

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

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor:**

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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 Green  
11 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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