

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—ASSEMBLYMEN  
BUCKLEY; AIZLEY, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON,  
BOBZIEN, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB,  
CONKLIN, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT, GOEDHART,  
GOICOECHEA, GRADY, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY,  
HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO,  
LESLIE, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN,  
MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL,  
PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH,  
SPIEGEL, STEWART AND WOODBURY

MAY 6, 2009

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to provide financial assistance for  
the repair of the Truckee Canal. (BDR R-1296)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress  
to provide financial assistance for the repair of the  
Truckee Canal.

1       WHEREAS, The Federal Reclamation Act, 32 Stat. 388, which  
2 was passed on June 17, 1902, authorized the Newlands Project,  
3 designed to irrigate thousands of acres in western-central Nevada by  
4 the construction of dams and distribution and drainage systems; and  
5       WHEREAS, The Federal Government funded and built the  
6 original system and still holds title to the Newlands Project and its  
7 facilities; and  
8       WHEREAS, The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, chartered in  
9 1918 to represent the water right holders within the boundaries of  
10 the Newlands Project, has operated and managed the Project since  
11 1926 under contract with the Federal Government and generates the  
12 money necessary to pay for all operation and maintenance costs; and  
13       WHEREAS, In spite of regular inspections, a break that was  
14 likely caused by burrowing rodents occurred in January 2008 in the  
15 Truckee Canal, a major distribution canal in the system, and the  
16 flooding that resulted from that break caused considerable damage



1 to 580 homes in a housing development downstream which was  
2 declared a federal and state disaster area; and

3 WHEREAS, The Truckee Canal must be repaired to prevent  
4 future flooding and to restore the full flow of water because the  
5 court-ordered drastically reduced flow, which is well below  
6 capacity, is creating an artificial drought which places in jeopardy  
7 the welfare and livelihood of farmers, homeowners, Native  
8 American tribes, state and federal governmental entities, municipal  
9 and industrial interests, the military facility and wildlife within the  
10 boundaries of the Newlands Project; and

11 WHEREAS, A planned governmental or environmental study that  
12 would delay repairs for 3 to 5 years is not a viable option because  
13 the farmers cannot farm with years of reduced water delivery, nor  
14 can the cities of Fallon and Fernley and the surrounding areas  
15 continue to function efficiently without relief; and

16 WHEREAS, Because the Newlands Project is a federal  
17 reclamation project, the repair of the Canal should be the obligation  
18 of the Federal Government; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
20 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada  
21 Legislature hereby urge Congress to provide financial assistance for  
22 the repair of the Truckee Canal; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and  
24 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United  
25 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding  
26 officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
27 Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional  
28 Delegation.

