



Central Utah Project Completion Act

Mission

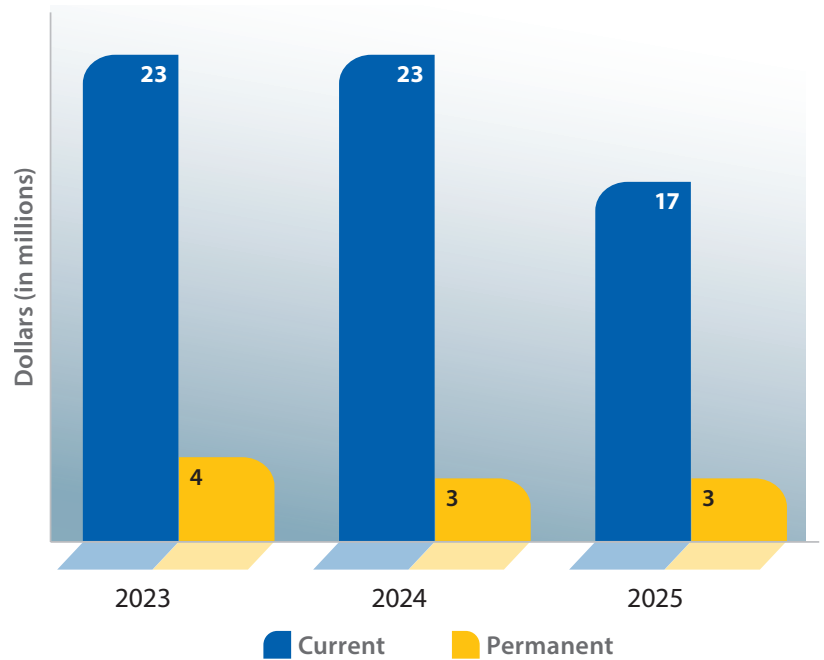
The purpose of this program is to carry out the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA) in a cost-effective, environmentally sound, and timely manner.

Budget Overview

The 2025 budget for CUPCA activities is \$17.0 million. The budget supports continuing construction of the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System, the final component of the Central Utah Project, and provides support for associated fish and wildlife conservation measures.

As authorized, the completion of the Utah Lake System pipelines will deliver 60,000 acre-feet of municipal

CUPCA Funding



Aerial view of the Provo River Delta Restoration Project after reconnecting Provo River to the Delta.

CUPCA Photo.

and industrial water to Salt Lake and Utah Counties. The completed project will provide increased water security, helping communities adapt to changing climate conditions.

The request provides funding for the construction of the Spanish Fork–Santaquin Pipeline component of the Utah Lake System; the recovery of threatened and endangered species; the implementation of mitigation efforts for impacts to fish, wildlife, and recreation; and the implementation of water conservation projects. Funding also supports

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT Facts



- CUPCA was enacted in 1992.
- CUPCA distributes responsibility for the completion of the Central Utah Project (CUP) among its stakeholders.
- Construction of the remainder of the CUP is the responsibility of the local Central Utah Water Conservancy District.
- Mitigating the environmental effects of the CUP is the responsibility of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.
- The Department of the Interior is responsible for oversight of the project.
- The program provides 54,000 acre-feet of water for irrigation of more than 30,000 acres and 137,000 acre-feet for municipal and industrial purposes, meeting the needs of more than 500,000 people.

activities of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, which includes the completion of the Provo River Delta Restoration Project for the recovery of the June sucker fish, a critical element of listed species recovery efforts. At current funding levels, the Spanish Fork–Santaquin Pipeline, which is under construction, is estimated

to be completed in 2026. The Santaquin–Mona Pipeline, the next and last pipeline, is estimated to be completed by 2030. The Department’s commitments in water conservation, water recycling, and groundwater recharge will continue after the Utah Lake System pipelines are complete.



Plantings for the Provo River Delta Restoration Project.

CUPCA Photo.

The 2025 budget includes \$5.2 million for the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to administer planning and project construction activities; \$1.5 million for water conservation; \$4.4 million for fish and wildlife conservation activities funded through the CUPCA program office; and \$1.9 million for program administration. In addition, the budget includes \$4.0 million for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

Mitigation Commission account funding in 2025 will support the Administration's America the Beautiful initiative through construction of the Provo River Delta Restoration Project. The project diverts the majority of the lower Provo River's flow into nearly 300 acres of braided waterways and wetlands flowing into Utah Lake. The project will provide enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, climate resilience and recovery for Endangered Species Act listed species (such as the June sucker), and recreational access to conservation lands for nearby urban populations.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Contributing to Water Delivery, Improved Ecosystems, and Recreation Opportunities

The BIL provided \$50.0 million to CUPCA for continued implementation of programs and activities.

In 2023, the Central Utah Project reached a major milestone in the Provo River Delta Restoration project. Supported by a \$10 million investment from the BIL, the Provo River has now been diverted into channels and ponds that connect the river with a restored delta and with Utah Lake. The reconnection of the Provo River to the delta will help to safeguard the threatened June sucker, expand recreational opportunities for community residents, and accelerate efforts underway to expand access to clean, reliable water throughout the region. The June sucker was downlisted from endangered to threatened under the Endangered Species Act, largely due to ongoing efforts—such as the Provo

River Delta project—by various partnering agencies to help the species recover.

The Provo River Delta Restoration project will also provide an improved ecosystem and additional recreational opportunities. The last piece of the project, the Delta Gateway Park, will include trails, trailhead parking areas, restrooms, nonmotorized boat launches, fishing platforms, interpretive features, and a wildlife viewing tower. It is expected to open for public use in 2024.

The BIL also provided \$40 million to expedite the completion of the Utah Lake System pipeline and delivery of municipal and industrial water to Salt Lake and Utah Counties. The Spanish Fork–Santaquin section of the pipeline is scheduled to be completed in 2026.



Stream bank construction on the Provo River Delta.

CUPCA Photo.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2025 Request with 2024 CR

	2024 CR		2025 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Central Utah Project Completion Account	0	18,000	0	13,000	0	-5,000
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account	12	5,000	12	4,000	0	-1,000
Subtotal, Current	12	23,000	12	17,000	0	-6,000
Permanent						
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account	0	2,624	0	3,305	0	+681
Subtotal, Permanent	0	2,624	0	3,305	0	+681
TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT	12	25,624	12	20,305	0	-5,319

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Central Utah Project Completion Account

	2023 Actual	2024 CR	2025 Request	Change
Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System ..	12,391	12,391	5,162	-7,229
Water Conservation Measures	100	100	1,500	+1,400
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Projects	3,909	3,909	4,438	+529
Program Administration	1,600	1,600	1,900	+300
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	18,000	18,000	13,000	-5,000

APPROPRIATION: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account

	2023 Actual	2024 CR	2025 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	5,000	5,000	4,000	-1,000