



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

April 26, 2006

H.R. 4013

A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 29, 2006

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4013 would not affect direct spending or revenues, but would increase spending subject to appropriation from amounts previously authorized. This bill would add the county of Juab, Utah, to a list of counties that are eligible to receive federal funding for a type of water distribution system that stores water runoff from the surface in groundwater aquifers. Such systems are known as conjunctive use projects. The Central Utah Project Completion Act authorized the appropriation of \$10 million for these conjunctive use projects. To date, the Congress has appropriated \$2.5 million for a project in Salt Lake County.

Based on information from the East Juab Water Conservancy District, CBO estimates that the federal share of a conjunctive use project in that county would be \$5 million.

H.R. 4013 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would benefit Juab County by authorizing the county to use surface and ground water as part of the Utah Division of Water Resources Project.

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