

# CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

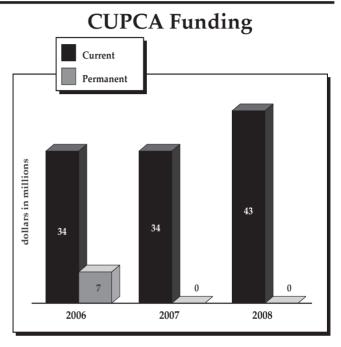
**Mission** — The purpose of this program is to complete the Central Utah Project in an environmentally sound and timely manner.

Program Overview — The Central Utah Project Completion Act provides for completion of the project by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The Completion Act also authorizes funding for fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation activities; establishes the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission to oversee implementation of those activities; and authorizes funding for the Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement. A program office located in Provo, Utah provides a liaison function with the District, Mitigation Commission, and the Ute Indian Tribe and otherwise assists in carrying out responsibilities of the Secretary.

In 2006, there was significant progress on several projects that will assist Interior in meeting strategic plan commitments related to delivering water and hydropower. Construction on the Big Sand Wash Reservoir enlargement was completed and construction on the Roosevelt Pipeline was initiated. As a result, the CUPCA office expects to meet its contractual commitment to deliver water by 2009. Funds made available in 2006 for water conservation measures will also assist Interior in meeting strategic goals by conserving an estimated 88,000 acre-feet of water.

In 2006, the Mitigation Commission continued its plans for hatcheries; acquired lands for the Great Salt Lake wetlands project; continued to implement the Provo River Restoration project; planned for wetlands along the lower Duchesne River; worked to recover the endangered June sucker; and acquired easements for fishing access. These activities are aligned with Interior's strategic plan and assisted Interior in meeting strategic goals related to resource protection.

As part of the 2007 budget development process, the Central Utah Project was evaluated using the Program Assessment Rating Tool. The project was rated as adequate, concluding that it has a strong track record of building infrastructure in a cost-effective fashion; working closely with local water management entities; meeting



its water delivery contracts; and meeting many of the environmental mitigation targets outlined in the 1992 authorizing legislation.

**Budget Overview**—The 2008 Central Utah Project budget is \$43.0 million, an increase of \$8.9 million above the 2007 continuing resolution and \$2.8 million above the 2007 President's budget. The increase will maintain progress toward timely completion of the project.

The request includes funding for the balance of the Federal share of the enlarged Big Sand Wash Dam and Reservoir and continues construction of the Roosevelt Pipeline, features of the Uinta Basin replacement project; continues to implement water management improvement projects; provides funding for design work and construction of the Spanish Fork Canyon Pipeline and the Mapleton-Springville Pipeline, features of the Utah Lake system; and implements fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects.

The request includes \$39.6 million for planning and construction activities administered by the District; \$1.6 mil-

lion for program administration; \$789,000 for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the program office; and \$976,000 for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Mitigation Commission.

The 2008 CUPCA budget request assumes that the Western Area Power Administration's 2008 budget request will include \$7.2 million for the annual payment to the Mitigation Commission.

# **SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS**

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

# Comparison of 2008 Request with 2007 Continuing Resolution:

	2007 CR		2008 Request		Change from 2007	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Appropriations						
Central Utah Project Completion Account	5	33,173	5	42,024	0	+8,851
	0	965	0	976	0	+11
Subtotal, Appropriations	5	34,138	5	43,000	0	+8,862
Permanents and Trusts						
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation	12	0	12	0	0	0
Subtotal, Permanents and Trusts	12	0	12	0	0	0
TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT	17	34,138	17	43,000	0	+8,862

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

## APPROPRIATION: Central Utah Project Completion Account

				Change
	2006 Actual	2007 CR	2008 Request	from 2007
Central Utah Project Construction	30,958	37,068	39,615	+2,547
Mitigation and Conservation	393	519	789	+270
Program Administration	1,719	1,603	1,620	+17
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (without CR)	33,070	39,190	42,024	+2,834
Impact of the Continuing Resolution		-6,017		+6,017
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (with CR)	33,070	33,173	42,024	+8,851

## Program Changes

#### Central Utah Project Construction

The request includes \$39,615 for use by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, including \$23,597 to complete design and begin construction of the Utah Lake Drainage Delivery System; \$5,000 for administration and implementation of approved Water Conservation Measures; \$9,518 to continue construction on the Uinta Basin replacement project; and \$1,500 for other Title II programs that include implementation of ground water conjunctive use programs.

#### Mitigation and Conservation

The request includes \$789 for activities funded through the program office.

#### Program Administration

The \$1,620 supports the program office in Provo, Utah, and other activities necessary to carry out responsibilities of the Secretary.

## APPROPRIATION: <u>Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account</u>

				Change
	2006 Actual	2007 CR	2008 Request	from 2007
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	937	965	976	+11

## Program Highlights

Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Mitigation and Conservation

The request includes \$976 for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission for CRSP/State-wide fish, wildlife, and recreation activities.