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Press Release

DATE: July 15, 2009
TO: Media Representatives
FROM: Brian Shay, City Administrator
SUBJECT: City Receives \$9,470,000 Loan from Rural Development



Today, the City of Hoquiam received official notice from the United States Department of Agriculture that we have received a \$9,470,000 loan for the biosolids removal project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A copy of their press release is below which can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>.

With these funds, the City will remove over 30 years of accumulated biosolids to be land applied at an approved facility. Additionally, dikes will be installed so that a portion of the lagoon can be filled with materials from the pontoon construction site or other fill sources. The loan is for 40 years at 2.625% interest.

“This project is number one in our general sewer plan and has been the top priority and concern by our dedicated staff in the sewer department for many years,” said City Administrator Brian Shay. “We are all extremely excited about the opportunity to move this project forward rather than continuing to pass on the problem to future generations.”

The City anticipates bidding the project within 60 days, with construction completed by the fall of 2010.

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AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES \$250 MILLION IN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS FOR RURAL W.

USDA's Recovery Act Investments in Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects Passes \$1 Billion; 32 additional projects in 17 States to Receive Funding

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the selection of \$250 million in water and environmental projects that are being funded immediately through the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The 32 projects will help provide safe drinking water and improved wastewater treatment systems for rural towns and communities in 17 states, Guam, and Puerto Rico. This is the fifth wave of water and environmental projects that USDA has announced, with total funding of \$1.134 billion.

"Recovery Act projects are putting people to work and helping communities of all sizes build a foundation for economic strength and future prosperity," said Vilsack. "The water and wastewater projects we're announcing today are helping to achieve the Obama Administration's economic recovery goals by rebuilding and revitalize the nation's infrastructure while creating or retaining jobs."

USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Program provides loans and grants to ensure that the necessary investments are made in water and wastewater infrastructure to deliver safe drinking water and protect the environment in rural areas.

For example, the City of Faulkton in Faulk County, S.D., will receive a loan and grant for \$2.12 million to construct a new 125,000 gallon elevated water tower, purchase a standby electric generator for the pumping, and other upgrades that, combined, will improve the efficiency and modernize the community's water system. This investment will provide a significant boost to the quality of life for the city's 785 residents and an improvement for the city's fire protection services.

In Hoquiam, Wash., the city has made its lagoon modernization project a high-capital improvement priority. The lagoon, as it is now, has a significant potential of leaching pollutants into the local water system, risking public health and jeopardizing area industry. The city will receive a \$9.47 million loan to modify its 48-acre lagoon that stabilizes and stores waste and sludge, and serves as an emergency holding area for excess flow to the treatment plant. Funds also will help to remove waste that has built up for 30 years and poses a significant environmental risk.

More information about USDA Rural Development can be found at www.rurdev.usda.gov. Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the loan or grant agreement.

Projects that Secretary Vilsack announced today include:

California:

Frazier Park Public Utility District (Water); \$2,100,000 loan; \$1,000,000 grant

Connecticut:

Town of New Hartford (Sewage); \$3,594,000 loan; \$4,026,790 grant

Georgia:

City of Blue Ridge (Water); \$12,926,000 loan; \$3,663,000 grant

Idaho:

City of Priest River (Water); \$3,680,000 loan; \$1,577,000 grant

Kentucky:

Rattlesnake Ridge Water District (Water); \$1,336,000 loan; \$600,000 grant

Western Mason County Water District (Water): \$700,000 loan; \$300,000 grant

Michigan:

Gogebic Range Water Authority (Water); \$7,917,000 loan; \$3,000,000 grant

Hampton Township (Sewage); \$13,224,000 loan; \$4,776,000 grant

Kingston Water System (Water); \$1,852,000 loan

Midland County - Edenville Township (Water); \$8,550,000 loan; \$450,000 grant

Port Hope Gore Rubicon Utility Authority (Water); \$503,000 loan

Village of Union City - Sewer Lagoon (Sewage); \$1,026,000 loan; \$838,000 grant

Missouri:

Henry Co., PWS No 3 (Water); \$850,000 loan; \$465,500 grant

Mississippi:

North Lauderdale Water Association (Water); \$1,025,000 loan

North Carolina:

North Lenoir Water Corporation (Water); \$3,160,000 loan; \$2,600,000 grant

New Hampshire:

Town of Farmington (Sewage); \$4,619,000 loan; \$5,882,000 grant

New York:

Village of Ellenville (Sewage); \$5,244,000 loan; \$1,941,000 grant

Village of Springville (Sewage); \$3,000,000 loan

Ohio:

Paulding County - Auglaize River (Sewage); \$2,524,000 loan; \$3,406,000 grant

Puerto Rico:

PR Aqueduct 07 - PRASA 158 - Orocovis/El Gato (Sewage); \$3,913,000 loan; \$2,880,000 grant

South Carolina:

Clarendon County Water System Phase I (Water); \$2,533,000 loan; \$1,951,100 grant

South Dakota:

City of Eureka (Water); \$454,000 loan; \$453,000 grant

City of Faulkton (Water); \$1,141,000 loan; \$983,000 grant

City of Miller (Water); \$765,000 loan; \$351,000 grant

Town of Roslyn (Water and Sewage); \$415,000 loan; \$873,300 grant

City of Selby (Water); \$280,000 loan; \$234,000 grant

Virginia:

Town of Goshen (Water); \$26,000 loan; \$1,000,000 grant

Vermont:

Village of Barton (Sewage); \$443,400 loan; \$1,306,000 grant

Town of Pittsford (Water); \$2,600,00 loan; \$2,115,100 grant

Town of Troy (Water); \$112,000 loan; \$337,000 grant

Washington:

City of Hoquiam (Sewage); \$9,470,000 loan

Western Pacific:

Government of Guam (Solid Waste); \$88,536,000 loan; \$15,019,300 grant

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law on February 17, 2009. It is designed to jumpstart the nation's economy, create or save millions of jobs and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

More information about USDA's Recovery efforts is available at www.usda.gov/recovery , including a blog where people can 'Share Your Story' about how Recovery Act projects are impacting their communities. Additional information about the overall recovery program is available at www.recovery.gov.