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Re: Support for the Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act (H.R. 4094/S. 1955)

Dear Utah Congressional Delegation,

I am pleased to express the full support of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD) for the *Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act*. As a regional water supply agency serving a population over 775,000 in Salt Lake County, JVWCD will benefit from the more flexible water conservation enabled by the legislation. This legislation provides access to additional funding resources needed to increase water conservation efforts and augment water flows into the Great Salt Lake basin. Sustained drought has caused the lake levels to decline to a concerning degree. Water conservation is a top priority, and this bill recognizes the importance of advancing projects that will help to replenish Great Salt Lake.

The *Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act* will enhance access to federal funding for water conservation projects by adding a new provision to the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA - Public Law 102-575). This change gives the Secretary of Interior the flexibility to reallocate unspent budget authorities within Title II of CUPCA and to put funds towards water conservation activities. Also, the bill expands the scope of the CUPCA water conservation program to now include the Great Salt Lake basin, which will greatly benefit the lake. Finally, the CUPCA program enjoys annual funding support from Congress providing a stable source of future funding for water conservation initiatives.

Thank you for introducing *Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act* and for your work in advancing it through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Packard, P.E. General Manager/CEO