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Provo River Project Transfer Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 19, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3391	Identical bill	Oct 30, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-382.

Provo River Project Transfer Act - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Provo River Water Users Association (Association), ownership of the Provo Reservoir Canal (Canal) in the State of Utah. Conditions such conveyance on the Secretary's acceptance of future arrangements with specified Utah agencies for the operation, ownership, financing, and improvement of the Canal.

Directs the Secretary to convey to the Association ownership of the Pleasant Grove Property in Utah.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) convey to the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy (District) in Utah, ownership of the Salt Lake Aqueduct; (2) grant to the District permanent easements to the National Forest System land on which the Salt Lake Aqueduct is located and certain land of the Aqueduct Division of the Provo River Project for the use, operation, maintenance, repair, improvement, or replacement of the Salt Lake Aqueduct by the District; (3) determine the boundaries of such easements; and (4) transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain land of the Aqueduct Division of the Provo River Project to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Requires the Association and the District to pay the Secretary for land conveyed under this Act and for certain costs incurred in making such conveyances. Requires the Secretary to comply with certain environmental and other laws before making land conveyances.

(Sec. 4) Confirms that: (1) certain existing contracts covering lands of the Provo River Project not conveyed under this Act remain in effect; and (2) entities with existing contractual capacity rights to either the Provo Reservoir Canal or Salt Lake Aqueduct may transport Central Utah Project water.

Provides that nothing in this Act impairs any existing contract (including subscription contracts) for the conveyance of water through the Provo Reservoir Canal.

(Sec. 5) Provides that: (1) lands and facilities conveyed under this Act are no longer part of a Federal reclamation project; (2) the Association and the District are no longer entitled to reclamation benefits for conveyed land, except for benefits available to other nonreclamation facilities; and (3) the United States shall not be liable for damages for acts, omissions, or occurrences relating to conveyances under this Act, except for negligent acts committed prior to the date of conveyance.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Secretary to report to Congress on the status of any land conveyances not completed within 18 months after enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-365.
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- **Sep 15, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 19, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-618.
- **Nov 18, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 18, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S15062)
- **Nov 18, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.