

PROVO CANAL TITLE TRANSFER CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses support for the completion of the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project and transfer of title of the Provo Reservoir Canal to the Provo River Water Users Association.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the benefits of completing the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project;
- ▶ expresses support for completion of the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project;

and

- ▶ urges the United States Bureau of Reclamation to work with the parties to expeditiously complete the transfer of title.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the construction of the Provo River Canal Enclosure Project is moving forward on a schedule to be completed this year;

WHEREAS, the benefits of the Enclosure Project are vital and significant, including realizing environmental benefits by saving 8,000 acre-feet of water annually, improving the



28 safety of thousands of people who live near the canal, and providing a significant public
29 recreational benefit;

30 WHEREAS, due to the great work of the Utah Congressional Delegation, Congress
31 passed the Provo River Project Transfer Act (P.L. 108-382) in October 2004 that authorized the
32 transfer of title upon completion of the Enclosure Project to the local sponsor, the Provo River
33 Water Users Association;

34 WHEREAS, much work has gone into planning the title transfer of the Provo Reservoir
35 Canal and corridor to the local sponsor;

36 WHEREAS, one of the main purposes of seeking title transfer from the United States to
37 the Provo River Water Users Association was to take advantage of the fiscal benefits of private
38 sector ownership and control;

39 WHEREAS, enormous time and consideration has gone into the completion of the
40 Enclosure Project in preparation for title transfer by the local sponsor, the other participating
41 entities, including the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, the Metropolitan Water
42 District of Salt Lake and Sandy, and the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, as well as
43 all the local communities, the Utah State Legislature, the Governor, and the many citizens in
44 the affected area; and

45 WHEREAS, title transfer will provide cost savings to Utah and federal taxpayers:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
47 Governor concurring therein, expresses support for completion of the Provo Reservoir Canal
48 Enclosure Project and transfer of title to the Provo Reservoir Canal from the United States to
49 the Provo River Water Users Association, as authorized by the Provo River Project Transfer
50 Act (P.L. 108-382).

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor
52 concurring therein, urges the United States Bureau of Reclamation to work with the parties to
53 expeditiously complete the transfer of title.

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