

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-4403

**Project Name:** Jensen Unit Pumping Plant – Phase I

**Recipient:** Bureau of Reclamation

**Address:** 78 W 3325 N, Vernal, UT 84078

**Amount Requested:** \$4,000,000

**Project Explanation:** The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as the last significant undeveloped source of municipal and industrial water supply in the Ashley Valley and Jensen areas of Uintah County, the Jensen Unit Pumping Plant is critically important for sustained residential growth and economic development. With the projection of significant residential growth in the Ashley Valley related to energy and industrial development in northeastern Utah, it is critical that municipal water be developed for the Ashley Valley.

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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

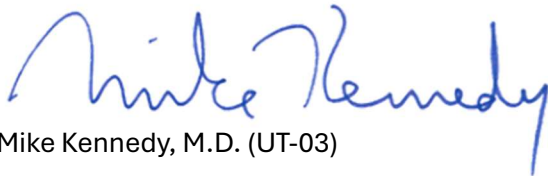
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Jensen Unit Pumping Plant – Phase I in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bureau of Reclamation located at 78 W 3325 N, Vernal, UT 84078. The funding would be used for the construction of the Jensen Unit Pumping Plant. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as the last significant undeveloped source of municipal and industrial water supply in the Ashley Valley and Jensen areas of Uintah County, the Jensen Unit Pumping Plant is critically important for sustained residential growth and economic development. With the projection of significant residential growth in the Ashley Valley related to energy and industrial development in northeastern Utah, it is critical that municipal water be developed for the Ashley Valley. Construction of the Jensen Unit Pumping Plant will allow the Jensen area to return high quality municipal water to the Ashley Valley.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956 (Chapter 203 – PUB. 485).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Kennedy, M.D. (UT-03)

Member of Congress