



CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

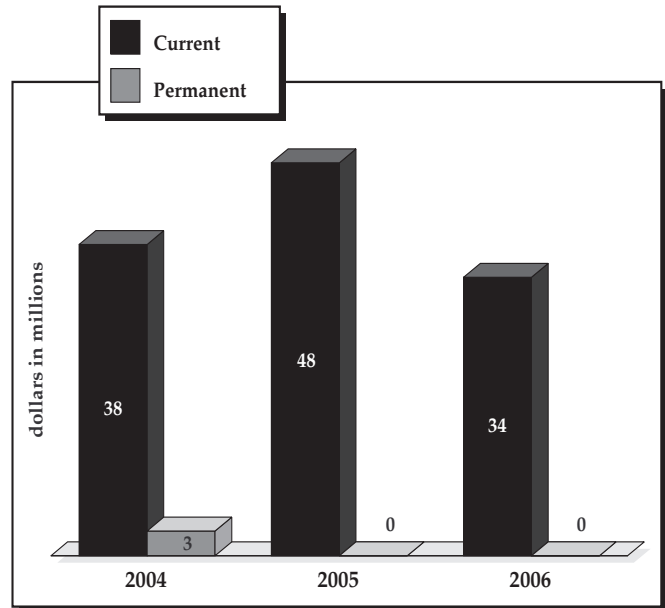
Mission — The purpose of this program is to complete the Central Utah Project in a timely and environmentally sound manner.

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.

Accomplishments in 2004 on projects funded by the Water Conservancy District include: completion of the Diamond Fork system; completion of the Big Sand Wash diversion dam and feeder pipeline; continued construction of the Big Sand Wash dam and reservoir; implementation of three additional water conservation measures for a total of 36 measures, which conserved about 95,000 acre-feet of water in 2004; and implementation of 17 local development projects.

Accomplishments in 2004 for projects funded through the Mitigation Commission include completion of an additional mile of main river channel restoration work and two miles of tributary restoration on the Provo River. Restoration is now complete for seven miles of a nearly ten-mile habitat restoration project on the Provo River. Two public access points were constructed along the river; which completed six of the seven planned public access points. Approximately one-half mile of additional public angler access was acquired under easement with private landowners on Currant Creek. Public angler access has now been completed for all but 2.25 miles of a 51-mile mitigation commitment under the Bonneville Unit. Final completion is expected in 2006. About 260 acres of intermixed wetlands and uplands were purchased for the Utah Lake wetlands preserve, bringing the total project area acquired to about 5,410 acres.

CUPCA Funding



Budget Overview — The 2006 Central Utah Project budget is \$34.4 million, a decrease of \$13.3 million below the 2005 enacted level. The decrease is primarily due to the transfer of budget authority from Interior to the Western Area Power Administration.

The request funds the Federal costs of completing the Diamond Fork system; continues construction of the enlarged Big Sand Wash dam and reservoir, a feature of the Uinta Basin replacement project; continues to implement approved local development projects and water management improvement projects; finalizes planning, contracts, and NEPA compliance for the Utah Lake system; and implements fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects.

The request includes \$31.3 million for planning and construction activities administered by the District; \$1.7 million for program administration; \$397,000 for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the program office; and \$946,000 for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Mitigation Commission.

The 2005 budget proposed to amend Section 214 of the Completion Act to transfer responsibility from WAPA to the Department for making an annual mitigation payment (indexed for inflation) to the Mitigation and Conservation Commission account. The 2005 Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act included \$6.1 million in the Mitigation and Conservation Commission account for

this payment, but did not amend Section 214. The 2006 budget does not repeat the 2005 legislative proposal. The 2006 request includes \$6.7 million in the WAPA budget for the annual mitigation payment, which will be transferred to the Commission's account. In addition, the Mitigation and Conservation Commission account will have an anticipated carryover balance of \$19.0 million.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS
(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2006 Request with 2005 Enacted:

	2005 Enacted		2006 Request		Change from 2005	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Appropriations						
Central Utah Project Completion Account.....	5	32,280	5	33,404	0	+1,124
Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation	0	15,345	0	946	0	-14,399
Subtotal, Appropriations.....	5	47,625	5	34,350	0	-13,275
Permanents and Other						
Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation	14	0	14	0	0	0
Subtotal, Permanents and Trusts	14	0	14	0	0	0
TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT	19	47,625	19	34,350	0	-13,275

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES
By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Central Utah Project Completion Account

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
Central Utah Project Construction.....	26,255	29,866	31,271	+1,405
Mitigation and Conservation	625	694	397	-297
Program Administration	1,718	1,720	1,736	+16
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	28,598	32,280	33,404	+1,124

Program Highlights

Central Utah Project Construction

The request includes \$31,271 for use by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, including \$14,600 to fund the Federal share of the completed Diamond Fork system; \$12,182 to continue construction on the Uinta Basin replacement project; \$3,889 to implement approved local development projects and water management improvement projects; and \$600 to finalize planning, contracts, and NEPA compliance for the Utah Lake System.

Mitigation and Conservation

The request includes \$397 for activities funded through the program office.

Program Administration

The \$1,736 supports the program office in Provo, Utah, and other activities necessary to carry out responsibilities of the Secretary.

APPROPRIATION: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	9,367	15,345	946	-14,399

Program Highlights

Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Mitigation and Conservation

The request includes \$475 for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission to implement the fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects authorized in Title III; \$210 to implement fish and wildlife measures for the Uinta Basin replacement project; and \$261 to complete mitigation measures agreed to by the Bureau of Reclamation.