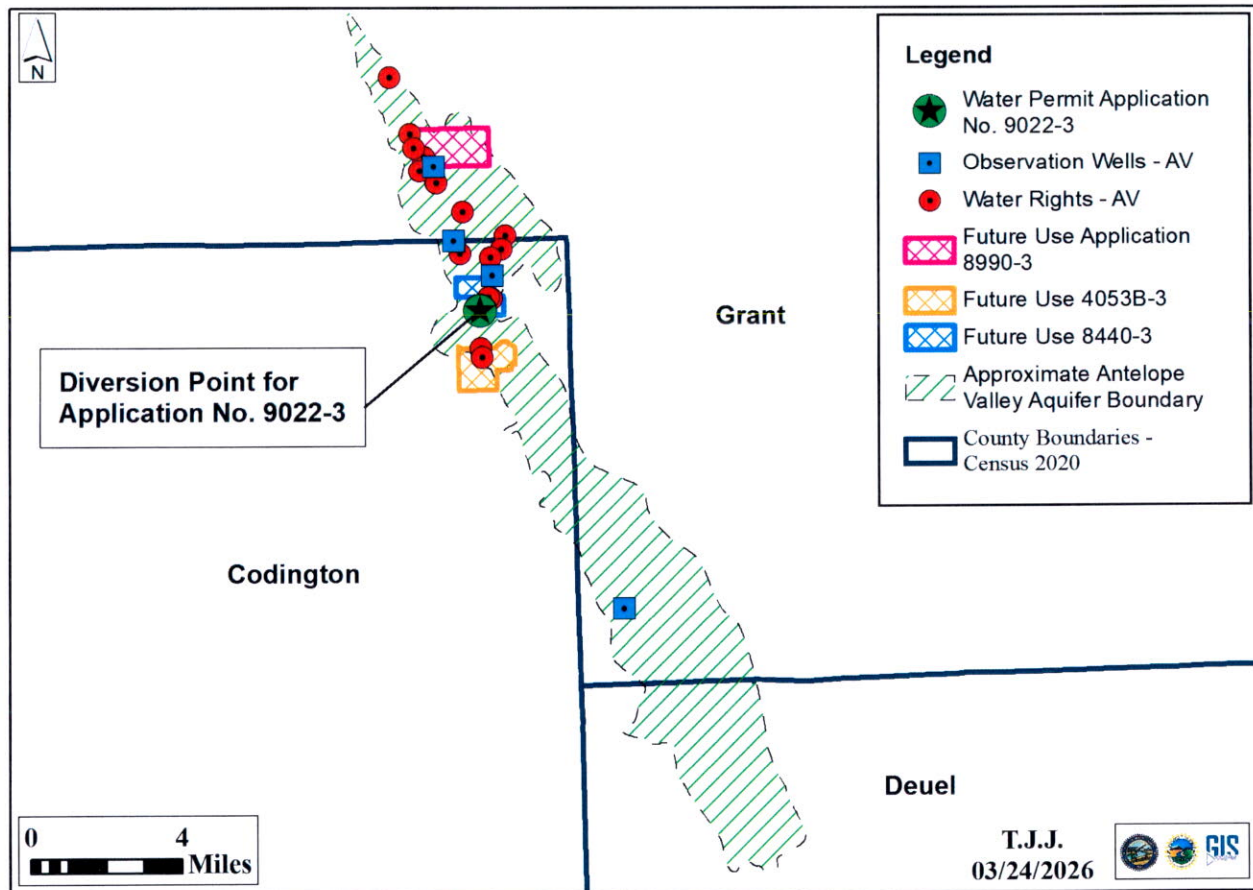


Figure 1. Map of the approximate Antelope Valley aquifer boundary (Drennon, 2026), the location of the existing diversion point for Water Permit Application No. 9022-3, Antelope Valley aquifer observation wells, and Antelope Valley aquifer water rights (Water Rights, 2026b and 2026c).

South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 46-2A-9

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-9, “A permit to appropriate water may be issued only if there is a reasonable probability that unappropriated water is available for the applicant’s proposed use, the proposed diversion can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights, the proposed use is a beneficial use, and the permit is in the public interest as it pertains to matters of public interest within the regulatory authority of the Water Management Board as defined by SDCL 46-2-9 and 46-2-11.” This report will address the availability of unappropriated water and the potential for unlawful impairment of existing domestic uses and water rights within the Antelope Valley aquifer.

WATER AVAILABILITY:

Water Permit Application No. 9022-3 proposes to appropriate water from the Antelope Valley aquifer for irrigation use. The probability of unappropriated water being available from the

aquifer can be evaluated by considering SDCL 46-6-3.1, which requires “No application to appropriate groundwater may be approved if, according to the best information reasonably available, it is probable that the quantity of water withdrawn annually from a groundwater source will exceed the quantity of the average estimated annual recharge of water to the groundwater source. An application may be approved, however, for withdrawals of groundwater from any groundwater formation older than or stratigraphically lower than the Greenhorn Formation in excess of the average estimated annual recharge for use by water distribution systems.” The Antelope Valley aquifer is not older than or stratigraphically lower than the Greenhorn Formation (Fahrenbach et al., 2010), and the applicant’s proposed use is not for use in a water distribution system as defined by SDCL 46-1-6(17). Therefore, the average annual recharge and average annual withdrawal rates to and from the Antelope Valley aquifer must be considered.

HYDROLOGIC BUDGET:

Recharge

Recharge to the Antelope Valley aquifer is primarily through direct infiltration and subsequent percolation of rainfall and snowmelt where the aquifer is near or at land surface (Hansen, 1990). Additional recharge to the aquifer can occur in hydraulically connected lakes and sloughs, including Punished Woman, Round, and Crooked Lakes (Hansen, 1990; Water Rights, 2026d). Using observation well analysis, Hedges and others (1985) estimated a recharge rate of 2.3 inches per year to the Antelope Valley aquifer. The Antelope Valley aquifer has an estimated areal extent of approximately 35,000 acres (Drennon, 2026); therefore, the estimated average annual recharge rate (based on Hedges and others, 1985; Drennon, 2026) is approximately 6,700 acre-feet per year.

The observation well analysis method used by Hedges and others (1985) assumed a rise in water level in the aquifer as the only product of recharge to the aquifer. A rise in water level in the aquifer is the result of recharge to the aquifer exceeding discharge from the aquifer, indicating the observation well analysis method may be conservative when estimating a recharge rate because it does not necessarily account for recharge that occurs when discharge from the aquifer exceeds recharge.

Discharge

Discharge from the Antelope Valley aquifer is through well withdrawals and evapotranspiration where the aquifer is near or at land surface. Additional discharge from the aquifer is through outflow to hydraulically connected lakes and sloughs, including Punished Woman, Round and Crooked Lakes (Hansen, 1990; Water Rights, 2026d).

Currently, there are 16 water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from Antelope Valley aquifer (Water Rights, 2026c). Additionally, there are three future use permits (Nos. 4053-3 and 4053B-3 for the Town of South Shore, and 8440-3 for Grant-Robert RWS) reserving a combined 959 acre-feet of water annually from the Antelope Valley aquifer (Water Rights, 2026c). Additionally, there are two other applications, Application Nos. 8990-3 & 9019-3. Water

Permit Application No. 8990-3 proposes to reserve 1,120 acre-feet per year for future use by the City of Milbank. It should be noted that Application No. 8990-3 is currently contested and a hearing before the Water Management Board will be needed to determine approval or denial of that future use application. The outcome of that hearing may affect the determination of availability of unappropriated water.

Table 1 summarizes the three non-irrigation water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from the Antelope Valley aquifer with the estimated annual use for each water right/permit as determined by their permitted maximum diversion rate or annual volume. Historically, average water use by non-irrigation appropriations limited by an instantaneous diversion rate have been assumed to be pumping 60% of full time at the respective permitted diversion rate. Water rights/permits limited by an annual volume are assumed to withdraw their entire respective annual volume limitation. This is a standard method used by the DANR-Water Rights Program for estimating annual withdrawals by non-irrigation appropriations from an aquifer and is likely an overestimation of average annual withdrawals (Water Rights, 2026c). Overall, the estimated average annual withdrawal rate for the Antelope Valley aquifer non-irrigation water rights/permits is approximately 2,286 acre-feet per year (Table 1) (Water Rights, 2026c).

Table 1. Estimated average annual use for non-irrigation water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from the Antelope Valley aquifer (Water Rights, 2026c).

Permit No.	Name	Uses	Status	Authorized Diversion Rate (cfs)	Permitted Annual Volume (acre-feet)	Estimated Use (acre-feet/year)
4053A-3	Town of South Shore	MUN	License	0.58	N/A	252
5520-3	Town of South Shore	MUN	License	0.09	N/A	39
8439-3	Grant-Roberts Rural Water System	RWS	License	5.14	1,995	1,995
					Total:	2,286
MUN Municipal, RWS Rural Water System *Reports annual non-irrigation use to the chief engineer.						

Grant-Roberts Rural Water System currently holds Water Right No. 8439-3, which Water Permit No. 6654-3 and Water Permit No. 8321-3 were incorporated into, and is required to annually report the volume of water pumped from the Antelope Valley aquifer (Water Rights, 2026c). The reported historic annual use from the Grant-Roberts Rural Water System over the period of record (2003 to 2024) on file with the DANR - Water Rights Program is listed in Table 2 (Water Rights, 2026c). The Grant-Roberts Rural Water System, on average, uses less than their permitted volume each year; therefore, the assumed maximum permitted use shown in Table 1 is a higher annual withdrawal rate estimate than what is actually being withdrawn each year from the Antelope Valley aquifer from the non-irrigation water rights/permits. However, this conservative method of estimating average annual withdrawals is used because Grant-Roberts Rural Water System has shown some increase in annual pumpage over the period of record as shown in Table 2 and currently holds a future use permit for potential future growth.

Table 2. Reported historic use from the Grant-Roberts Rural Water System water rights/permits (Water Rights, 2026c).

Year (Right/Permit Nos.)	Permitted (acre-feet/year)	Reported (acre-feet/year)	Year	Permitted (acre-feet/year)	Reported (acre- feet/year)
2003 (5576-3, 5576A-3)	1,074	761	2015 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	1,043
2004 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	792	2016 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	967
2005 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	645	2017 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	983
2006 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	835	2018 (6654-3, 8321-3)	1,381	1,154
2007 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	875	2019 (6654-3, 8321-3)	1,381	1,183
2008 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	890	2020 (6654-3, 8321-3)	1,381	1,158
2009 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	874	2021 (6654-3, 8321-3)	1,381	1,037
2010 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	881	2022 (6654-3, 8321-3)	1,381	1,077
2011 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	844	2023 (6654-3, 8321-3)	1,381	1,022
2012 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	887	2024 (6654-3, 8321-3)	1,381	1,063
2013 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	920	Reported Average (2003-2024)		948
2014 (5576-3, 5576A-3, 6654-3)	1,074	963	Reported Average (2015-2024)		1,060

Currently, there are 12 irrigation water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from the Antelope Valley aquifer (Water Rights, 2026c). Irrigation water rights/permits have been typically required to report their annual usage on an irrigation questionnaire since 1979. The estimated average annual withdrawal rate for the Antelope Valley aquifer irrigation water rights/permits that have reported over the period of record (1979 to 2024) is approximately 1,118 acre-feet per year (Table 3) (Water Rights, 2026a). To reflect the current level of development for irrigation water rights/permits more accurately, the average annual withdrawal rate for irrigation appropriations from 2015 to 2024 is approximately 1,348 acre-feet per year and will be used as the estimated average annual irrigation withdrawals for review of water availability (Table 3) (Water Rights, 2026a).

There is one recently approved irrigation water permit that has not yet reported in the 2024 irrigation questionnaire (IQ) and needs to be accounted for. Water Permit No. 8915-3 is authorized to irrigate 160 acres. Over the entire period of record, crop irrigators in the Tulare: East James aquifer of South Dakota applied, on average, 7.58 inches of water per acre per year (Drennon, 2025). However, the Tulare: East James aquifer is more than 60-miles southwest of the Antelope Valley aquifer. To account for the fluctuation in wet and dry cycles from year to year and differences in percolation of local soils, an estimate of 10 inches (0.83 feet) of water per acre per year will be used to somewhat overestimate the annual withdrawal rate of the following

irrigation water permits and applications. Assuming 0.83 feet of water per acre per year, the withdrawal rate for Water Permit No. 8915-3 is approximately 133 acre-feet per year. This pending application proposes to irrigate approximately 40 acres. Water Permit Application No. 9019-3 proposes to irrigate an additional 25 acres to an existing water permit. Assuming 0.83 feet of water per acre per year, the withdrawal rate for these applications, if approved, is approximately 54 acre-feet per year.

There are domestic wells completed into the Antelope Valley aquifer that do not require a water right/permit, so the withdrawal amount from those wells is unknown (Water Rights, 2026d). Due to their relatively low diversion rates, withdrawals from domestic wells are not considered to be a significant portion of the hydrologic budget. Additionally, with the development of rural water systems in areas where the Antelope Valley aquifer is the uppermost aquifer available, it is likely some domestic users may have transitioned to rural water. Therefore, the quantity of water withdrawn by domestic wells is estimated to be negligible to the hydrologic budget for the Antelope Valley aquifer.

Table 3. Reported irrigation use from the Antelope Valley aquifer from 1979 to 2024 (Water Rights, 2026a)

Year	Number of Permit/License	Annual Pumpage (ac-ft/yr)	Year	Number of Permit/License	Annual Pumpage (ac-ft/yr)
1979	7	73	2002	9	1,534
1980	9	435	2003	9	2,001
1981	7	513	2004	9	1,596
1982	5	61	2005	9	1,740
1983	6	543	2006	9	1,937
1984	6	136	2007	9	1,299
1985	6	49	2008	9	989
1986	6	41	2009	9	1,281
1987	6	645	2010	10	1,419
1988	7	1,827	2011	10	887
1989	7	1,427	2012	10	2,164
1990	10	1,606	2013	12	2,003
1991	12	989	2014	14	749
1992	11	650	2015	14	570
1993	11	310	2016	14	2,019
1994	10	699	2017	14	1,405
1995	10	469	2018	14	1,403
1996	8	1,029	2019	14	228
1997	8	932	2020	14	1,298
1998	9	1,136	2021	14	1,583
1999	9	1,379	2022	14	2,035
2000	9	1,608	2023	12	1,787
2001	9	1,809	2024	12	1,149
			Average (1979-2024)	10	1,118
			Average (2015-2024)	14	1,348

Hydrologic Budget Summary

The estimated average annual recharge rate to the Antelope Valley aquifer is approximately 6,700 acre-feet per year. The estimated average annual withdrawal rate from the Antelope Valley aquifer is approximately 5,900 acre-feet per year (non-irrigation: 2,286 acre-feet/year; irrigation: 1,348 acre-feet/year (2015 to 2024); Future Use Reservations: 959 acre-feet/year; Future Use Application No. 8990-3 (if approved): 1,120 acre-feet/year; Recently Approved Permit (2024): 133 acre-feet/year; Water Permit Application Nos. 9019-3 & 9022-3 (if approved, assuming application rate of 0.83 feet of water per authorized acre): 54 acre-feet/year). Table 4 shows average annual recharge to the aquifer exceeds the average annual withdrawals. Based on the hydrologic budget, there is a reasonable probability unappropriated water is available from the Antelope Valley aquifer for the proposed appropriation. As previously stated, Future Use Application No. 8990-3 is currently contested and scheduled for a hearing in front of the Water Management Board. The outcome of that hearing may affect the determination of availability of unappropriated water.

Table 4. List of water rights/permits withdrawals, estimated use of recently approved permits, the pending applications and this application (if approved), and unconfined/confined recharge to the Antelope Valley aquifer (Water Rights, 2026a)

	Pumpage for the Antelope Valley Aquifer (ac-ft/yr)
Future Use	959
Non-Irrigation Appropriation	2,286
Irrigation Appropriation (2015-2024)	1,348
Recently Approved Permits (2024)	133
Current Withdrawal	4,726
Pending Future Use Application (8990-3)	1,120
Pending Applications (9019-3 & 9022-3)	54
Total Withdrawal	5,900
Total Recharge	6,700

OBSERVATION WELL DATA:

Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:02:05:07 requires that the Water Management Board shall rely upon the record of observation well measurements in addition to other data to determine that the quantity of water withdrawn annually from the aquifer does not exceed the estimated average annual recharge of the aquifer.

The DANR-Water Rights Program monitors four observation wells completed into the Antelope Valley aquifer with observation wells in the area of this application shown on Figure 3 (Water Rights, 2026b). These observation wells provide data on how the aquifer reacts to regional climatic conditions and local pumping. The three closest observation wells to the diversion point are GT-77G (approximately 2 miles northwest), CD-76G (approximately 1 mile north), and GT-76D (approximately 4 miles northwest) (Water Rights, 2026b). The water level elevations for these observation wells are displayed in Figure 2 (Water Rights, 2026b). The data points utilized to construct the hydrographs are measurements of the static water level in the observation wells from the top of the well casing converted to feet from the NGVD29 datum.

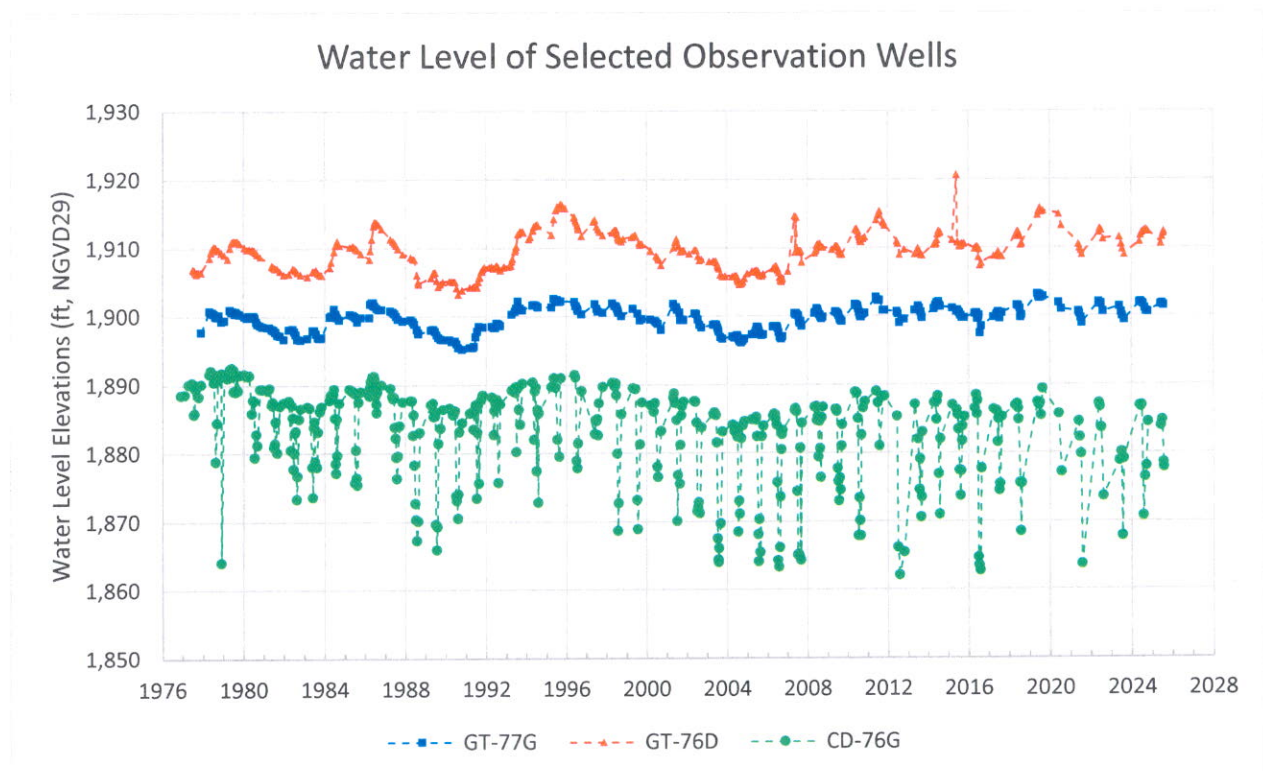


Figure 2. A hydrograph showing the elevation of water levels of observation wells GT-77G, GT-76D, and CD-76G (Water Rights, 2026b)

A majority of the observation wells in the Antelope Valley aquifer have a relatively stable trend in the water level, as seen in Figure 2. Observation well CD-76G is under confined conditions. Wells under confined conditions are expected to show a greater fluctuation in response to nearby pumping when compared to unconfined wells, as shown in the hydrograph for CD-76G which responds to numerous nearby appropriative wells compared to the other wells. The other observation wells are unconfined and show much less response to localized pumping. The

hydrographs for the Antelope Valley aquifer observation wells indicate that the aquifer responds well to climatic conditions because water levels are rising during wetter periods (early spring snowmelt and precipitation) and declining to a stable water level during drier periods. Additionally, the water levels in the observation wells display that the amount of recharge to and natural discharge from the aquifer greatly exceeds pumping with the aquifer with water levels returning to pre-pumping conditions between irrigation seasons. Aquifer recovery indicates that climatic conditions and therefore, the effects of recharge to and natural discharges from the aquifer govern the long-term fluctuations of waters levels in the aquifer rather than the impacts of pumping from the Antelope Valley aquifer. By recognizing that both recharge to and natural discharge from an aquifer can be captured for pumping, the observation well hydrographs demonstrate unappropriated water is available for the proposed appropriation.

POTENTIAL FOR UNLAWFUL IMPAIRMENT OF EXISTING WATER RIGHTS:

Water rights/permits in the general vicinity of the existing well site for this application are shown in Figure 3 and summarized in Table 5. The closest water right/permit to the existing diversion point for this application, not held by the applicant, is Water Right No. 7534-3 which is held by Joe/John Arthur. The diversion point for Water Right No. 7534-3 is located approximately 0.7 miles north of the existing diversion point for this application (Water Rights, 2026c). Additionally, the well site for this application is located within the future use area for Future Use Permit No. 8440-3 for Grant-Roberts RWS. There are domestic wells on file with the DANR-Water Rights Program that are completed into the Antelope Valley aquifer, with the closest domestic well on file (not held by the applicant) approximately 1 mile north of the diversion point based on the legal description provided by the well driller on the well completion report (Water Rights, 2026d). There could potentially be other domestic wells completed into the Antelope Valley aquifer near the diversion point that are not on file with the DANR-Water Rights Program.

Table 5. List of water rights/permits shown in Figure 3 (Water Rights, 2026c).

Permit	Name/Business	Priority	Status	Use Type	CFS	Acres
2478-3	Joe/John Arthur	12/15/1975	License	Irrigation	1.07	75
3672-3*	Coast Properties Investors LLC	02/23/1977	License	Irrigation	1.78	132
3781-3	Joe/John Arthur	02/27/1975	License	Irrigation	3.75	264
4053A-3	Town of South Shore	10/20/1976	License	Municipal	0.58	0
4053B-3	Town of South Shore	10/20/1976	Future Use	Municipal	N/A	192 (acre-feet)
5520-3	Town of South Shore	10/20/1976	License	Municipal	0.09	0
7975-3*	Jim & Dan Thyen	02/12/2014	License	Irrigation	1.67	117
8439-3	Grant-Roberts RWS	08/24/2020	License	RWS	5.14	0
8440-3	Grant-Roberts RWS	09/15/2008	Future Use	RWS	N/A	767 (acre-feet)
8915-3	Craig Arthur	12/20/2024	Permit	Irrigation	1.67	160
*These Water Rights are intended to be incorporated into new applications (9019-3 & 9022-3); RWS: Rural Water System						

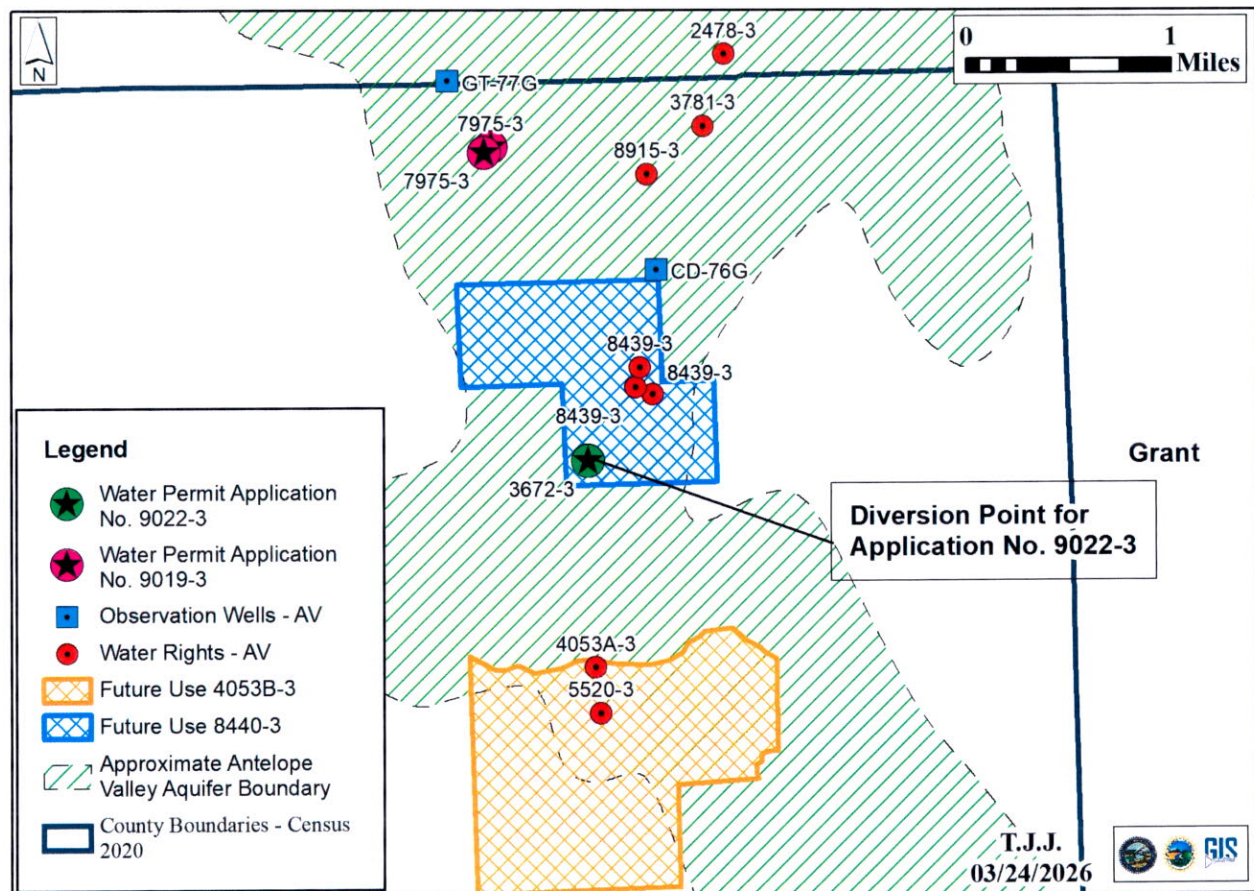


Figure 3. Map of the existing diversion point for Water Permit Application No. 9022-3, nearby Antelope Valley aquifer water rights/permits, and observation wells (Water Rights, 2026b and 2026c).

The Antelope Valley aquifer is under confined conditions at the existing well site (Water Rights, 2026d). In a confined aquifer, drawdown from a pumping well can extend some distance from the well. The Water Management Board recognizes that putting water to beneficial use requires a certain amount of drawdown to occur (Water Rights, 1995). The Board has developed rules to allow water to be placed to maximum beneficial use without the necessity of maintaining artesian head pressure for domestic use. The Water Management Board defined an “adversely impacted domestic well” in ARSD 74:02:04:20(7) as:

“A well in which the pump intake was set at least 20 feet below the top of the aquifer at the time of construction or, if the aquifer is less than 20 feet thick, is as near to the bottom of the aquifer as is practical and the water level of the aquifer has declined to a level that the pump will no longer deliver sufficient water for the well owner’s needs.”

The Water Management Board considered the delivery of water by artesian head pressure versus maximum beneficial use during the issuance of Water Right No. 2313-2 for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of the Black Hills. The Board adopted the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law that noted the reservation of artesian head pressure for delivery of water would be inconsistent

with SDCL 46-1-4 which states, “general welfare requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable...” (Water Rights, 1995). Furthermore, the Water Management Board found if increased cost or decreased production as a result of impacts on artesian head pressure by legitimate users is to be considered as an unlawful impairment, it would also conflict with SDCL 46-1-4 (Water Rights, 1995). With that in mind, some existing well owners may need to install or lower pumps depending on the specific characteristics of the Antelope Valley aquifer at their location. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources complaints database has no complaints about the Antelope Valley aquifer in Codington and Grant Counties (Water Rights, 2026e). The existing well for this application has been in use since 2014 with no history of interference. When considering the statutes (SDCL 46-1-4 and 46-6-6.1), rules (ARSD 74:02:04:20(6) and (7)), history of high capacity well development in the area without any complaints of well interference (Water Rights, 2026e), no increase in the authorized diversion rate, and the saturated aquifer thickness near the diversion point, any drawdown created from the diversion is not expected to cause an unlawful impairment on existing water right/permit holders or domestic users with adequate wells. Therefore, there is a reasonable probability that any interference from the proposed appropriation will not impose unlawful impairments on existing users with adequate wells.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Water Permit Application No. 9022-3 proposes to irrigate an additional 40 acres from an existing well authorized by Water Right No. 3672-3. Water Right No. 3672-3 authorizes 1.78 cfs from one well completed into the Antelope Valley aquifer (133 feet deep) located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10 for the irrigation of 132 acres located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10; all in T119N-R51W. This application proposes to irrigate an additional 40 acres located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10-T119N-R51W, with no increase to the 1.78 cfs diversion rate. This application, if approved, and Water Right No. 3672-3 will authorize irrigation of a combined total of 172 acres, with no increase to the 1.78 cfs diversion rate. The site of interest is located approximately one mile north of South Shore, SD in Codington County.
2. Based on observation well data and the hydrologic budget, there is a reasonable probability that unappropriated water is available from the Antelope Valley aquifer to supply the proposed appropriation.
3. The pending Water Management Board hearing regarding Future Use Application No. 8990-3, may affect the determination of water availability for this application. Thus, it is recommended to defer this application until the hearing for Application No. 8990-3 has concluded.
4. There is a reasonable probability that the proposed diversion by Water Permit Application No. 9022-3 will not unlawfully impair adequate wells for existing water rights/permits and domestic uses.



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May 21, 2026

Leonard Sigdestad
22365 Barton Road Box 350
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Dear Mr. Sigdestad:

Water Permit Application No. 9022-3 for irrigation use has been examined and found to comply with the South Dakota Water Laws and applicable rules. A notice has been sent to the Watertown Current printed in Watertown (Ph # 605-657-1797) and the Public Opinion printed in Watertown (see attachment for contact number). You will need to contact the newspapers and authorize publication of this notice. For your information, a copy of the notice, the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer and report on the application are enclosed. Please review the notice prior to publication and notify this office, if you have any corrections or questions.

Be sure to contact the above newspapers to authorize publication of your Notice and to arrange for payment. Early contact with the papers can eliminate delays. Upon receiving authorization from you, the publishers have been instructed to publish your notice. The newspapers have also been instructed to send us the Proof of Publication. We must receive Proof of Publication before action can be taken on the application.

Sincerely,

Rachel Rodriguez

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Water Rights Program
(605) 773-3352

enclosures

NOTE: If you plan to contest any part of the Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation, you must file a petition pursuant to the procedures outlined in the attached notice of hearing. The Water Management Board will then consider your concerns during a hearing on the application.

NOTICE OF HEARING on Application No. 9022-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Leonard Sigdestad, 22365 Barton Road, Box 350, Grand Terrace CA 92313, has filed an application for a water permit to irrigate an additional 40 acres, from the existing well authorized by Water Right No. 3672-3. Water Right No. 3672-3 authorizes diversion of 1.78 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well completed into the Antelope Valley Aquifer (133 feet deep) located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10 for irrigation of 132 acres located in the SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 10; all in T119N-R51W. This application proposes to irrigate an additional 40 acres located in the SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10-T119N-R51W. This application, if approved, and Water Right No. 3672-3 will authorize irrigation of a combined total of 172 acres, with no increase to the 1.78 cfs diversion rate. This site is located in Codington County, approximately one mile north of South Shore SD.

South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 46-2A-4(10) provides that “if the applicant does not contest the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer and no petition to oppose the application is received, the Acting Chief Engineer shall act on the application pursuant to the Acting Chief Engineer’s recommendation and no hearing may be held before the board, unless the Acting Chief Engineer makes a finding that an application, even if uncontested, presents important issues of public policy or public interest that should be heard by the board.” In this case, the Acting Chief Engineer finds that this application presents important issues of public interest that should be heard by the Water Management Board.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Acting Chief Engineer recommends DEFERENTIAL of Application No. 9022-3 pending Water Management Board action on a previously filed application by the City of Milbank (Application No. 8990-3) to reserve water from the Antelope Valley Aquifer. The Board’s decision on Application No. 8990-3 will impact the amount of water available for appropriation from the aquifer. Consequently, Application No. 9022-3 should be deferred until the status of water availability from the Antelope Valley Aquifer is known based on the Board’s decision. At the time of hearing of this application by the Board, the Acting Chief Engineer’s deferral recommendation may be revised to either APPROVAL or DENIAL depending on the Board’s decision on previously filed Application No. 8990-3. The Acting Chief Engineer’s recommendation, the application, and staff report are available at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or contact Amanda Dewell for this information, or other information, at the Water Rights Program address provided below.

The Water Management Board will consider this application at 9:45 AM (Central Time) on July 8, 2026, in the Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Bldg, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre SD. The Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation is not final or binding upon the Board. The Board is authorized to 1) approve, 2) approve with qualifications, 3) defer, or 4) deny this application based on the facts presented at the public hearing.

Any person who intends to participate in the hearing shall allege that the application, upon approval, will cause injury to the person that is unique from any injury suffered by the public in general. The injury must concern a matter either within the regulatory authority found in SDCL 46-2A-9 for approval or denial of the application, or other matter concerning the application within the regulatory authority of the board to act upon as defined by SDCL 46-2-9 and 46-2-11, or both. Any person meeting the petitioner requirements and wishing to be a party of record in a contested case hearing shall file a written petition to oppose the application with BOTH the applicant and Acting Chief Engineer. A petition opposing the application shall be filed on a form provided by the Acting Chief Engineer. The petition form is available online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or by contacting the Acting Chief Engineer. The Acting Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501" or call (605) 773-3352. The applicant's mailing address is given above. If contesting the Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation, the applicant shall also file a petition. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by June 8, 2026.

The petition shall be in writing and shall include a statement describing the unique injury upon approval of the application on the petitioner, the petitioner's reasons for opposing the application, and the name and mailing address of the petitioner or the petitioner's legal counsel, if legal counsel is obtained. The hearing is an adversary proceeding and any party has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing and decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Circuit Court and State Supreme Court as provided by law.

The July 8, 2026, hearing date will be automatically delayed for at least 20 days upon written request to the Acting Chief Engineer from the applicant or any person who has filed a petition to oppose the application. The request for an automatic delay must be filed by June 8, 2026. If an automatic delay is requested, the hearing will be rescheduled for a future Board meeting and personal notice will be provided to the applicant and all petitioners regarding the time, date, and location.

Any interested person may file a comment on the application with the Acting Chief Engineer. The comment shall be filed on a form provided by the Acting Chief Engineer and is available online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or by calling (605) 773-3352 or writing the Acting Chief Engineer at the address provided above. Filing a comment does not make the commenter a party of record or a participant in any hearing that may be held. Any comment must be filed by June 8, 2026.

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As applicable, the following provides the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing will be held and the particular statutes and rules pertaining to this application: SDCL 1-26-16 thru 1-26-28; SDCL 46-1-1 thru 46-1-9, 46-1-13 thru 46-1-16; 46-2-3.1, 46-2-9, 46-2-11, 46-2-17; 46-2A-1 thru 46-2A-12, 46-2A-14, 46-2A-15, 46-2A-20, 46-2A-21, 46-2A-23; 46-5-1.1, 46-5-2 thru 46-5-26, 46-5-30.2 thru 46-5-30.4, 46-5-31, 46-5-32 thru 46-5-34.1, 46-5-38 thru 46-5-39, 46-5-46, 46-5-47, 46-5-49; 46-6-1 thru 46-6-3.1, 46-6-6.1, 46-6-10, 46-6-13, 46-6-14, 46-6-21, 46-6-26; and Board Rules ARSD 74:02:01:01 thru 74:02:01:25.02; 74:02:01:35.01.

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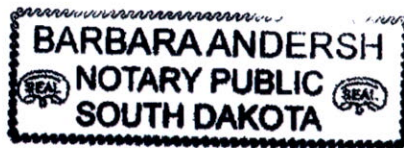
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Leonard Sigdestad, 22365 Barton Road, Box 350, Grand Terrace CA 92313, 909-709-6200, drsig@sbcglobal.net or jpthyen@itctel.com has been notified to contact you to authorize publication and arrange for payment.

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Thank you,

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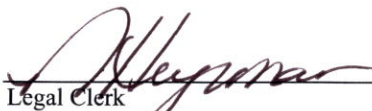
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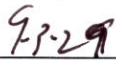
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**NOTICE OF HEARING on
Application No. 9022-3 to
Appropriate Water**

Notice is given that **Leonard Sigdestad**, 22365 Barton Road, Box 350, Grand Terrace CA 92313, has filed an application for a water permit to irrigate an additional 40 acres, from the existing well authorized by **Water Right No. 3672-3**. Water Right No. 3672-3 authorizes diversion of 1.78 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well completed into the Antelope Valley Aquifer (133 feet deep) located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10 for irrigation of 132 acres located in the SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 10; all in T119N-R51W. This application proposes to irrigate an additional 40 acres located in the SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10-T119N-R51W. This application, if approved, and Water Right No. 3672-3 will authorize irrigation of a combined total of 172 acres, with no increase to the 1.78 cfs diversion rate. This site is located in **Codington County**, approximately one mile north of South Shore SD.

South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 46-2A-4(10) provides that "if the applicant does not contest the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer and no petition to oppose the application is received, the Acting Chief Engineer shall act on the application pursuant to the Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation and no hearing may be held before the board, unless the Acting Chief Engineer makes a finding that an application, even if uncontested, presents important issues of public policy or public interest that should be heard by the board." In this case, the Acting Chief Engineer finds that this application presents important issues of public interest that should be heard by the Water Management Board.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Acting Chief Engineer recommends DEFERRAL of Application No. 9022-3 pending Water Management Board action on a previously filed application by the City of Milbank (Application No. 8990-3) to reserve water from the Antelope Valley Aquifer. The Board's decision on Application No. 8990-3 will impact the amount of water available for appropriation from the aquifer. Consequently, Application No. 9022-3 should be deferred until the status of water availability from the Antelope Valley Aquifer is known based on the Board's decision. At the time of hearing of this application by the Board, the Acting Chief Engineer's deferral recommendation may be revised to either APPROVAL or

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DENIAL depending on the Board's decision on previously filed Application No. 8990-3. The Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation, the application, and staff report are available at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or contact Amanda Dewell for this information, or other information, at the Water Rights Program address provided below.

The Water Management Board will consider this application at **9:45 AM (Central Time) on July 8, 2026**, in the Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Bldg, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre SD. The Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation is not final or binding upon the Board. The Board is authorized to 1) approve, 2) approve with qualifications, 3) defer, or 4) deny this application based on the facts presented at the public hearing.

Any person who intends to participate in the hearing shall allege that the application, upon approval, will cause injury to the person that is unique from any injury suffered by the public in general. The injury must concern a matter either within the regulatory authority found in SDCL 46-2A-9 for approval or denial of the application, or other matter concerning the application within the regulatory authority of the board to act upon as defined by SDCL 46-2-9 and 46-2-11, or both. Any person meeting the petitioner requirements and wishing to be a party of record in a contested case hearing shall file a written petition to oppose the application with BOTH the applicant and Acting Chief Engineer. A petition opposing the application shall be filed on a form provided by the Acting Chief Engineer. The petition form is available online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or by contacting the Acting Chief Engineer. The Acting Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501" or call (605) 773-3352. The applicant's mailing address is given above. If contesting the Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation, the applicant shall also file a petition. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by June 8, 2026.

The petition shall be in writing and shall include a statement describing the unique injury upon approval of the application on the petitioner, the petitioner's reasons for opposing the application, and the name and mailing address of the petitioner or the petitioner's legal counsel, if legal counsel is

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obtained. The hearing is an adversary proceeding and any party has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing and decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Circuit Court and State Supreme Court as provided by law.

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The July 8, 2026, hearing date will be automatically delayed for at least 20 days upon written request to the Acting Chief Engineer from the applicant or any person who has filed a petition to oppose the application. The request for an automatic delay must be filed by June 8, 2026. If an automatic delay is requested, the hearing will be rescheduled for a future Board meeting and personal notice will be provided to the applicant and all petitioners regarding the time, date, and location.

Any interested person may file a comment on the application with the Acting Chief Engineer. The comment shall be filed on a form provided by the Acting Chief Engineer and is available online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or by calling (605) 773-3352 or writing the Acting Chief Engineer at the address provided above. Filing a comment does not make the commenter a party of record or a participant in any hearing that may be held. Any comment must be filed by June 8, 2026.

Notice is given to individuals with disabilities that the meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Individuals requiring assistive technology or other services in order to participate in the meeting or materials in an alternate format should contact Brian Walsh, Nondiscrimination Coordinator, by calling (605) 773-5559 or by email at Brian.Walsh@state.sd.us as soon as possible but no later than two business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available.

Under SDCL 1-26-17(7) notices must state that "if the amount in controversy exceeds \$2,500.00 or if a property right may be terminated, any party to the contested case may require the agency to use the Office of Hearing Examiners by giving notice of the request to the agency no later than ten days after service of a notice of hearing issued pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17." This is a Notice of Hearing, service is being provided by publication, and the applicable date to give notice to the Acting Chief Engineer is June 8, 2026. However, since this particular matter is a water permit application

and not a monetary controversy in excess of \$2,500.00 or termination of a property right the Acting Chief Engineer disputes the applicability of this provision and maintains that the hearing must be conducted by the Board.

As applicable, the following provides the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing will be held and the particular statutes and rules pertaining to this application: SDCL 1-26-16 thru 1-26-28; SDCL 46-1-1 thru 46-1-9, 46-1-13 thru 46-1-16; 46-2-3.1, 46-2-9, 46-2-11, 46-2-17; 46-2A-1 thru 46-2A-12, 46-2A-14, 46-2A-15, 46-2A-20, 46-2A-21, 46-2A-23; 46-5-1.1, 46-5-2 thru 46-5-26, 46-5-30.2 thru 46-5-30.4, 46-5-31, 46-5-32 thru 46-5-34.1, 46-5-38 thru 46-5-39, 46-5-46, 46-5-47, 46-5-49; 46-6-1 thru 46-6-3.1, 46-6-6.1, 46-6-10, 46-6-13, 46-6-14, 46-6-21, 46-6-26; and Board Rules ARSD 74:02:01:01 thru 74:02:01:25.02; 74:02:01:35.01.

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Action #115-26 Motion by Owen, seconded by Page, to adopt the agenda as presented and add Estimate for Construction Teacher Resignation and Approve SD Special Education Comprehensive Plan. Four (4) Yes Votes. Rider, Owen, Page and Hoffman. Motion carried. Action #116-26 No disclosures this month. Action #117-26 Henry Summer Program gave a report on items they would like to do to improve the facilities. They had a quote for Agri lime for the ball field and updating the current bleachers. They also spoke on updating the tennis courts to pickleball courts. Action #118-26 6.1 Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Owen to approve the **Consent Agenda**. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page and Hoffman. Motion carried. 6.2: Dispute with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting held on April 7th, 2026, and the regular meeting held on April 13th, 2026. The Business Manager informed the board that on the special meeting minutes it wasn't noted that Paul Johnson was absent. The Business Manager also informed the board that on the regular board meeting minutes it should have been Ada Rider listed as a guest instead of Audrey Rider and the total for General Fund Disbursements should be \$199,502.85 instead of \$198,978.38. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page and Hoffman. Motion carried. 6.3: Financial Reports. **GENERAL FUND:** Cash Balance 4-1-26 \$316,442.13; Revenue: Local - \$42,973.20; State - \$85,430.00; Federal - \$3,369.00; Intermediate - \$1,362.55; Other - \$0. **EXPENDITURES:** \$197,910.55; Cash Balance 4-30-26 \$251,666.33. **CAPITAL OUTLAY:** Cash Balance 4-1-26 \$640,087.48; Revenue - \$32,784.99; Expenditures: \$2,041.18; Cash Balance 4-30-26 \$670,831.29. **SPECIAL FUND:** Cash Balance 4-1-26 (\$12,915.28); Revenue - \$28,560.84; Expenditures: \$31,117.62; Cash Balance 4-30-26 (\$15,472.06). **TRUST & AGENCY FUND:** Cash Balance 4-1-26 \$54,402.65; Revenue \$3,777.65; Expenditures \$4,360.62; Cash Balance 4-30-26 \$53,819.68. **PROPRIETARY FUND:** Cash Balance 4-1-26 \$49,681.14; Revenue - \$12,451.52; Expenditures - \$12,022.21; Cash Balance 4-30-26 \$46,110.45. Action #119-26 7.1 Motion by Owen, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the **Claims Against the District**. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page and Hoffman. Motion carried. 7.1: Claims Against the District GENERAL FUND 95 PERCENT GROUP LLC 3-5 CURRICULUM 1,253.70 ACT FINANCE ACT TESTING 233.38; BLOOM ABB BOOK FOR GBB 45.00; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC COPIER READINGS 536.75 CLARK COMMUNITY OIL FUEL 2,580.46; CREATIVE REWARDS & SPECIALTIES GOLF MEDALS 84.00; DACOTA BANK VISA CARD GAS FOR CAR, BUS MGR CONF, 771.51; 2ND GR FIELD TRIP LBS SUBSCRIP DOUG'S AUTO REPAIR CAR OIL CHANGE 48.32; HAMMER, LANDON SHOT CLOCK FOR GBB/BBB 120.00; HOFFMAN, DAN OFFICIAL FOR JHBB 140.00; IMPREST ACCOUNT GOLF, 4TH GR FIELD TRIP, 967.00; JH OI, SUPT CONFERENCE ITC TELEPHONE 154.91; KELLER, SHERIDAN BOOK FOR BBB 15.00; KELLY, CAYL IN OFFICIAL JHGBB 40.00; KELLY, CHASE OFFICIAL JH GBB 40.00; MENARDS GARAGE DOOR OPENER 34.98; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY ELECTRICITY 3,269.76; OBELE, TODD SCOREBOARD FOR JHBB 60.00; OFFICE PEEPS, OSI CARSTOCK, RUBBERBANDS 29.00; SHEYENNE TRANSPORT LLC BUS TRANSPORTATION 22,044.56; TOWN OF HENRY WATER/SEWER 329.93 WATERTOWN CURRENT MINUTES 87.10; WATSON,

NICKY SCOREBOARD BOYS/ GIRLS BB 180.00; WATSON, TROY SNOW REMOVAL/ BB OFFICIAL 2,540.00; MAY PAYROLL/FUND 53 95,461.48; WITHHOLDINGS FUND 53 26,700.70; NNIP INS/STANDARD 19,298.75 SD RETIREMENT/FUND 53 14,435.34; SUPPL RETIREMENT 2,516.16 VSP 283.28; DENTAL 615.70 AFLAC 527.52; TOTAL G E N E R A L F U N D DISBURSEMENTS: 195,544.31 CAPITAL OUTLAY CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC COPIER LEASE 222.88 SOFTWARE UNLIMITED INC SOFTWARE RENEWAL 6,200.00; TONY'S ELECTRIC ELECTRIC WORK 993.12 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DISBURSEMENTS: 22,237.34 SCHOOL, FOOD SERVICE MAY PAYROLL 6,971.50 EAST SIDE DAIRY 788.77 PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE 3,708.93 SD DEPT OF CHILD NUTRITION 686.02 TOTAL SCHOOL, FOOD SERVICE DISBURSEMENTS: 12,155.22. 7.2: Motion by Page, seconded by Owen, to approve the following South Dakota High School Activities Association ballots: District IV Representative Jeff Kisters; Amendment No. 1 Yes; Amendment No. 2 Yes; Amendment No. 3 Yes. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page and Hoffman. Motion carried. 7.3: Motion by Owen, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the Certified/Hourly Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page, Hoffman. Motion carried. 7.4: Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Page to approve the teacher resignation of Tammy Hendrickson. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page, Hoffman. Motion carried. 7.5: Motion by Page, seconded by Owen to approve the SD Special Education Comprehensive Plan. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page, Hoffman. Motion carried. Action #120-26 - 8.0 Communication Reports: 8.1: Bus report was reviewed by the Business Manager with no action necessary. Letter received from the Watertown School District about student pickup & drop off sites was also discussed. A follow-up letter will be sent to the Watertown School District. 8.2: Principals Report Items Discussed: a. Received \$1,000 Watertown Community Grant b. Elementary Swimming on May 19th, 2026. 1. Twins game on May 20th, 2026. 2. Family Engagement Night was well attended. 3. Awards Ceremony will be May 13th, 2026 at 9:00 am. 4. Graduation is May 16th, 2026 at 2:00 pm. 8.3: Superintendent's Report Items Discussed: 1. Gym Floor Resurface June 10th. 2. End of Year Reports 8.4: Board member Hoffman discussed the April Northeast Technical HS meeting. 8.5: Board member Rider discussed the April Northeast Technical HS meeting. 8.6: Budget Information was reviewed by the Bus. Mgr. 8.7: Board members discussed they are still actively seeking an 8.00 board member. Action #121-26 9.0: Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Owen at 7:40 p.m. to go into executive session for Personnel SDCL 1-25-2(1). Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page, and Hoffman. Motion carried. 9.1: Board President Rider declared the executive session had ended at 8:28 p.m. 9.2: Motion by Owen, seconded by Page at 8:29 p.m. to go into executive session for Legal Matter SDCL 1-25-2(3). Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page, and Hoffman. Motion carried. 9.3: Board President Rider declared the executive session had ended at 8:49 p.m. 9.4: Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Owen to approve the contract with Bright Path Educational Consulting LLC

for the 2026-2027 school year. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page, Hoffman. Motion carried. Action #122-26 10.0: The next regularly scheduled school board meeting will be held on June 10th, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. Action #123-26 11.0: There being no further business to come before the board, motion by Owen, seconded by Hoffman, at 8:53 p.m. to adjourn. Four (4) Yes votes. Rider, Owen, Page and Hoffman. Motion carried. Audrey Rider, Chairman, Nicky Watson, Business Manager. Published once on May 28, 2026, at the total approximate cost of \$78.52 and can be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com and www.watertowncurrent.com

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IN CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
14PRO26-28
In the Matter of
the Estate of
Trudy Paulson,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on May 15, 2026, Marie Bangasser, whose address is 23175 Baseline Blvd, Jordan, MN 55352, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Trudy Paulson. Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative. Dated May 20, 2026. /s/ Marie Bangasser Marie Bangasser 23175 Baseline Blvd Jordan, MN 55352 Lisa Felch, Codington County Clerk of Courts, 141st Ave SE Watertown, SD 57201. Thomas J. Linngren Green Oviatt Law Firm LLP PO Box 1600, Watertown, SD 57201-6600, 605-886-5812. Published three times on May 28, 2026, June 4, 2026, and June 11, 2026, at the total approximate cost of \$38.30 and can be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com and www.watertowncurrent.com

Northeast Educational Services Cooperative
Board of Directors
Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026

The Board of Directors for the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative (NESC) met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2026, via Zoom and at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD. The meeting was called to order by President Schuurman at 7:06 P.M. and adjourned at 8:03 P.M. Members Present In-Person: Alisha Nielsen, Castlewood; Shane Roth, De Smet; Arend Schuurman, Elkton; Audrey Rider, Henry; Lisa Amдах, Summit; Penny Thoen, Waverly/South Shore; Zoom: Megan Murphy, Arlington; Lacey Orberg, Clark; Tara Abraham, Hamlin; Carrie Schiembeck, ORR; Diana LeClair, Rosholt; Jayme Trygstad, Sioux Valley; Cory Zirbel, Wauabay; Tia Felberg, Willow Lake. Absent: Heather Landreth, Britton/Hecia; Amy Otten, Deubrock; Wade Gubrud, Deuel; Skyman Reddway, Enemy Swim Day School; Trish Schwartz, Estelline; Jon Kahnke, Florence; Greg Bick, Ingoles; Sterling Eschenbaum, Lake Preston; Nick Fosheim, Webster; Jacques Cameron, Wilmot. NESC Staff Representatives: Stephanie Hayunga (Z), (arrived at 7:16), Brenda Boyd (Z), Teresa Landmark (Z), Shelly Skogstad (Z), Member District Superintendents:

Brian Sampson, Arlington (Z); Travis Ahrens, Clark; Todd Obele, Henry/NESC Administration; Anne Nelson, Director, Tiffany Stormo, Business Manager, Hunter Lee, Business Manager; Tim Frewing, Assistant Director Other: Bre Schwandt (Z) (Left at 7:47). Call to Order President Schuurman called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. Introduction of Guests: Brian Sampson, Travis Ahrens, Bre Schwandt, Stephanie Hayunga, Brenda Boyd, Teresa Landmark, and Shelly Skogstad were introduced as guests. Agenda Review, Changes, and Approval Action #26-70 Motion by A. Nielsen, seconded by A. Nielsen, to add agenda items 7) (Approve Amy Welsh contract Paraprofessional Webster \$21/hr), 7J) (Approve Big Stone Therapy contract for OTA coverage), 8) (Update bank signature cards), and 10a) (Approve authorized signature cards). All present voted. Motion carried unanimously. Public Comment: No public comments were made. Conflict of Interest: No conflicts of interest were presented. Financial Report: Action #26-71 Motion by S. Roth, seconded by A. Rider, to approve the financial report for the period ending April 30, 2026. All present voted, motion carried unanimously. General Fund Special Education Fund Agency Fund April 1, 2026 \$250,081.58 \$961,776.84 \$15,739.48 Receipts: Local Sources \$136,174.12 \$356,552.04 \$2,307.47 State Sources \$99,684.57 Federal Sources \$173,691.00 Other Total Monthly Receipts \$136,174.12 \$629,927.61 \$2,307.47 Balance Forward \$386,255.70 \$1,591,704.45 \$18,668.95 Manual Journal Entries Less Salaries \$4,404.69 \$451,717.88 Less Disbursements \$13,381.91 \$174,681.58 \$1,739.97 Total Salaries & Disbursements \$17,786.60 \$626,399.46 \$1,739.97 Ending Cash Balance April 30, 2026 \$368,469.10 \$965,304.99 \$16,306.98 Consent Agenda Action #26-72 Motion by L. Amдах, seconded by C. Zirbel to approve Consent Agenda items: 7a) April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes; 7b) May 2026 Budget Claims; 7c) PD by Optimistic Teaming (\$9,045.00); 7d) Morgan Odegaard Resignation; 7e) Mychelle Donelan ESY Contract (\$21.50/hr); 7f) Tami Steffensen ESY Contract (\$18.00/hr); 7g) Shari Peckenpaugh ESY Contract (\$23.00/hr); 7h) Chantel Duerr Contract (\$6 at \$32,610.00); 7i) Amy Welsh contract for Webster paraprofessional, (\$21/hr); 7j) Big Stone Therapy OTA Contract (maternity coverage). Votes: A. Nielsen, Yes; S. Roth, Yes; A. Schuurman, Yes; A. Rider, Yes; L. Amдах, Yes; P. Thoen, Yes; M. Murphy, No; L. Orberg, Yes; T. Abraham, Yes; C. Schiembeck, Yes; D. LeClair, Yes; J. Trygstad, No; C. Zirbel, Yes; T. Felberg, Yes. All present voted; motion failed. Consent Agenda Action #26-73 Motion by S. Roth, seconded by J. Trygstad to remove 7f) Tami Steffensen ESY Contract (\$18.00/hr) and approve Consent Agenda items: 7a) April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes; 7b) May 2026 Budget Claims; 7c) PD by Optimistic Teaming (\$9,045.00); 7d) Morgan Odegaard Resignation; 7e) Mychelle Donelan ESY Contract (\$21.50/hr); 7g) Shari Peckenpaugh ESY Contract (\$23.00/hr); 7h) Chantel Duerr Contract (\$6 at \$32,610.00); 7i) Amy Welsh contract for Webster paraprofessional, (\$21/hr); 7j) Big Stone Therapy OTA Contract (maternity coverage). Votes: A. Nielsen, Yes; S. Roth, Yes; A. Schuurman, Yes; A. Rider, Yes; L. Amдах, Yes; P. Thoen, Yes; M. Murphy, Yes; L. Orberg, Yes; T. Abraham, No; C. Schiembeck, Yes; D. LeClair, Yes; J. Trygstad, Yes; C. Zirbel, Yes; T. Felberg, Yes. All present voted, motion carried. April 2026 Accounts Payable GENERAL FUND: AUTOMXXX CDD, INC. FLEET MAINT 805.20;

AXESS COOPERATIVE FLEET MAINT 321.08; BINDE, GERALDINE O&M SUPP 0.67; CENEX FLEETCARD FLEET MAINT 8.07; DUST TEX SERVICE, INC. APRIL RUG USE 6.70; EINSPHARAU PLAZA INC. FLEET MAINT 312.50; EMC INSURANCE ADD VEH COV 2.40; HAHLER AUTOMOTIVE FLEET MAINT 154.33; HAMLIN COUNTY FARMER'S COOP FLEET MAINT 242.15; HEGGELUND, NICOLE ADVANCE STUDY 40.00; HEYNER WELDING INC. FLEET MAINT 204.82; KSB SCHOOL LAW SCHOOL MATTERS 20.16; LEE, HUNTER BACKGROUND CHECK 24.58; MINERT & ASSOCIATES, INC DRUG TESTING 971.00; NESC PAYROLL MAY 2026 4,412.09; ROB'S AUTO REPAIR FLEET MAINT 181.05; SINNER AUTO FLEET MAINT 905.05; SMITH, BARTON FLEET MAINT 669.50; STORMO, TIFFANY REIMB MILEAGE 35.59; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC TIME CLOCK 2.65; WEBSTER AUTO CARE FLEET MAINT 942.48 GENERAL FUND TOTAL: \$18,751.07 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: BINDE, GERALDINE O&M SUPP 7.66; CASTLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL PLC USE FEE 1,666.17; DUBRO, ANGEL MILEAGE REIMB 48.24; DUST TEX SERVICE, INC. APRIL RUG USE 77.10; EMC INSURANCE ADD VEH COV 27.60; HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL PLC USE FEE 1,562.03; HAYUNGA, STEPHANIE AOTA DUES 234.00; HEGGELUND, NICOLE ADVANCE STUDY 40.00; KSB SCHOOL LAW SCHOOL MATTERS 231.84; LAKE PRESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL PLC USE FEE 624.81; LEE, HUNTER BACKGROUND CHECK 282.70; PARENT APRIL 2026 REIMB MILEAGE 152.76; NESC PAYROLL MAY 2026 444,497.22; NELSON, JULIE REIMB MILEAGE 442.87; SD DEPT OF EDUCATION REIMB ED SPEC 71,157.13; STORMO, TIFFANY REIMB MILEAGE 409.29; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC TIME CLOCK 163.00; WATERTOWN CURRENT LLC MINUTES 85.16; WEBSTER AUTO CARE DISTRICT APRIL PLC USE FEE 1,457.90 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND TOTAL: \$523,597.48 Discussion Items FY 27 Preliminary Budget Business Manager Stormo provided an update on the FY 27 budget status. Assistant Director's Report Assistant Director Frewing updated the board on staffing and additional training for new and current staff. Director's Report Director Nelson gave an update on the new technology improvements for FY 27. Board of Advisors Report Director Nelson reviewed the BOA meeting minutes from the May 6, 2026, meeting. Article III. (Leave policy, Other Classified Staff) - First Reading Assistant Director Frewing updated the board on the proposed changes in policy language. Article VI (Drug and Alcohol Policy) - First Reading Assistant Director Frewing updated the board on the proposed changes in policy language. Update Signature Cards Chairperson Schuurman discussed removing Hunter Lee to signature cards. Executive Session Action #26-74 Pursuant to Negotiations - SDCL 1-25-2(4) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives. Motion by S. Roth, seconded by A. Rider, to enter executive session at 7:47 P.M. All present voting in favor, motion carried unanimously. President Schuurman declared the board out of executive session at

8:01 P.M. Action Items Approval to update signature cards Action #26-75 Motion by L. Amдах, seconded by S. Roth, to remove Tiffany Stormo and add Hunter Lee to bank signature cards. All present voted, motion carried unanimously. Adjournment Action #26-76 With there being no further business, motion by A. Nielsen, seconded by J. Trygstad, to adjourn. All present voted, motion carried unanimously. The NESC Building Committee will meet prior to the June Board Meeting at 6pm at LATC or via the virtual link. The next meeting will be held on June 15th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at LATC. /s/ Arend Schuurman, President /s/ Hunter Lee, Business Manager. Published once on May 28, 2026, at the total approximate cost of \$88.14 and can be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com and www.watertowncurrent.com

NOTICE OF HEARING ON
Application No. 9022-3
to Approve Water

Notice is given that Leonard Stigstad, 22365 Barton Road, Box 350, Grand Terrace CA 92313, has filed an application for a water permit to irrigate an additional 40 acres, from the existing well authorized by Water Right No. 3672-3, Water Right No. 3672-3 authorizes diversion of 1.78 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well completed into the Antelope Valley Aquifer (133 feet deep) located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10 for irrigation of 132 acres located in the SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 10, all in T19N-R51W. This application proposes to irrigate an additional 40 acres located in the SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10-T19N-R51W. The application, if approved, and Water Right No. 3672-3 will authorize irrigation of a combined total of 172 acres, with no increase to the 1.78 cfs diversion rate. This site is located in Codington County, approximately one mile north of South Shore SD. South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 46-2A-40(1) provides that "if the applicant does not contest the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer and no petition to oppose the application is received, the Acting Chief Engineer shall act on the application pursuant to the Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation and no hearing may be held before the board, unless the Acting Chief Engineer makes a finding that an application, even if uncontested, presents important issues of public policy or public interest that should be heard by the board." In this case, the Acting Chief Engineer finds that this application presents important issues of public interest that should be heard by the Water Management Board. Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Acting Chief Engineer recommends DEFERRAL of Application No. 9022-3 pending Water Management Board action on a previously filed application by the City of Milbank (Application No. 8990-3) to reserve water from the Antelope Valley Aquifer. The Board's decision on Application No. 8990-3 will impact the amount of water available for appropriation from the aquifer. Consequently, Application No. 9022-3 should be deferred until the status of water availability from the Antelope Valley Aquifer is known based on the Board's decision. At the time of hearing of this application by the Board, the Acting Chief Engineer's deferral recommendation may be revised to either APPROVAL or DENIAL depending on the Board's decision on previously filed Application No. 8990-3. The Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation, the application, and staff report are available at <https://darr.sd.gov/public> or contact Amanda Dewell See LEGALS on Page 7C

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for this information, or other information, at the Water Rights Program address provided below. The Water Management Board will consider this application at 9:45 AM (Central Time) on July 8, 2026, in the Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Bldg, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre SD. The Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation is not final or binding upon the Board. The Board is authorized to: 1) approve, 2) approve with qualifications, 3) defer, or 4) deny this application based on the facts presented at the public hearing. Any person who intends to participate in the hearing shall allege that the application, upon approval, will cause injury to the person that is unique from any injury suffered by the public in general. The injury must concern a matter either within the regulatory authority found in SDCL 46-2A-9 for approval or denial of the application, or other matter concerning the application within the regulatory authority of the board to act upon as defined by SDCL 46-2-9 and 46-2-11, or both. Any person meeting the petitioner requirements and wishing to be a party of record in a contested case hearing shall file a written petition to oppose the application with BOTH the applicant and Acting Chief Engineer. A petition opposing the application shall be filed on a form provided by the Acting Chief Engineer. The petition form is available online at <https://dandr.sd.gov/public> or by contacting the Acting Chief Engineer. The Acting Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501" or call (605) 773-3352. The applicant's mailing address is given above. If contesting the Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation, the applicant shall also file a petition. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by June 8, 2026. The petition shall be in writing and shall include a statement describing the unique injury upon approval of the application on the petitioner, the petitioner's reasons for opposing the application, and the name and mailing address of the petitioner or the petitioner's legal counsel, if legal counsel is obtained. The hearing is an adversary proceeding and any party has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing and decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Circuit Court and State Supreme Court as provided by law. The July 8, 2026, hearing date will be automatically delayed for at least 20 days upon written request to the Acting Chief Engineer from the applicant or any person who has filed a petition to oppose the application. The request for an automatic delay must be filed by June 8, 2026. If an automatic delay is requested, the hearing will be rescheduled for a future Board meeting and personal notice will be provided to the applicant and all petitioners regarding the time, date, and location. Any interested person may file a comment on the application with the Acting Chief Engineer. The comment shall be filed on a form provided by the Acting Chief Engineer and is available online at <https://dandr.sd.gov/public> or by calling (605) 773-3352 or writing to the Acting Chief Engineer at the address provided above. Filing a comment does not make the commenter a party of record or a participant in any hearing that may be held. Any comment must be filed by June 8, 2026. Notice is given to individuals with disabilities that the meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Individuals requiring assistive technology

or other services in order to participate in the meeting or materials in an alternate format should contact Brian Walsh, Nondiscrimination Coordinator, by calling (605) 773-5559 or by email at Brian.Walsh@state.sd.us, as soon as possible but no later than two business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available. Under SDCL 1-26-17(7) notices must state that "if the amount in controversy exceeds \$2,500.00 or if a property right may be terminated, any party to the contested case may require the agency to use the Office of Hearing Examiners by giving notice of the request to the agency no later than ten days after service of a notice of hearing issued pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17." This is a Notice of Hearing, service is being provided by publication, and the applicable date to give notice to the Acting Chief Engineer is June 8, 2026. However, since this particular matter is a water permit application and not a monetary controversy in excess of \$2,500.00 or termination of a property right the Acting Chief Engineer disputes the applicability of this provision and maintains that the hearing must be conducted by the Board. As applicable, the following provides the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing will be held and the particular statutes and rules pertaining to this application: SDCL 46-2-16 thru 46-2-28; SDCL 46-1-1 thru 46-1-9, 46-1-13 thru 46-1-16; 46-2-3, 1, 46-2-9, 46-2-11, 46-2-17; 46-2A-1 thru 46-2A-12, 46-2A-14, 46-2A-15, 46-2A-20, 46-2A-21, 46-2A-23; 46-5-1, 46-5-2 thru 46-5-26, 46-5-30-2 thru 46-5-30, 4, 46-5-31, 46-5-32 thru 46-5-34, 1, 46-5-38 thru 46-5-39, 46-5-46, 46-5-47, 46-5-49; 46-6-1 thru 46-6-3, 1, 46-6-6, 1, 46-6-10, 46-6-13, 46-6-14, 46-6-21, 46-6-26; and Board Rules ARSD 74.02:01-01 thru 74.02:02:02, 74.02:03:01. Published once on May 28, 2026, at the total approximate cost of \$76.44 and can be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com and www.watertowncurrent.com

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PROCEEDINGS-NORTHEAST TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (Pending Board Approval)

The Northeast Technical High School Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Members in attendance: Costner Ching for Jason Julius-Castlewood, Caitlin Bach-Florence, Ben Dunsmoor-GP, Dan Hoffman for Austin Page-Henry, TamJo Bronson-Summit, Jean Moulton-Watertown, Jon Lohr-Watertown, Jon Iverson-Watertown, Penny Thyen for Amy Thompson-Way/SS. Executives present: Bert Falak (Director), Jeff Danielson (Watertown Supt), and Todd Obele (Henry Supt). Absent: None. Jon Iverson (Chairperson) called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:45 p.m. Motion by Bronson, second by Bach, to amend the agenda to include Action Item 7.5 Contract Terms and to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Standing Item 5.1 Chairperson Iverson asked if any School Board member or administrator needed to disclose a conflict of interest. None disclosed. Standing Item 5.2 Chairperson Iverson asked for any public comments regarding any agenda or non-agenda items. None given. Item 6 Consent Agenda Motion by Lohr second by Hoffman to approve the consent agenda, the minutes from the previous Board meeting, financial reports including monthly financial statement, activity fund balances, revenue summary

report, expenditure report, bank statement review (Amy Thompson), and new vendor report. Motion carried unanimously. General Fund/ Capital Outlay balance as of 4/01/26: \$1,687,289.88. Revenues: Interest: \$348.92. Other: \$0. Tuition: \$38,599.25. Misc: \$3,685.00. Federal & State: \$16,580.00. Claims: (\$14,830.76). Payroll: (\$101,406.60). Bank Fee (\$15.00). Journal Entries (\$0). Petty Cash: \$100.00. NTHS Imprest: \$20,000.00. Balance as of 4/30/26: \$1,650,350.69. Custodial balance as of 4/01/26: \$84,218.51. Revenues: \$1,586.68. Expenditures & Disbursements: (\$21,043.94). Balance as of 4/30/26: \$64,761.25. Action Item 7.1 Motion by Hoffman, second by Dunsmoor to approve the Monthly Claims. Motion carried unanimously. May Claims: General Fund: A-Ox Welding, sup \$735.80. Auto Value, sup \$567.42. Cashway Lumber, sup \$779.80. CAN Surety, bond \$175.00. Dependable Sanitation, garbage \$172.00. Flower Station, sup \$216.90. Macksteel, sup \$3,768.13. Mastercard, sup/open house \$7,504.11. Matheson, sup \$144.41. Menards, sup \$401.82. Midwest Hardwood, sup \$1,431.64. Mudhole, sup \$1,349.55. NTHS Imprest, utilities/legal publications/garbage/telephone \$442.83. Planbook, subscription \$252.00. ProChem, sup \$4,952.38. Runnings, sup \$118.85. Sherwin Williams, sup \$136.02. Sioux Valley CoOp, sup \$124.46. SUJ annual fee \$6,700.00. Star Laundry, sup \$25.62. Total: \$29,998.74. Capital Outlay: A&B Business Equip, copier lease \$124.40. Mastercard, equip \$2,767.00. NTHS Imprest, utilities \$1,362.49. Total: \$4,253.89. Action Item 7.2 Motion by Thyen, second by Dunsmoor, to approve the 2026-27 Budget Hearing for June 24, 2026 @ 5:30pm. Motion carried unanimously. First reading of the 2026-27 Budget/Means of Finance Action Item 7.3 Motion by Bronson, second by Lohr, to approve 2026-27 stipends, work agreements & other contracts. Motion carried unanimously. Action Item 7.4 2026-27 ASB Property & Liability Renewal. No action taken. Item 8 Communications Director's Report Executive Committee Report District Reports Motion by Hoffman, second by Lohr to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next NTHS regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 5:45 p.m. in the Northeast Technical High School in Watertown. /s/ Bert Falak /s/ Jon Iverson. 2026-27 NTHS Contracts, Work Agreements, Stipends Summer Instruction: Boeger \$1,020. Work Agreements: Maintenance/Janitorial/Larson \$2.32 per hour. Office Manager-Beynon \$47,466. Stipends: FFA Advisor-Rogness \$3,512. Skills USA Culinary Advisor-McCanns \$1,980. Culinary Advisor-McCanns \$1,827. HOSA Advisor-Moss \$2,204. HOSA Asst. Advisor \$1,856. Student Teaching-Rogness \$400. Published once on May 28, 2026, at the total approximate cost of \$41.86 and can be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com and www.watertowncurrent.com

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS- BOARD OF EDUCATION FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT #14-1 515 Main Ave. Florence, SD 57235

Chair Rislov called the May 11, 2026, meeting of the Florence School District #14-1 board of education to order at 7:34 pm. Other board members in attendance were Bach, Kahkne, and Maag. Others present were Brandon Hether of The Watertown Current, Travis Schmidt (MS/HS Princ & AD), M. Reed (Supt & Elem Princ), S. Sumner (Business Manager). The

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was in attendance. Motion by Maag, second by Bach to approve the agenda. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were announced. Motion by Kahkne, second by Hlavacek to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Hlavacek, second by Maag to approve the following unaudited financial reports. Motion carried. REVENUE RECEIVED DURING APRIL 2026: Local Sources - General 17,824.61; Capital Outlay 25,246.18; Sped 13,482.42; Bond Redemption 10,112.30; Food Serv 10,860.15; DRED 2,650.00. County Sources - General 1,401.78. State Sources - General 222,586.00; Sped 20,531.00. Federal Sources - Food Serv 9,732.04. CASH BALANCES APRIL 2026: General 600,412.89; Cap Out 275,864.14; Sped 2,256.01; Bond Redemption 54,787.64; Cap Projects 1,354,345.00; Food Serv 27,355.42; Dr. Ed. 15,361.15. No Student Council report this month. No questions on the School Board Forum this month. Mr. Reed, Supt/ Elem principal, reported on end-of-year elem student council activities, MAPS & Smarter Balance tests, summer Falcon's Night Out, National FBLA coming up the end of June, a meeting for Washington DC/NYC summer of 2027, summer school, staff check-out, and summer plans. Mr. Schmidt, MS/HS Principal & AD, reported on MAPS & Smarter Balance tests, upcoming awards night, baccalaureate & graduation, spring activities including National Land & Range Judging in Oklahoma, golf, track & softball. Florence has 35+ students registered for NTHS this coming fall, which is a record number. NESC agenda was reviewed. Contractor will break ground on Monday, May 18th for the 2-classroom addition. Both sections of Kindergarten will be in the new addition by Sept. Reed reported that he plans to pursue a grant to assist with the needed Country School Museum repairs. He also stated that the security cameras will be upgraded, HVAC work, Audio Enhancement expansion, construction work on the outside of the elementary, the purchase of additional active panels and the development of a new Open Gym policy will be addressed early summer.

Other than the 2012 bus giving us trouble again, there is nothing new to add for a transportation report. Florence School, along with a couple other area schools received word from the Watertown District that we will no longer be able to drop students off at the Boys & Girls Club on the afternoon route. Florence will still be allowed the Armory drop-off & pick-up. A Smarter Balance & Pre-ACT test score packet was distributed and reviewed. Smarter Balance scores are low and MAPS scores were outstanding. Discussion on the possibility of adding wrestling to our line-up of sports. It has already been decided that Competitive Cheer will be added this fall. After much discussion, it was decided that we do not have the facilities to add wrestling. This summer the cell phone policy, missing homework procedures, and communication with parents procedures will be reviewed and re-evaluated. Discussion followed. Staffing along with room assignments was reviewed. Motion by Maag, second by Kahkne to approve payment of the bills presented. Motion carried. ACT - pre-ACT scoring 80.00; Advanced RVs & Graphics - gas pump wraps \$85.00. B. Birde - sup \$55.52; Black Hills Special Services Coop - tuition 1,755.00; M. Black - OJ judge 65.00; Newton Campbell - OJ judge 65.00; Carolina Biological Supp - sup \$5.60; CBP - CFC & copier lease pmts 1,839.64; Cole Papers - sup \$22.58;

Co-op Architecture - serv 2,522.86; Collier's Securities - serv 20,000.00; CWD - FS groceries 5,872.53; Doug's Auto - suburban serv 74.00; ECC - audit 1 assessment 300.00; Dash Ebase - OJ judge 65.00; Lillian Fieak - OJ judge 65.00; Florence School Trust & Agency - January & February reimbursements including refs, registrations & sup 9,843.79; Florence Water & Sewer - 497.57; George's Sanitation - March & April 510.00; Hauf Mid-America - sup 325.00; Hillyards - sup 2,089.84; P. Hlavacek - potted flowers 242.97; parent - milg 112.00; ITC - 159.88; M. Kohlenberg - OJ judge 61.29; L. Maag - sup 17.26; K. Mastel - OJ judge 65.00; Meiehenry Sargent - serv 5,000.00; Menards - sup 9.95; NESC - assessment 10,910.51; Centerbase tuition 2,563.77 & D&A testing pool fees 803.27; Northwestern Energy - 6,482.54; Olson's Pest Technicians - serv 125.00; QuickCare - DOT physicals (2) 170.00; Roy's Sport Shop - sup \$39.94; Safe-n-Secure - serv 1,039.33; SD Dept of Health - serv 1,182.50; Sheyenne Transport - bus serv 2,304.91; Sioux Valley Co - diesel LP & gas 11,157.57; Watertown Current - publications 95.42; Bryan Rock - SB field agrline 2,046.85; Capital One Public Funding - 2022 CO Cert int pmt 22,781.77; K. Boyum - activity bus trips 86.50; S. Busekohl - 1st 1/2 hest track coach stipend 1,442.00; D. Harmel - bus teach 116.40; J. Hintz - activity bus trip 43.25; M. Hintz - activity bus trip 43.25; L. Jacobson - custodial 255.00; D. Keller - sub teach 171.11; H. Kerkvliet - sub teach 186.24; M. Klitzke - sub bus 20.00; D. Lund - sub bus 97.35; E. Mack - sub bus 32.45; S. Nelsen - sub teach 936.58; T. Paulson - sub bus 129.80; A. Raeder - sub teach 368.99; J. Raymer - kitchen asst. 645.00 & sub teach 325.53; S. Rislov - sub teach 108.15; N. Russell - sub bus 97.35; R. Schaefer-Goens - sub teach 1189.66; T. Schmidt - activity bus trips 259.50; C. Schwinger - sub teach 2287.08; T. Fuller - bus route & bus activity trips 2,263.38; A. Koll - sub bus & bus activity trips 324.40; P. Paulson - sub bus & bus activity trips 1751.48; J. Shaffner - school nurse 4650.00; Markee Kohlenberg - apprenticeship program 302.25; Emery Schamber - apprenticeship program 354.25; J. Cariveau - custodial 2,799.88; S. Hultford - custodial 2,618.75; K. Kitto - 3,580.68; Instructional Salaries 136,934.75; Supportive Salaries 47,827.04; Food Serv Salaries 4,169.64; AFLAC - insurance withholdings 2,331.17; Avant Federal Credit Union - withholding 350.00; AXA Equitable - annuities 40.00; Delta Dental - group dental insurance 3,294.18; IRS - FIT & FICA withholding 43,410.53; NPIP - group medical vision and HSA accts & fees 38,611.28; SDRS - contributions 23,007.46; SD Supplemental Retirement - contributions 3,700.00; Standard - life ins. 171.73. Motion by Hlavacek, second by Bach to issue diplomas to graduating seniors. Motion carried. Motion by Bach, second by Hlavacek to accept the presented 2026-27 preliminary budget. Motion carried. Motion by Kahkne, second by Maag to cast SDHSAA ballots for Jeff Kosters, Fredrick Area School District for Division IV Superintendent Representative; to vote "yes" to amend Chapter I, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection D of the SDHSAA By-laws; to vote "yes" to amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsection J of the SDHSAA By-laws; and lastly to vote "yes" to amend Chapter I, Part III, Section IV of the SDHSAA By-laws. Motion carried. Motion by Maag, second by Hlavacek to approve the presented open enrollment applications. Motion carried. Motion by Kahkne, second

by Hlavacek to accept the returned signed certified staff contracts of Tara Aslesen, Becky Blinde, Katrina Boyum, Stacy Busskohl, Kami Dilworth, Joel Eisenbraun, Paula Flory, Tyler Grassel, Rachael Jaeger, Mayce Kahkne, Marcy Klitzke, Adam Koll, Hannah Kranz, Jordan Lanke, Hilarie Lenox, Dan Lund, Jenny Lund, Shari Reed, Brittany Russell, Nathan Russell, Brooklyn Schulte, Misty Snoddy, and Sarah Spiering. New contracts issued, signed, and approved include Tammy Hendrickson, Tammara Kaaz, Morgan Schroeder, Tammy Taeker, and Samanta Toering. Motion carried. Motion by Hlavacek, second by Maag to issue employment agreements to classified staff and to issue contracts to administration which includes Mitchell Reed, Superintendent/Elem Principal, Travis Schmidt, MS/HS Principal and Sheri Sumner, Business Manager. Motion carried. Motion by Kahkne, second by Bach to enter into executive session at 9:55 pm for SDCL 1-25-2.4 (negotiations). Motion carried. Chair Rislov declared the board out of executive session at 11:09 pm. Motion by Kahkne, second by Maag to adjourn at 11:09 pm. Motion carried. Sheri Sumner, Business Manager, Cory Rislov, Chair. Published once on May 28, 2026, at the total approximate cost of \$85.02 and can be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com and www.watertowncurrent.com

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF CODINGTON IN CIRCUIT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 14CIV25-000573 BRANDON DECKER, Plaintiff vs DANIELLE VIG, Defendant NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Motion for Temporary Custody Order, Order of Minor Name Change, Order Amending Birth Certificate has been filed by Brian Zielinski of Ribstein and Hogan Law Firm, attorney for Plaintiff, BRANDON DECKER, to change minor child's name from DALLAS GRAY VIG to DALLAS GRAY DECKER. The Motion will be heard by the Honorable Dawn Elshire, Circuit Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit, at the Codington County Courthouse, Watertown, South Dakota, on the 7th day of July, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Anyone may appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why name should not be changed. Dated this 20th day of May, 2026. ATTEST: Tammy Hein, Clerk/Deputy. BY THE COURT: /s/ Dawn Elshire, Honorable Dawn Elshire, Circuit Court Judge. Published four times on May 28, 2026, June 4, 2026, June 11, 2026, and June 18, 2026, at the total approximate cost of \$53.02 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com and www.watertowncurrent.com

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Noon on Friday to appear in the following week's edition.

Rodriguez, Rachel

From: Rodriguez, Rachel
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 10:48 AM
To: drsig@sbcglobal.net; jpthyen@itctel.com
Subject: 9022-3 Leonard Sigestad - Public Notice
Attachments: 9022-3 Rec.pdf; 9022-3 Ltr.pdf; 9022-3 PubNotice.pdf; Public Opinion Info.pdf

Good morning,

Attached is a copy of the report, acting chief engineer's recommendation, and information regarding the public notice for your water permit application. As stated in the letter, please contact the paper(s) as soon as possible to authorize publication and arrange for payment. This information is also being mailed to you today.

Let me know if you have questions. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Rachel Rodriguez
DANR | Program Assistant
Rachel.Rodriguez@state.sd.us





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August 7, 2026

Leonard Sigdestad
22365 Barton Road Box 350
Grand Terrace CA 92313

Dear Mr. Sigdestad:

Enclosed is Water Permit No. 9022-3 authorizing construction of the water diversion system and beneficial use of the water, not exceeding the limits as specified in the Water Permit.

Form 10, *Notice of Completion of Works and Application of Water to Beneficial Use*, is enclosed. Please return this completed form after you have finished the system and have put the water to beneficial use. An investigation can then be scheduled so the water license may be issued, thus completing the acquisition of a water right.

An informational sheet *Common Water Right Questions?* is also enclosed. This sheet is intended to answer some of the questions associated with obtaining and keeping a water right.

Sincerely,

Adam Mathiowetz, PE
Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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**Affidavit of Public Notice
Posting on DANR Website**

Pursuant to SDCL § 46-2A-4, public notice of the following application was posted on the DANR web site at <https://danr.sd.gov/public>. The posted public notice is the same notice as published in the pertinent newspaper(s) and a copy of the public notice is maintained in the application file. If the application is contested, the posting is moved to the DANR contested case website at <https://danr.sd.gov/public/ContestedCase.aspx> until final action is taken on the application pursuant to SDCL § 46-2A-4.

Application No.: 9022-3

Name of Applicant: Leonard Sigdestad, c/o Jim Thyen

Date of Posting: 5/28/2026

Date of Removal: 8/7/2026

Amanda Dewell, Permitting Administrator

8/7/2026

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 7th day of Aug, 2026.

Notary Public - South Dakota

My commission expires:

**Rachel Rodriguez
My Commission Expires
May 16, 2029**

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