

# COVE-EAST FORK VIRGIN RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

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## Requester Information

**Legislator: Owens, Derrin R.**

Creation Date: 2024-01-25

Submission Date: 2024-01-25

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## Section 1: Request Details

### Description:

The Cove-East Fork Virgin River Watershed Project is a joint venture between Kane County Water District and the Washington County Water District with local irrigation companies. The Project includes the construction of an off-stream reservoir less than one mile off the main drainage course, and associated facilities located near Orderville, Utah. Cove Reservoir is designed to hold approximately 6,000 AF of water. The Project will store water rights from local irrigation companies for use throughout the year. The Project will increase and maintain a reliable supply of water for local agricultural use and existing storage needs, enhance existing irrigation systems, increase water conservation, offer additional water-based recreation opportunities and improve water delivery efficiency for the Upper Virgin Watershed in Kane County and for existing and future water demands in Washington County.

### Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Mike Noel
- Organization: Kane County Water District

- Position: CEO

## Section 2: Funding Information

### How will the appropriation be used?

	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Out-of-state Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Technology Purchases	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$10,000,000.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$0.00

### Funding Sources:

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$10,000,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$0.00

**Should unused funding be returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year?**

No

**Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?**

Yes

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## **A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled**

We are requesting state support for a portion of the total project costs of approximately \$36,820,000. If we receive less than what is requested then we will have to work fast to find funding for the remaining balance.

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## **Section 3: Agency Information**

### **Subjects:**

Land and Environment

### **Agency:**

560 / Natural Resources

### **Type of entity to receive pass-through funding**

- State Government

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## **Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement**

### **Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?**

All of Utah will benefit by keeping more water in our state before being diverted, but this specifically benefits the residents of Kane and Washington county.

### **What is this project or program intended to accomplish?**

The intent is to complete the Cove-East Fork Virgin River Watershed Project.

### **How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?**

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## **Section 5: Other Supporting Documents**

**Intent Language**

**Previous State Funding**