Iowa Governor to Update Land Expo Attendees on Water Quality Plan

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Iowa Governor Terry Branstad will make an appearance at the 2016 Land Investment Expo to provide an update on his plan to provide critical funding for school infrastructure and water quality.

Branstad, who in December became the longest serving governor in American history, addressed the need for improved water and nutrient management during his annual Condition of the State address on January 12.

The governor was joined during his announcement by Iowa farmer Bob Hemesath, Craig Floss of the Iowa Corn Grower's Association, Iowa Soybean Association leader Kirk Leeds, and Iowa's Water Future Task Force Co-chair Larry James.

The plan includes a mechanism for nearly \$4.7 billion intended to provide significant, long-term funding to improve Iowa's water through 2049.

Branstad is scheduled to speak during the Land Expo at the Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel.

"Over the years, positive steps have been taken to improve our state's water quality including our innovative nutrient reduction strategy,― Branstad said. "However, it's clear we need a stable, long-term source of funding to more significantly improve water quality from both point and non-point sources of pollution.―

"Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and I are continuing to meet with education, agriculture and business leaders to build support for a solution that helps schools, improves water quality and protects Iowa taxpayers.―

To read more on Governor Branstad's Condition of the State address,Â<u>click here.</u> Follow this link <u>to</u> register for the Ninth Annual Land Investment Expo.