

Lake Powell Pipeline Project Still on Track

The Sales and Use Tax Allocations for Water Resources Funding bill, before the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee on November 14, requested additional revenues be earmarked for a revolving loan fund for water projects throughout the state.

The following table, produced by the Utah Division of Water Resources, was submitted to the Committee:

Figure 12
Cost Estimates of Proposed Water Projects

CATEGORY	ESTIMATED COST (billions)
Water Supply and Infrastructure	\$10.0
Wastewater and Storm Water	\$3.5
Dam Safety	\$0.1
Lake Powell Pipeline	\$1.0
Bear River Development	\$1.5
TOTAL	\$16.1

Source: Utah Division of Water Resources

The requested funds would have provided loans for projects as listed above, especially important in rural areas. The Lake Powell Pipeline Project comprises less than 1/16th of the overall proposed funding.

The funding for the Lake Powell Pipeline Project was not the sole focus of the bill or the Committee hearing. Many on the Committee strongly agreed to fund water projects including the Lake Powell Pipeline Project, but they questioned the use of earmarks as outlined in the bill.

They voted to not send this bill forward to the legislature at this time.

Attachments:

Sales and Use Tax Allocations for Water Resources Funding Bill

Earmarks of State Sales and Use Tax Revenues

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Water/Transportation Chart