

HR 5039

Humboldt Project Conveyance Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 24, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 4708	Related bill	Sep 25, 2002: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Sep 9, 2002)

Humboldt Project Conveyance Act - Requires the Secretary of the Interior to convey all right, title, and interest in and to the lands and features of the Humboldt Project, including all water rights for storage and diversion, to the Pershing County Water Conservation District (PCWCD), the State of Nevada, the Pershing County government, and the Lander County government, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement between PCWCD and Lander County dated January 24, 2002, the Conceptual Agreement between PCWCD and the State dated October 28, 2001, and the Letter of Agreement between Pershing County and the State dated April 16, 2002.

(Sec. 4) Requires PCWCD to pay the United States the net present value of miscellaneous revenues associated with the lands and facilities to be conveyed.

Requires the entity receiving title under this act to pay the United States the fair market value for any withdrawn land conveyed, as well as the real estate transfer costs for any land or facility conveyed.

Declares that the State of Nevada will not be responsible for any payments for land or facilities under this Act.

Declares that any proposal by the State to reconvey to another entity land conveyed by the Secretary must provide fair market value to the United States for the lands and for continued management of the lands for recreation, wildlife habitat, wetlands, or resource conservation.

(Sec. 6) Revokes the Secretarial Orders dated March 16, 1934, and April 6, 1956, that withdrew public lands for the Rye Patch Reservoir and the Humboldt Sink.

(Sec. 7) Exempts the United States from liability for damages arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the Humboldt project, except for damages caused by acts of negligence committed by the United States, its employees or agents prior to the date of conveyance.

(Sec. 8) Requires the Secretary to complete, prior to conveyance, all actions required under the National Environment Policy Act of 1969.

(Sec. 9) Declares that upon conveyance of the lands and facilities, the Humboldt Project will no longer be a Federal reclamation project and the district shall not be entitled to receive any future reclamation benefits with respect to the project, except those benefits that would be available to other nonreclamation districts.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 9, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 107-648.
- **Sep 9, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 395.
- **Jul 24, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 24, 2002:** Subcommittee on Water and Power Discharged.
- **Jul 19, 2002:** Executive Comment Received from Interior.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 27, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 27, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

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