



# CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT

## Mission

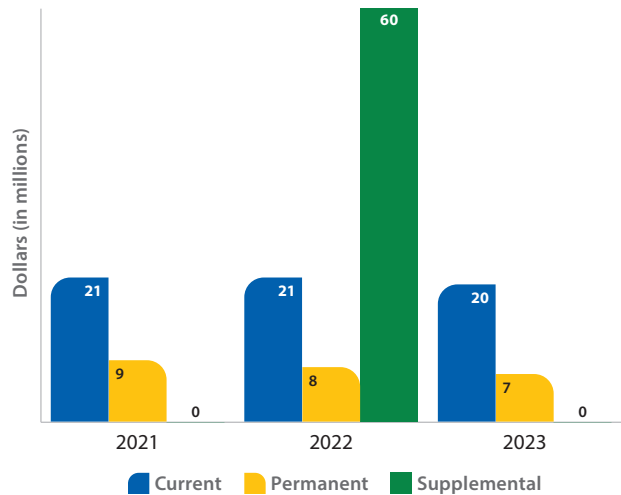
The purpose of this program is to carry out the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA) in a cost-effective, environmentally sound, and timely manner.

## Budget Overview

The 2023 budget for CUPCA activities is \$20.0 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 and industrial water to Salt Lake and Utah Counties. The completed project will provide increased water security, helping communities adapt to changing climate conditions.

## CUPCA Funding



The request provides funding for the construction of the Spanish Fork–Santaquin Pipeline component of the Utah Lake System; supports the

## CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT Facts



- The Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA) was enacted in 1992.
- CUPCA distributes responsibility for the completion of the Central Utah Project (CUP) among its stakeholders.
- CUPCA makes the construction of the remainder of the CUP the responsibility of the local Central Utah Water Conservancy District.
- CUPCA assigns responsibility for mitigating the environmental effects of the CUP to the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.
- CUPCA holds the Department of the Interior responsible for oversight of the project.
- The program provides 57,000 acre-feet of water for irrigation of more than 30,000 acres and 134,000 acre-feet for municipal and industrial purposes, meeting the needs of more than 500,000 people.



Habitat restoration work in the Provo River delta.

CUPCA Photo.

recovery of threatened and endangered species; and implements water recycling, fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and water conservation projects. Funding also supports activities of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, which includes the implementation 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, currently under construction, is estimated to be completed in 2025. The Santaquin-Mona Pipeline, the next and last pipeline, is estimated to be completed by 2027. The Department’s commitments in water conservation, water recycling, and groundwater recharge will continue after the Utah Lake System pipelines are complete.

The 2023 budget includes \$9.4 million for the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to administer planning and project construction

activities; \$100,000 for water recycling; \$3.9 million for fish and wildlife conservation activities funded through the CUPCA program office; and \$1.6 million for program administration. In addition, the budget includes \$5.0 million for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

Mitigation Commission account funding in 2023 will support the Administration’s America the Beautiful initiative through construction of the Provo River Delta Restoration Project. The project will divert 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 (June sucker), and recreational access to conservation lands for nearby urban populations.

## SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS <sup>1/</sup>

(dollar amounts in thousands)

### *Comparison of 2023 Request with 2022 CR*

	2022 CR		2023 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>Current</b>						
Central Utah Project Completion Account .....	0	59,200	0	15,000	0	-44,200
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account .....	10	21,800	10	5,000	0	-16,800
Subtotal, Current .....	10	81,000	10	20,000	0	-61,000
<b>Permanent</b>						
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account .....	0	7,589	0	7,492	0	-97
Subtotal, Permanent .....	0	7,589	0	7,492	0	-97
<b>TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT .....</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>88,589</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27,492</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-61,097</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Current funding amounts include supplemental appropriations and transfers. For further details see Highlights of Budget Changes tables for each account.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

### **APPROPRIATION: Central Utah Project Completion Account**

	2021 Actual	2022 CR	2023 Request	Change
Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System ..	14,470	14,470	9,390	-5,080
Water Conservation Measures .....	0	0	100	+100
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Projects .....	3,230	3,230	3,910	+680
Program Administration .....	1,500	1,500	1,600	+100
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o supplementals and transfers) .....</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>-1,000</b>
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (P.L. 117-58) .....	0	+50,000	0	-50,000
Disaster Relief Act (P.L. 117-43) .....	0	+10,000	0	-10,000
Internal Mandated Transfer .....	-1,800	-1,800	-5,000	-3,200
Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-58) .....	0	-10,000	0	+10,000
Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-43) .....	0	-10,000	0	+10,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ supplementals and transfers) .....</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>59,200</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-44,200</b>

**APPROPRIATION: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account**

	2021 Actual	2022 CR	2023 Request	Change
Internal Mandated Transfers				
Central Utah Project Completion Account .....	+1,800	+1,800	+5,000	+3,200
Central Utah Project Completion Account (P.L. 117-58) .....	0	+10,000	0	-10,000
Central Utah Project Completion Account (P.L. 117-43) .....	0	+10,000	0	-10,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	1,800	21,800	5,000	-16,800