

Senator Darin G. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING**
2 **THE NARROWS WATER PROJECT IN**
3 **CENTRAL UTAH**
4 2008 GENERAL SESSION
5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Bradley A. Winn**

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22 **LONG TITLE**

23 **General Description:**

24 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Sanpete and
25 Carbon Counties to reach agreement on the Narrows Water Project.

26 **Highlighted Provisions:**

27 This resolution:

- 28 ▶ urges Sanpete County and Carbon County officials to continue their efforts to come



29 to agreement on how to proceed with the Narrows Water Project; and

30 ▶ urges that, if the two counties reach an agreement, Utah's congressional delegation
31 seek federal funding to implement the counties' agreement.

32 **Special Clauses:**

33 None

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35 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

36 WHEREAS, water is fundamental to the economic base of Central Utah communities,
37 and reliable water storage is necessary for both agricultural and municipal development;

38 WHEREAS, legal agreements between Sanpete County, Carbon County, the state of
39 Utah, and various federal entities have recognized Carbon and Sanpete County's water rights
40 from Gooseberry Creek;

41 WHEREAS, Sanpete County and Carbon County have a longstanding disagreement
42 regarding a proposed water diversion project referred to as the Narrows Water Project;

43 WHEREAS, this disagreement has resulted in litigation and contention between
44 Sanpete and Carbon counties for several decades;

45 WHEREAS, Sanpete County and Carbon County have recently agreed to attempt to
46 resolve their dispute over the Narrows Water Project by exploring potential alternative means
47 for Sanpete County to utilize its water rights in Gooseberry Creek or otherwise obtain late
48 season water;

49 WHEREAS, Sanpete County and Carbon County are pursuing their discussions with
50 the assistance of a third party intermediary; and

51 WHEREAS, Utah's congressional delegation has indicated a willingness to seek federal
52 funding in support of a project to provide Sanpete County with late season water, should the
53 two counties agree on the parameters of the project:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
55 Governor concurring therein, urge Sanpete County and Carbon County to continue their efforts
56 to resolve their longstanding disagreement over the Narrows Water Project.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if Sanpete County and Carbon County reach an
58 agreement, the Legislature and the Governor urge Utah's congressional delegation to obtain
59 federal funding to implement whatever solution the two counties may agree upon.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sanpete
61 County, Carbon County, the Bureau of Reclamation, and to the members of Utah's
62 congressional delegation.