

1 **Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water Conservancy District**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins



3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This resolution expresses support for the transfer of federal water infrastructure to the
6 Grand County Water Conservancy District.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This resolution:
9 ▶ urges Congress to transfer to the Grand County Water Conservancy District water
10 infrastructure owned by the federal government for the conveyance of water from the
11 Green River to the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action project site.

12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 None



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

18 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) controls and operates a
19 pipeline, several pump stations, and a storage reservoir for the conveyance of water from the
20 Green River to the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) project site
21 located near Crescent Junction, Utah;

22 WHEREAS, the DOE holds the rights of way necessary to convey the water to the Moab
23 UMTRA project site using the existing water infrastructure;

24 WHEREAS, the DOE expects to complete the Moab UMTRA project in the near future and
25 will no longer need the water infrastructure or related rights of way;

26 WHEREAS, the water infrastructure currently controlled and operated by the DOE, if
27 transferred to the Grand County Water Conservancy District (district), could be used by the
28 district to provide water security to rural residents in and around northern Grand County;

29 WHEREAS, persistent drought conditions, groundwater depletion, and privately-controlled
30 water delivery systems pose a serious risk to the water security of Utahns living in northern
31 Grand County, including rural towns like Thompson Springs;

32 WHEREAS, if the water infrastructure currently controlled and operated by the DOE were
33 transferred to the district, the district could continue delivering water to the Moab UMTRA
34 project site until the project's completion and provide water security to rural residents in
35 northern Grand County;

36 WHEREAS, the district holds approximately 2,500 acre feet annually of unused water
37 rights in the Green River that the district could access if the district operated the water
38 infrastructure currently controlled and operated by the DOE;

39 WHEREAS, the DOE supports the transfer of the water infrastructure to the district for the
40 benefit of local communities;

41 WHEREAS, the people of Utah have a long history of successful stewardship over the
42 management and delivery of Utah's water supply;

43 WHEREAS, the state water policy sets forth that the state "shall pursue adequate, reliable,
44 affordable, sustainable, and clean water resources," as described in Utah Code Subsection
45 73-1-21(a); and

46 WHEREAS, the state water policy sets forth that the state "will promote water resource
47 development and the creation of new water infrastructure necessary to meet the state's growing
48 demand and promote economic development," as described in Utah Code Subsection
49 73-1-21(b)(ii):

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
51 Governor concurring therein, supports the transfer of federal water infrastructure described in
52 this resolution to the Grand County Water Conservancy District.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor
54 concurring therein, urges Congress to transfer the water infrastructure described in this
55 resolution to the Grand County Water Conservancy District.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the
57 members of Utah's congressional delegation.