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Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act

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Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM] | D · NM | | Feb 12, 2013 |

Committee Activity

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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Apr 16, 2013 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 113 HR 1651 | Identical bill | Apr 29, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Fort Sumner Irrigation District, located in De Baca County, New Mexico, all works, land, and facilities of the Fort Sumner reclamation project in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the United States and the Fort Sumner Irrigation District Concerning Principles and Elements of Proposed Transfer of Title to Fort Sumner Irrigation District Facilities.

Requires the Secretary, before carrying out such conveyance, to assure compliance with all applicable requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and any other law applicable to the property conveyed. Requires the Secretary to report to Congress if such conveyance isn't completed within two years after such requirements are met.

Terminates, on the date of such conveyance: (1) U.S. interest in and responsibility for the project and liability relating to the conveyed property; (2) a specified repayment contract between the United States and the District dated November 5, 1948; and (3) a specified payment obligation of the United States under the contract between the United States and the District for the forbearance of exercising priority water rights, dated August 21, 2009. Provides that all other terms of such forbearance agreement shall remain in effect for not less than 10 years after this Act's enactment.

Provides that after conveyance of title under this Act: (1) the conveyed property shall not be considered to be a part of a federal reclamation project; and (2) the entity to which the property is conveyed shall not be eligible to receive any benefits, including federal project power, with respect to the conveyed property, except for benefits that would be available to a similarly situated entity with respect to property that is not part of a federal reclamation project.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Wyden without amendment. With written report No. 113-56.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 110.
- **May 16, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 16, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-32.
- **Feb 12, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 12, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.