

2026 South Dakota Legislature  
**Senate Concurrent Resolution 606**

**AMENDMENT SCR606A  
FOR THE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** encouraging the ~~South Dakota Conservancy District~~  
2 ~~to obtain and hold a future use permit of review and approval of water rights~~  
3 ~~applications and future use reservations from the Missouri River water for the~~  
4 ~~long-term needs of this state.~~

5 WHEREAS, under SDCL 46-1-1 to 46-1-4, inclusive, the people of South Dakota have a  
6 paramount interest in the use of all water within this state, which is declared to be the  
7 property of the people, and the state shall ensure that water resources are developed for the  
8 greatest public benefit, put to beneficial use to the fullest extent possible, and not wasted or  
9 used unreasonably; and

10 WHEREAS, the demand for water is increasing in many parts of the western United States;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Missouri River ~~remains is the state's most crucial single substantial surface~~  
13 water source of water in this state; and

14 WHEREAS, SDCL 46-5-38 authorizes ~~several certain~~ entities to reserve water for  
15 contemplated future needs upon a showing of availability of unappropriated water and future  
16 need pursuant to ~~the~~ procedures set forth in chapter 46-2A; and

17 ~~—WHEREAS, no entity has yet filed a future use permit that looks to the long-term needs~~  
18 ~~of people of this state; and~~

19 WHEREAS, the ~~South Dakota Conservancy District Water Management Board~~ is a  
20 statewide ~~organization board~~, created by the Legislature for the purpose of ~~planning,~~  
21 ~~developing, and equitably~~ managing the ~~use and conservation of~~ water resources ~~in of~~ this  
22 state;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the One Hundred First Legislature  
24 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that it is of

1 the utmost importance that the ~~South Dakota Conservancy District file an application to~~  
2 ~~reserve and hold not less than five hundred thousand acre feet of water per year from the~~  
3 ~~Missouri River Water Management Board prioritize the review and approval of water rights~~  
4 ~~applications and future use reservations from the Missouri River submitted by South Dakota's~~  
5 ~~public water systems to address the future needs of the people of this state;~~ and  
6 ~~— BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Conservancy District is strongly urged~~  
7 ~~to report to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council, no later than November~~  
8 ~~30, 2026, on the status of the future use permit referenced herein.~~