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**CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT  
COMPLETION ACT**

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**Central Utah Project Completion Act  
FY 2024 Budget Justification**





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**Central Utah Project  
FY 2024 Budget Summary**  
(thousands of dollars)

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>FY 2022 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2023 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2024 Request</b>
<b>Current</b>			
Central Utah Project Completion Account	58,000	18,000	14,906
<i>Central Utah Project Completion Account</i>	<i>23,000</i>	<i>23,000</i>	<i>19,556</i>
<i>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (P.L. 117-58)</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Disaster Relief Act (P.L. 117-43)</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 113-235)</i>	<i>(5,000)</i>	<i>(5,000)</i>	<i>(4,650)</i>
<i>Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-58)</i>	<i>(10,000)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-43)</i>	<i>(10,000)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account	25,000	5,000	4,650
<i>Internal Mandated Transfer</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>4,650</i>
<i>Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-58)</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Internal Mandated Transfer (P.L. 117-43)</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Permanent</b>			
Title IV - Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account*	5,470	7,368	3,726
<b>Total Current and Permanent</b>	<b>88,470</b>	<b>30,368</b>	<b>23,282</b>

\*In FY 2014, the Mitigation Commission was allowed to access interest from their Investment Account for mitigation activities. The account was established by Title IV of Central Utah Project Completion Act (P.L. 102-575), which authorized the creation of a trust account (Account) in the U. S. Treasury, to provide an ongoing source of funds for the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission) for 1) mitigation and conservation projects that were authorized in Titles II and III of the Act, and 2) mitigation and conservation projects that were unknown at the date of enactment but would become necessary as CUP water development features authorized in Title II of the Act were designed and/or constructed over time.

**CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT OFFICE  
FY 2024 Overview**

The Central Utah Project (CUP) was originally authorized in 1956 as a participating project of the Colorado River Storage Project. The CUP was planned by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and construction began on the project in 1966. For planning purposes, the CUP was originally divided into six units. The Bonneville Unit was the largest and last of the CUP units to be established. Reclamation continued the planning and construction of the CUP until October 30, 1992, when the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA), Public Law 102-575, Titles II-VI, was enacted which amended the Colorado River Storage Project Act (CRSPA).

CUPCA provides for the orderly completion of the CUP by increasing the appropriations ceiling and authorizing features and measures for the delivery of water for municipal, industrial, and irrigation purposes; water conservation; wildlife mitigation; and in-stream flows. CUPCA also provides for cost-sharing of project costs, establishes a water conservation program, allows local entities to construct project features, and requires compliance with environmental laws. CUPCA established a partnership arrangement among the Department of the Interior (Interior), the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission), and the Ute Indian Tribe. The CUWCD was given the responsibility for completing the water conveyance facilities and the Mitigation Commission was tasked with completing the environmental mitigation. To implement CUPCA, Interior established a small office in Provo, Utah (CUPCA Office) under the direction of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science to oversee the completion of the project and the activities of the CUWCD and the Mitigation Commission; and the Ute Indian Rights Settlement.

The CUPCA program supports the Secretary's and Administration's goals through continued investments to create jobs, support renewable energy, conserve lands and waters, and continue implementation of the Ute Tribe Settlement, with a focus on equity and environmental justice. The following areas are important examples of how the CUPCA program continues to support Interior's mission and goals.

Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs: The Utah Lake System is being implemented to provide municipal and industrial water to communities. This budget provides for the continued construction of the Spanish Fork – Santaquin Pipeline, part of the Utah Lake System. This pipeline is a 60-inch cement mortar coated/cement mortar encased steel pipeline being constructed in south Utah County. Funding will provide for continued oversight and construction of the Utah Lake System pipelines to deliver water to over 240,000 people for municipal and industrial use. Utah has experienced several years of water shortages. Construction of the Spanish Fork – Santaquin Pipeline of the Utah Lake System will provide water to the ten rural communities of south Utah County. This water will be delivered to the growing population in the Wasatch Front, one of the fastest growing areas in the Nation. Work on the Utah Lake System creates employment for family-supporting and union jobs.

Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters: The CUPCA program includes two existing power plants: Jordanelle Hydroelectric and Olmsted Hydroelectric which have a combined capacity of 24 MW of generation to serve communities of Utah. Additional hydroelectric power facilities will be constructed at the Diamond Fork area with a capacity of 50 MW of generation, once the Utah Lake System is complete and delivering the full water supply. These hydroelectric power facilities utilize project water for power generation.



Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030: The Utah Lake System restores water to streams such as Hobble Creek, which had not previously seen water in the late summer for over seventy years. In the Provo River, water is provided not only during the June sucker spawning period in the spring but also in the late summer which, without this additional water, would be dry from late July through September. The CUPCA program is implementing projects that restore the environment and promote outdoor recreation experiences. The Provo River Delta Restoration Project (PRDRP) will provide habitat for the threatened June sucker as well as new opportunities for bird watching, canoeing, and fishing. The completed Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Restoration Project (LDRWRP) provides Tribal sovereignty, self-governance, and recreational opportunities for the Ute Tribe. This work restores and protects biodiversity, recovery of endangered and threatened species and helps in conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030.

Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations: CUPCA authorized the Ute Indian Rights Settlement. The funding for the settlement has been fully appropriated, and annual CUPCA funding allows for Interior to implement the settlement. Funding will also support the operation of the LDRWP and Ute Tribe Big Springs Fish Hatchery which allows the Tribe to maintain its own fishery program, promoting sovereignty and self-governance.

Centering equity and environmental justice: Funding for the Utah Lake System will continue construction for water conveyance to rural communities in south Utah County. The Ute Tribe Settlement and annual operation and maintenance funding continues to provide for the Ute Tribe's farming and fish and wildlife projects in recognition of Interior's trust responsibilities.

### **Good Accounting Obligation in Government Act Report**

The Good Accounting Obligation in Government Act (GAO-IG Act, P.L. 115-414) enacted January 3, 2019, requires that Agencies report the status of each open audit recommendation issued more than one year prior to the submission of the Agency's annual budget justification to Congress. The Act requires Agencies to include the current target completion date, implementation status, and any discrepancies on closure determinations.

The Department of the Interior leadership takes audit follow-up very seriously and considers our external auditors, to include the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Office of the Inspector General, valued partners in not only improving the Department's management and compliance obligations but also enhancing its programmatic and administrative operations. As stewards of taxpayer resources, the Department applies cost-benefit analysis and enterprise risk management principles in recommendation implementation decisions. The Department's GAO-IG Act Report is available at the following link: <https://www.doi.gov/cj>

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Detailed performance information for 2022, 2023, and 2024 is included in this justification.

**Land Certification:** All land certifications for the authorized projects are complete.

**Project Cost Allocation:** Project cost allocations ratios have been calculated and are documented in the 2004 Final Supplement to the 1988 Definite Plan Report for the Bonneville Unit.

**Benefit-Cost Ratios:** The project has a benefit cost ratio of 1.27 using a 50-year period of analysis and the project planning interest rate of 3.125% and ratio of 0.71 using the 2004 rate of 5.625% from the Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies.

**Status of Repayment Contract:** Repayment of the reimbursable costs is required in existing contracts with the CUWCD. Amendments or supplemental contracts will be negotiated as necessary. The water users are under contract to repay the remaining portion of the CUP based on the amount of water delivered. A block notice making 1,000 acre-feet available for delivery to South Utah County was issued February 2022.

**Other Information:** Utah Lake System – Overall planning and NEPA documents were completed in 2004. Activities now include updated NEPA documents, designs, specifications, land acquisition, and construction of facilities to deliver project water, conserved water, and meet environmental needs along the populated Wasatch Front. Construction began in 2007.

**Appropriation Ceiling:** Appropriation ceilings remaining as of October 2022 are:

• Title II (Sec. 202 to 207)	\$213,704,733
• Title II (Sec. 201(a)(1)), Sec. 8 of CRSP	10,855,400
• Title II (Sec. 201(a)(1)), Sec. 5 of CRSP	0
• Title II (Sec. 201 (c))	0
• Title III	\$68,449,400
• P.L. 84-485, P.L. 92-370, P.L. 100-563	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$293,009,533</b>

### Central Utah Project Completion Act Account

**LOCATION:** The project is located in Utah's Bonneville and Uinta Basins, in Uintah, Duchesne, Wasatch, Summit, Utah, Salt Lake, and Juab Counties.

**DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The 2024 Request provides funding to continue the partnership with Central Utah Water Conservancy District in the ongoing construction of the Utah Lake System facilities. Interior's required program oversight activities and endangered species recovery program implementation will continue.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Titles II - VI of P.L. 102-575, October 30, 1992; P.L. 84-485, April 11, 1956; P.L. 90-537, September 30, 1968; P.L. 92-370, August 10, 1972; P.L. 94-423, September 28, 1976; P.L. 96-470, October 19, 1980; P.L. 100-563, October 31, 1988; P.L. 104-286, October 11, 1996; P.L. 106-140, December 7, 1999; P.L. 107-366, December 19, 2002; Section 214 of P.L. 108-137, December 1, 2003; Section 507 of P.L. 110-229, May 8, 2008; Section 201(d) of P.L. 111-5, February 17, 2009; and P.L. 113-20, July 18, 2013.

**PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT:** This project is aligned with the Department of the Interior's goals and priorities.

**Completion Data:** As of September 2022, work authorized by CUPCA is 82 percent complete. The major projects presently under construction are:

The Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System, Spanish Fork Canyon – Santaquin Pipeline; and Provo River Delta Restoration Project.

### Fiscal Year 2024 Planned Program Performance

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#### Central Utah Project Completion Account

The 2024 Budget provides \$19.6 million. Of this amount, \$14.9 million will be expended from this account and \$4.7 million will be transferred to the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Mitigation Commission.

*Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System* – The 2024 Budget requests \$7.0 million. The Utah Lake System construction began in the summer of 2007 and includes 55 miles of large diameter (60-inch to 96-inch) welded steel, cement mortar lined and cement mortar coated pipelines and hydroelectric facilities. The pipelines consist of Spanish Fork Canyon Pipeline; Mapleton – Springville Pipeline; Spanish Fork Canyon – Provo Reservoir Pipeline; Spanish Fork Canyon – Santaquin Pipeline; and the Santaquin – Mona Pipeline. Of these pipelines, the Spanish Fork Canyon Pipeline, Mapleton – Springville Pipeline, and Spanish Fork Canyon – Provo Reservoir Pipeline are complete. The Spanish Fork Canyon – Santaquin Pipeline is under construction and the Santaquin – Mona Pipeline remains to be constructed.

The primary purpose of the Utah Lake System is to deliver 60,000 acre-feet of municipal and industrial water to over 240,000 people in Salt Lake and Utah Counties to meet contractual commitments with local water users. The Spanish Fork Canyon – Provo Reservoir Pipeline provides 22,000 acre-feet of water to Salt Lake County. The Spanish Fork Canyon – Santaquin Pipeline will provide 30,000 acre-feet to the

rural communities of south Utah County. In addition to municipal and industrial use, the Utah Lake System will deliver an annual average of 16,000 acre-feet and 8,500 acre-feet of water for fish and wildlife purposes to the Provo River and Hobble Creek respectively, during the months of July through September. This water was acquired as conserved water under Section 207 of CUPCA. The Utah Lake System provides hydroelectric power generation, a clean renewable energy. Completion of the pipelines will initiate repayment to the United States for that portion of the construction and allow for future hydroelectric power to be developed.

*Water Conservation* – The 2024 Budget requests \$2.0 million. Part of the Utah Lake System includes a commitment to recycle 18,000 acre-feet of CUP water that is delivered and used in Salt Lake County for municipal and industrial uses. Recycled water will extend the water supply for secondary water systems. Funding would be used for planning, environmental compliance, and implementation of water conservation projects. Projects would be implemented under the Section 207 Water Management Improvement Program.

*Fish and Wildlife* – The 2024 Budget requests \$4.1 million. An integral part of CUP development is endangered species recovery and fish and wildlife activities. The Fish and Wildlife budget includes the cost of providing water for instream flows for fisheries and Endangered Species Act requirements. These flows are provided by CUWCD under contract. Costs are paid annually to CUWCD as part of Interior’s non-reimbursable operation and maintenance obligations per reclamation law and agreements. The 2024 budget increase is due to CUWCD operation and maintenance annual rate increases. The mitigation of detrimental impacts on endangered species is a condition of the operation of the entire CUP. Under the Endangered Species Act, and in accordance with CUPCA Titles II and III and Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinions, Interior has committed to the recovery of the June sucker that exists only in Utah Lake. These commitments are documented in the 1999 Diamond Fork System Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and 2004 Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System EIS Records of Decision. These commitments include participation in the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program (JSRIP) and funding for hatchery operation and maintenance, water delivery, and recovery monitoring. Water acquired for the spawning and rearing of the June sucker is being achieved primarily through the implementation of water conservation measures under the Water Management Improvement Program where saved water is provided for in-stream flows. Due to the efforts of Interior and partner entities, the June sucker was moved from endangered to threatened status in February 2021.

*Secretarial Responsibilities* – The 2024 Budget includes \$1.8 million for use by Interior to carry out the responsibilities of the Secretary and for other activities required by CUPCA. Secretarial responsibilities include program oversight, the Ute Tribal Settlement, fish and wildlife development, and endangered species recovery. The CUPCA Office provides for construction and existing facilities inspection and contract formalization and oversight to ensure the interest of the United States is fulfilled and provides for the review and preparation of planning and environmental documents. The CUPCA Office continues to work with the Ute Tribe to implement authorized projects and to finalize the settlement compact as mandated by Title V of CUPCA.

Central Utah Project Completion Act Account

**SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA**  
(thousands of dollars)

**Program Financial Data**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>FY 2022 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2023 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2024 Request</b>
Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System	12,806	12,391	7,046
Water Conservation	0	100	2,000
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Projects	3,644	3,909	4,110
Program Administration	1,550	1,600	1,750
Supplemental Funding*	40,000	0	0
<b>Total, Central Utah Project Completion Account</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>14,906</b>

\*Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (P.L. 117-58) and Disaster Relief Act (P.L. 117-43)

**WORK PROPOSED FOR FY 2024:**

**Central Utah Project Completion Account**

**Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System**

Activities include continued construction of the Spanish Fork Canyon – Santaquin Pipeline. Once the entire Utah Lake System is complete, it will provide a water supply for over 240,000 people in Salt Lake and Utah counties. Water will be delivered to streams for recreation, fisheries, habitat, wetlands, and endangered species and will also be used for hydroelectric power generation. Block notices making water available for delivery to south Utah County are being issued as reaches of the pipeline are completed and put into service. These block notices will initiate payment of a portion of the CUWCD repayment obligation. **\$7,046,000**

**Water Conservation**

Activities include planning, environmental compliance, and implementation of water conservation projects. A commitment was made under the Utah Lake System to recycle 18,000 acre-feet of water being delivered and used in Salt Lake County. Recycled water would be treated and blended with other water sources as a supply for secondary water systems. **\$2,000,000**

**Fish & Wildlife Conservation Projects**

Funds will provide for the cost of operating and maintaining hatchery facilities under Section 313(c) of CUPCA and to pay for delivering water acquired for in stream flows. In addition, funds will be used to provide for the JSRIP and mitigation and conservation projects as required by Section 314(c) of CUPCA. The increase is due to an operation and maintenance rate increase charged by the CUWCD and for delivery of additional water for the threatened June sucker. **\$4,110,000**

**Program Administration**

Funds will be used to provide oversight of the CUWCD, Mitigation Commission, and Ute Tribe settlement, and to otherwise carry out the responsibilities of CUPCA. The CUPCA Office provides for construction and existing facilities inspection, and contract formalization and oversight to ensure the interest of the United States is being met and provide for the review and preparation of planning and environmental documents. **\$1,750,000**

**Total, Central Utah Project Completion Account** **\$14,906,000**

## Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission Account

**LOCATION:** The project is located in Utah's Bonneville and Uinta Basins, in Uintah, Duchesne, Wasatch, Summit, Utah, Salt Lake, and Juab Counties.

**DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** CUPCA provides for completion of the CUP by increasing the appropriation ceilings and authorizing features and measures for the delivery of water for municipal, industrial, and irrigation purposes; water conservation; wildlife mitigation and monitoring; and in-stream flows. Under CUPCA, the CUWCD was given the responsibility for completing the water conveyance and water conservation facilities, and the Mitigation Commission was tasked with completing the mitigation and conservation activities.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Titles II - VI of P.L. 102-575, October 30, 1992; P.L. 84-485, April 11, 1956; P.L. 90-537, September 30, 1968; P.L. 92-370, August 10, 1972; P.L. 94-423, September 28, 1976; P.L. 96-470, October 19, 1980; P.L. 100-563, October 31, 1988; P.L. 104-286, October 11, 1996; P.L. 106-140, December 7, 1999; P.L. 107-366, December 19, 2002; Section 214 of P.L. 108-137, December 1, 2003; Section 507 of P.L. 110-229, May 8, 2008; Section 201(d) of P.L. 111-5, February 17, 2009; and P.L. 113-20, July 18, 2013.

**PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT:** This project is aligned with the Department of the Interior's goals and priorities.

### Fiscal Year 2024 Planned Program Performance

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#### Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account

The 2024 Budget includes \$4.7 million to be transferred to the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Mitigation Commission. These funds will be used to implement the mitigation and conservation projects for fish, wildlife, and recreation needed to complete mitigation measures committed to in pre-1992 Reclamation planning documents, and those authorized in Title III which include:

*Provo River/Utah Lake Fish and Wildlife* – The 2024 Budget continues work essential in recovery of the threatened June sucker. The PRDRP is a \$50 million project scheduled for completion in 2024 and opening to public use. Construction on the PRDRP began in 2020. The Mitigation Commission will implement several other projects to help recover the June sucker through participation in the JSRIP including payment of O&M costs for delivery of instream flows to Hobbie Creek and Provo River and acquisition of additional water rights for Provo River instream flows. The Utah Lake Wetlands Preserve is a highly successful conservation effort authorized by CUPCA, and requires funds for continued development and growth, particularly to increase hunter and angler access and experiences.

*Diamond Fork Fish and Wildlife* – Activities include the restoration of stream and riparian areas in Diamond Fork Canyon following completion of the Diamond Fork System in consultation with Interior, CUWCD, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and stakeholders including anglers and angler groups. Ongoing monitoring of water quality, and geophysical

*Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission*

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and biological responses within the drainage, and enhancement of stream and riparian habitat will enhance angler use and ecosystem function following modification of instream flow levels.

*Duchesne/Strawberry Rivers Fish and Wildlife* – Activities in 2024 include construction of the Duchesne River Area Canal Rehabilitation (DRACR) Wetlands Mitigation Project to mitigate for CUP impacts of the Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System (SACS). The Mitigation Commission will continue to participate in sage grouse population monitoring efforts in the Uintah Basin as partial mitigation for loss of leks due to SACS.

*CRSP/Statewide Fish, Wildlife and Recreation* – Statewide activities include conservation of native fish species, especially cutthroat trout, least chub and leatherside chub, which are priority projects that span several CUPCA affected watersheds.

*Operations, Management, Maintenance and Rehabilitation* – Funding provides for continued operations of the Mitigation Commission and partner agencies; management, maintenance and replacement of items associated with wildlife mitigation/management areas; wetlands preserves; river restoration corridors; monitoring and mitigation of potential bird aircraft collisions associated with the PRDRP; stream gauging; water quality monitoring to ensure commitments are met; and contract costs for services and utilities.

**SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA**  
(thousands of dollars)

**Program Financial Data**

Activity	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Request
Section 201(a)(1) Mitigation Measures	4,000	4,000	1,000
Title III – Fish and Wildlife, Recreation, Mitigation, and Conservation	1,000	1,000	3,650
Supplemental Funding*	20,000	0	
Total CUPCA Allotment	25,000	5,000	4,650

\*Internal mandated transfer included in P.L. 117-58 and P.L. 117-43

**WORK PROPOSED FOR FY 2024:**

**Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission**

**Section 201(a)(1) Mitigation Measures**

Mitigation measures include development of wetlands along the lower Duchesne River as part of a mitigation commitment for wetlands impacts from the Duchesne River Area Canal Rehabilitation project (DRACR); recovery actions for the threatened June sucker including the development of the PRDRP.

**\$1,000,000**

**Title III – Fish and Wildlife, Recreation, Mitigation, and Conservation**

Title III authorizations supplement or complement the funding available through Title II of CUPCA. CUPCA established 43 mitigation and conservation projects within Title III, which have been organized into several watershed-based programs. The Mitigation Commission has now established over 100 environmental mitigation actions, some in conjunction with the CUWCD or Interior.

**\$3,650,000**

**Total, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission**

**\$4,650,000**



**Title IV - Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account**

**Planned Expenditures of Interest in FY 2024**

**LOCATION:** The CUP is located in central and northeastern Utah.

**DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Central Utah Project is composed of several member units. The largest unit is the Bonneville Unit, which is primarily responsible for developing the water supplies of the Colorado River Drainage for diversion and use in the Bonneville Basin of the Great Basin. The Bonneville Unit is composed of the Starvation Collection System, the Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System, the Diamond Fork System, the Municipal and Industrial System, and the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System.

On October 30, 1992, the Central Utah Project Completion Act ("CUPCA"), Titles II through VI of P.L. 102-575, was enacted. CUPCA raised the Bonneville Unit appropriations ceiling; required local non-Federal cost sharing of project capital costs; authorized certain water conservation and wildlife mitigation projects; allowed local entities to construct certain project features under the direction of the Secretary; and required the Central Utah Water Conservancy District ("District") to enter into a binding agreement with the Secretary to be considered a "Federal Agency" for purposes of compliance with all Federal fish, wildlife, recreation, and environmental laws. CUPCA also created the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission ("Mitigation Commission") to provide planning and spending authority of Titles II and III (of CUPCA) funds for fish and wildlife mitigation and enhancement among the Federal and State fish, wildlife, and recreation agencies. CUPCA transferred authority for planning, funding and implementing Title II and III funds (under CUPCA) and Section 8 funds (under CRSPA for the Bonneville Unit only) to the Mitigation Commission. Title II and Title III of the Central Utah Project Completion Act (as amended) (CUPCA) authorized the Mitigation Commission to expend appropriated funds for various mitigation and conservation projects.

Title IV of CUPCA authorized the creation of a trust account in the U. S. Treasury, the purposes of which is to provide an ongoing source of funds for the Commission for:

- (1) mitigation and conservation projects that were authorized in Titles II and III of the Act, and
- (2) mitigation and conservation projects that were unknown at the date of enactment but would become necessary as CUP water development features authorized in Title II of the Act were designed and/or constructed over time.

Pursuant to Title IV of the Act, the Account is comprised of (A) contributions to build up an initial principal within the Account, plus (B) interest that would be earned on the principal during an initial period of years. Annual contributions from the Department of the Interior, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the State of Utah were specified over an initial eight-year period; an annual contribution from the Western Area Power Administration of the Department of Energy (WAPA) continued through FY2013.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, the interest earned and accrued to the Account is no longer required to be re-invested into the Account and, instead, is directly available either for Commission expenditure or, upon the Commission's discretion, for re-investment into the Account. Funding available through Titles II and III of the Act has not been sufficient to implement the required and planned programs of the Mitigation Commission. Therefore, funding from interest earned and accrued on the Account is needed immediately to support and supplement vital projects.

*Title IV – Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account*

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**AUTHORIZATION:** P.L. 84-485, The Colorado River Storage Project Act, April 11, 1956; P.L. 102-575, Titles II through VI (“Central Utah Project Completion Act” or "CUPCA"), October 30, 1992, as amended by Section 214 of P.L. 108-137.

**SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA**  
**(thousands of dollars)**

**Program Financial Data**

Activity	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Request
Diamond Fork Fish and Wildlife	54	39	49
Provo River/Utah Lake Fish and Wildlife	3,829	5,196	584
Duchesne/Strawberry Rivers Fish and Wildlife	219	233	84
Operations, Management, Maintenance and Rehabilitation	1,368	1,900	3,009
<b>Total Title IV Program</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>7,368</b>	<b>3,726</b>

Funding estimates in this table include sequestration adjustments.

**WORK PROPOSED FOR FY 2024:** The Commission implements its program on a watershed basis. Three watershed programs will be funded with Title IV Account interest earnings in 2023.

**Diamond Fork Fish and Wildlife**

Two projects will be funded with interest in FY 2024. The first is an ongoing water quality and stream flow measurement monitoring effort, which is cost-shared with Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The second is managing 175 acres of CUP wetlands and wildlife mitigation area in Diamond Fork Canyon.

**\$49,000**

**Provo River/Utah Lake Fish and Wildlife**

Recovery of the threatened June sucker is vital for ongoing and future development and management of CUP water supplies. Implementation of activities by the Mitigation Commission is coordinated with the JSRIP with support from the Department of the Interior, and other agencies. Projects to achieve June Sucker recovery include the PRDRP (for June sucker spawning and rearing habitat and ecological restoration). Construction of the project began in 2020. In 2024, funding is to supplement the fifth and final year of construction of approved PRDRP features. The Mitigation Commission will implement several other projects for recovery of the June sucker, a threatened fish species, through participation in the JSRIP.

**\$584,000**

**Duchesne/Strawberry Rivers Fish and Wildlife**

Activities in 2024 include support for ongoing efforts to conserve sage grouse and other wildlife through management and conservation actions on mitigation properties in the Uintah Basin.

**\$84,000**

**Agency Administration, Operations, Management, Maintenance and Rehabilitation**

The Mitigation Commission will continue operation with partner agencies for management, maintenance and replacement. This includes wildlife mitigation/management areas, wetland preserves, river restoration corridors, terrestrial conservation and mitigation sites, stream gauging, and water quality monitoring. Also, monitoring and mitigation of potential bird-aircraft strikes at Provo Airport, and management of the Delta property associated with PRDRP. Other specific projects in 2024 include payment to Central Utah Water Conservancy District for costs attributable to operation, maintenance, replacement, and reserve charges for Bonneville Unit water acquired by the Commission and delivered for instream flows in Provo River. The Commission also establishes and manages the middle Provo River Restoration corridor in Heber Valley, and the Lower Duchesne Wetlands Mitigation Project with the Ute Indian Tribe, with Title IV Account interest. **\$3,009,000**

**Total Mitigation Commission Program**

**\$3,726,000**

*Employee Count by Grade*

<b>Employee Count by Grade</b>			
<b>Central Utah Project Completion Act Office</b>			
<b>010-11-0787-0</b>			
Grade	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request
15	1	1	1
14	1	0	0
13	1	2	2
11	1	1	1
Subtotal	4	4	4
<b>Utah Reclamation Mitigation Commission</b>			
<b>010-11-5174-0</b>			
Grade	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request
15	1	1	1
14	1	1	1
13	4	5	5
12	1	1	1
9	1	2	2
7	1	1	1
6	1	1	1
5	1	0	0
Subtotal	11	12	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

**Appropriation Language**

**Central Utah Project Completion Account**

For carrying out activities authorized by the Central Utah Project Completion Act, [\$23,000,000] \$19,556,000, to remain available until expended, of which [\$5,000,000] \$4,650,000 shall be deposited into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission: *Provided*, That of the amount provided under this heading, [\$1,600,000] \$1,750,000 shall be available until September 30, [2024] 2025, for expenses necessary in carrying out related responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided further*, That for fiscal year [2023] 2024, of the amount made available to the Commission under this Act or any other Act, the Commission may use an amount not to exceed [\$1,880,000] \$1,990,000 for administrative expenses: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided under this heading, not to exceed \$1,000 may be for official reception and representation expenses. (*Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023.*)

**Explanation of changes in appropriations language**

Add the provision:

*Provided further, That of the amounts provided under this heading, not to exceed \$1,000 may be for official reception and representation expenses.*

The 2024 budget proposes appropriations language to enable CUPCA to use up to \$1,000 of appropriated amounts for courtesy and social responsibilities associated with official duties, including outreach and engagement with Tribal partners to honor traditions. This request would provide CUPCA similar authority provided to other agencies to extend hospitality to official visitors without CUPCA project employees bearing expenses from their own personal funds.