



# Central Utah Project Completion Act

## Mission

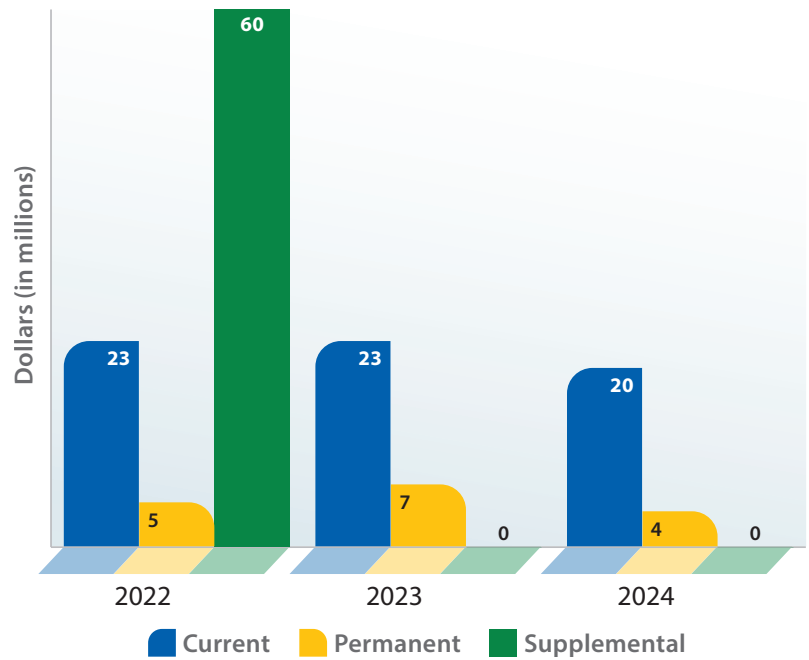
The purpose of this program is to carry out the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA) in a cost-effective, environmentally sound, and timely manner.

## Budget Overview

The 2024 budget for CUPCA activities is \$19.6 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, for the recovery of threatened and endangered species, and for the implementation of 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, which is under construction, is estimated to be completed in 2025. The Santaquin–Mona Pipeline, the



Students plant willows as part of the BIL-funded Provo River Delta Restoration Project.

CUPCA Photo.

## 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.
- The Act makes 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.
- The Department of the Interior is 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.

next and last pipeline, is estimated to be completed by 2028. The Department's commitments in water conservation, water recycling, and groundwater recharge will continue after the Utah Lake System pipelines are complete.

The 2024 budget includes \$7.0 million for the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to administer planning and project construction activities; \$2.0 million for water conservation; \$4.1 million for fish and wildlife conservation activities funded through the CUPCA program office; and \$1.8 million for program administration. In addition, the budget includes \$4.7 million for mitigation and conservation activities funded

through the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

Mitigation Commission account funding in 2024 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.

### Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides \$50.0 million to the Central Utah Project Completion Act for continued implementation of programs and activities. All BIL funds have been fully obligated, and work is rapidly progressing.

BIL funds are being used for continued construction of a Utah Lake System pipeline by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District and the Department of the Interior. BIL funds have accelerated the construction of more than 3 miles of 60-inch steel mortar-coated, mortar-encased pipeline. This work will provide system resiliency and alleviate drought effects of the severe multiyear, ongoing drought being experienced in the area. Once complete, the pipeline will convey 30,000 acre-feet of water to communities in south Utah County for municipal,

industrial, agricultural, and fish and wildlife purposes.

BIL funds are being used for continued construction of the Provo River Delta Restoration Project by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission and the Department of the Interior. The project is key to recovery of the threatened June sucker by providing critical habitat. Completed work includes development of water channels, braided waterways, ponds, and berms and the establishment of wetland plants. As of March 2023, water has been introduced into the delta area—a significant milestone. The delta will provide recreational opportunities, including fishing; bird watching; trails for walking, biking, and horseback riding; and nonmotorized boating.

## SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

### Comparison of 2024 Request with 2023 Enacted

	2023 Enacted		2024 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>Current</b>						
Central Utah Project Completion Account .....	0	18,000	0	14,906	0	-3,094
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account .....	12	5,000	12	4,650	0	-350
Subtotal, Current .....	12	23,000	12	19,556	0	-3,444
<b>Permanent</b>						
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account .....	0	7,368	0	3,726	0	-3,642
Subtotal, Permanent .....	0	7,368	0	3,726	0	-3,642
<b>TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT .....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30,368</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23,282</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-7,086</b>

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

### APPROPRIATION: Central Utah Project Completion Account

	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	Change
Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System ..	12,806	12,391	7,046	-5,345
Water Conservation Measures .....	0	100	2,000	+1,900
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Projects .....	8,644	8,909	8,760	-149
Program Administration .....	1,550	1,600	1,750	+150
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o supplementals and transfers) .....</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>19,556</b>	<b>-3,444</b>
Disaster Relief Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-43) .....	+10,000	0	0	0
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (P.L. 117-58) .....	+50,000	0	0	0
Internal Mandated Transfer .....	-5,000	-5,000	-4,650	+350
Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-43) .....	-10,000	0	0	0
Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-58) .....	-10,000	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ supplementals and transfers) .....</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>14,906</b>	<b>-3,094</b>

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

	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	Change
Internal Mandated Transfers				
Central Utah Project Completion Account .....	+5,000	+5,000	+4,650	-350
Central Utah Project Completion Account (P.L. 117-43) .....	+10,000	0	0	0
Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-58) .....	+10,000	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	25,000	5,000	4,650	-350