

1                   **PROVO CANAL TITLE TRANSFER CONCURRENT**

2                                   **RESOLUTION**

3   2012 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: John Dougall**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

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

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This resolution:

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

17 and

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

20 **Special Clauses:**

21           None

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

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

26           WHEREAS, the benefits of the Enclosure Project are vital and significant, including  
27 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.

53a **H→ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members**  
53b **of Utah's Congressional delegation. ←H**

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