

Senate Joint Memorial 14

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SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to support title transfer of Tualatin Project.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
3 States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in spe-
5 cial legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas water is critical to sustaining the economic, communal and environmental health of
7 Oregon; and

8 Whereas the Oregon Progress Board's State of the Environment Report 2000 identified inade-
9 quate water supplies as one of the state's major environmental challenges; and

10 Whereas the Office of Economic Analysis of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services
11 projects that Oregon's population will grow by more than one million people in the next 25 years
12 and that Washington County's population will increase by more than 200,000 people in the next 20
13 years; and

14 Whereas the local governments in and around Washington County seek a safe, reliable and lo-
15 cally controlled supply of water to enable population growth, sustain agricultural production, sup-
16 port industry and restore in-stream flows in the Tualatin River and its tributaries; and

17 Whereas the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior has ex-
18 pressed interest in transferring the title of the Tualatin Project, a federal water-supply project that
19 includes Scoggins Dam, recreation facilities and other real property, to local government control;
20 and

21 Whereas the Tualatin Project Title Transfer Partners, consisting of Clean Water Services, the
22 Tualatin Valley Irrigation District, the Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington County and the
23 Cities of Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Tigard and Beaverton, have signed a Memorandum of Agreement
24 expressing their support for the title transfer of the Tualatin Project; and

25 Whereas the completion of this title transfer would increase flexibility and coordination and
26 would offer an opportunity to effectively and efficiently integrate the area's water supply; and

27 Whereas the completion of this title transfer will provide water to the region's burgeoning
28 population and to the industries essential to Oregon's economic well-being, and also enhance resto-
29 ration and conservation initiatives in the Tualatin River watershed; and

30 Whereas the title transfer of the Tualatin Project serves the best interests of the residents of
31 Washington County and the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

2 (1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to support the title transfer of the
3 Tualatin Project.

4 (2) The Oregon Congressional Delegation is respectfully urged to advocate for the title transfer
5 of the Tualatin Project and to obtain federal funding and other assistance to advance this project
6 of local and state significance.

7 (3) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate
8 Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon
9 Congressional Delegation.

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