

**Draft Environmental Assessment
for the
Title Transfer of Provo Reservoir Canal, Salt Lake Aqueduct,
and Pleasant Grove Property**

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Proposed action: Reclamation has been asked to consider transferring title to the Provo Reservoir Canal, Salt Lake Aqueduct, and 3.79 acres of property in Pleasant Grove, UT to non-Federal ownership.

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Abstract: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has been asked to consider transferring title to three of its Provo River Project facilities to non-Federal ownership. The proposed action is as follows: to transfer title to the Provo Reservoir Canal (PRC) from Reclamation to the Provo River Water Users Association (PRWUA); to transfer title to the PRWUA office complex and 3.79 acres of land located in Pleasant Grove, Utah, from Reclamation to the PRWUA; to transfer title to the Salt Lake Aqueduct (SLA), from Reclamation to the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy (MWDSLS). Reclamation would relinquish its existing withdrawals for the SLA over certain Federal lands within the boundaries of the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, thus returning jurisdiction over those lands to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service. In conjunction with this relinquishment of withdrawn lands, easements would be granted to MWDSLS to allow for continuing access to, and operation and maintenance, and replacement, when necessary, of the SLA. Reclamation does not have the authority to undertake title transfer. Specific authority for the title transfer would be required from the Congress of the United States through enactment of legislation. Reclamation's title transfer process requires consideration of six major criteria that have been established to evaluate individual proposals. The proposed action would have no effect on the following resources: air quality, water quality, wetlands and vegetation, terrestrial wildlife resources, paleontology, geology, visual resources, and health, safety, and noise. The possible effects of the proposed action on the following resources are described in detail in the EA: water rights and delivery systems, threatened and endangered species, fisheries, recreation, cultural resources, land use, socioeconomics, environmental justice, Indian trust assets.