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## CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT

### General Statement

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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 convenience, 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, was enacted.

The Act 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. The Act 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.

The Act established a partnership arrangement among the Department of the Interior (Interior), the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (the District), the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission), and the Ute Indian Tribe. The District was given the responsibility for completing the water conveyance facilities, and the Mitigation Commission was tasked with completing the environmental mitigation. To implement CUPCA, the Department established a small office in Provo, Utah, (CUPCA Office) under the direction of the Assistant Secretary – Water and Science, to oversee the completion of the project and the activities of the District, the Mitigation Commission, and the Ute Indian Tribe.

The CUP annually provides 62,000 acre feet of water for irrigation of over 30,000 acres and 94,750 acre feet for municipal and industrial purposes, meeting the needs of approximately 400,000 people. This water is necessary to provide for the needs of the growing population in the Wasatch Front, one of the fastest growing areas in the Nation.

The 2012 budget decreases funding for construction of the CUP. The decrease in funding for the 2012 budget is due in part to accelerated funding provided in 2009 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is part of the Administration's effort to reduce the deficit.

The CUPCA program furthers several Interior priorities, including the policy of encouraging Indian water rights settlements. The program is also a key component of meeting water challenges in Utah and the Colorado River Basin, and supports water conservation, development of the new energy frontier through renewable hydropower, and the river restoration component of the America's Great Outdoors initiative. Detailed performance information for 2012, 2011, and 2010 is included in this justification.

## **Fiscal Year 2012 Planned Program Performance**

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### **Central Utah Project Completion Account**

The 2012 request is \$33.0 million, which is \$9.0 million less than the 2010 enacted/2011 CR. Of this amount, \$31.0 million will be expended from this account and \$2.0 million will be transferred to the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Mitigation Commission.

The 2012 budget request includes \$28.5 million for use by the District to continue construction of the Utah Lake System facilities and to implement approved water conservation and water management improvement projects. The Act requires a local cost share of 35 percent for projects implemented by the District which increases the effectiveness of the program. The 2012 budget request decreases construction funding for the Utah Lake System by \$12.3 million and increases funding for water conservation projects by \$4.1 million over 2010 Enacted/ 2011 CR.

*Utah Lake Drainage Basin Delivery System* - The Utah Lake System construction began in the summer of 2007. The Utah Lake System includes the construction of pipelines and hydroelectric facilities. Of the four major pipelines to be constructed, one is substantially complete, two are under construction, and the fourth has not been started. The primary purpose of the Utah Lake System is to deliver 60,000 acre-feet of water to over 240,000 people in Salt Lake and Utah Counties to meet contractual commitments with local water users. In addition to municipal and industrial use, the Utah Lake System will deliver 16,000 acre-feet of water for fish and wildlife purposes. The Utah Lake System will further provide 16,500 acre-feet of water to be delivered to the Provo River and Hobble Creek for recovery of the endangered June sucker. Utah Lake System will also be used for hydroelectric power generation, providing clean renewable energy.

*Water Conservation Measures* – Under the Act's Water Management Improvement Program, the District is required to set and meet annual water conservation goals to avoid financial penalties. Goals are met through the implementation of water conservation projects funded under the Water Management Improvement Program.

Under the Endangered Species Act and in accordance with Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinions, Interior has committed to the recovery of the endangered June sucker fish that exists only in Utah Lake. These commitments are documented in the 1999 Diamond Fork System EIS and 2004 Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System EIS Records of Decision. One commitment is to acquire sufficient water for the spawning and rearing of the June sucker. Water acquired for the June sucker has been achieved primarily through the implementation of water conservation measures under the Water Management Improvement Program where saved water is provided for in-stream flows. For many years the Department has worked with several entities to pipe the Provo Reservoir Canal, which would conserve 8,000 acre-feet of water that in turn would be dedicated to the June sucker. In March 2010, an agreement was executed among the parties under which Interior will contribute \$39.0 million toward the piping of the Provo Reservoir Canal and receive the dedicated 8,000 acre-feet of water. Other projects are being implemented to provide an additional 4,000 acre-feet of water for the June sucker. The 2012



budget request includes \$10.0 million to be used toward fulfilling these obligations and water acquisitions.

*Department of the Interior* – The 2012 budget request includes \$1.6 million, a reduction of \$314,000 from 2010 Enacted/ 2011 CR, for use by Interior to carry out the responsibilities of the Secretary and for other activities required by the Act. Secretarial responsibilities include program oversight, the Ute Tribal Settlement, fish and wildlife development, and endangered species recovery. The CUPCA Office provides for construction inspection to ensure the interest of the United States is being met 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 negotiate a final settlement compact as mandated by Title V of CUPCA.

An integral part of CUP development is endangered species recovery and the request includes \$1.0 million for these activities. The mitigation of detrimental impacts on endangered species is a condition of the operation of the entire CUP. Specific commitments were made in Records of Decision for recovery of the endangered June sucker in conjunction with water development. These commitments include participation in the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program and funding for hatchery operation and maintenance, water delivery, and recovery monitoring.

### **Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account**

The \$2.0 million requested for transfer to the Mitigation Commission will be used in implementing the fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects authorized in Title III (\$1.8 million); and in completing mitigation measures committed to in pre-1992 Bureau of Reclamation planning documents (\$200,000).

The request for the Mitigation Commission includes an increase of \$500,000 that will assist in implementing projects that will allow Interior to meet its commitments to mitigate for impacts caused by development of the CUP. Title III of CUPCA assigns responsibility to the Mitigation Commission for fulfilling the Department's existing mitigation commitments as well as building features and carrying out projects authorized by the Act to mitigate for certain fish and wildlife effects of Reclamation projects in Utah.

Title III activities in 2012 include acquisition of habitat, access, wetlands, water rights in key watersheds, and recreation and fish hatchery improvements. Acquired lands are used for bird watching, hiking, and in some areas provide waterfowl hunting. Wetlands are specifically used to assist in the conservation of the spotted frog and the leatherside chub. Big game range habitat is also a part of the overall acquisition program.

To mitigate for impacts caused to the Ute Tribe by development of the CUP, the Act authorized development of fish and wildlife mitigation projects. On September 22, 2008, a ROD was signed by the Assistant Secretary – Water and Science and an agreement was executed on October 8, 2008, with the Ute Tribe to develop the Lower Duchesne Wetlands Project as mitigation for impacts to tribal resources. Implementation of the project began in 2009 with funding under ARRA.

Title IV of CUCPA established a fund to ensure future management and maintenance of Mitigation Commission projects. Title IV includes requirements for contributions to the fund from Interior, the State of Utah, the District, and Western Area Power Administration (Western). All of the annual contributions have been completed except for Western's. Although the indexed amount of the 2012 contribution is \$7.8 million, Western requested \$3.4 million in its 2012 budget request.

**Summary by Account**  
**FY 2010 - FY 2012 Budget Authority**  
(thousands of dollars)

	<b>FY 2010 Enacted</b>	<b>2010 Enacted/ 2011 CR</b>	<b>FY 2012 Budget</b>
<u>Budget</u>			
<b><u>Current Authority</u></b>			
Central Utah Project Completion Account	\$40,504	40,504	\$30,991
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account	1,500	1,500	2,000
Total current authority	42,004	42,004	32,991
<b><u>Permanent Authority</u></b>			
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account	0	0	0
<b>Total Completion Act<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$42,004</b>	<b>42,004</b>	<b>\$32,991</b>

<sup>1</sup> In FY 2010, the Mitigation Commission used the contribution of \$7.7 million from the Western Area Power Administration for administrative expenses and for other program purposes. The Mitigation Commission will also allocate the Western contribution between these accounts in FY 2011 and FY 2012, but because the Mitigation Commission does not determine that allocation until the middle of the fiscal year, the budget justification does not include an estimate for the allocation between accounts.

## CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT

<b>Location:</b>	This project is located in Utah's Bonneville and Uinta Basins, in Uintah, Duchesne, Wasatch, Summit, Utah, Salt Lake, and Juab Counties.
<b>Description:</b>	The Central Utah Project Completion Act provides for completion of the Central Utah Project by the District. This includes construction of a system to deliver water to the Utah Lake drainage basin and the Uinta Basin Replacement Project. In addition, the Act authorizes funding for programs to improve water management and conservation and for fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation; and establishes the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission to coordinate the implementation of mitigation and conservation activities.
<b>Authorization and Related Authorizations:</b>	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; and Section 201(d) of P.L. 111-5, February 17, 2009.
<b>Land Certification:</b>	All land certifications for the authorized projects are complete.
<b>Completion Data:</b>	As of September 2010, work authorized by the Completion Act is 69 percent complete, and the project is estimated to be completed by 2022. The major projects presently under construction are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Section 207 Water Conservation Measures that are scheduled for completion by 2018 including the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project;</li><li>• The Utah Lake Basin Water Delivery System that is scheduled for completion in 2022.</li></ul>
<b>Project Cost Allocation/ Benefit-Cost Ratios:</b>	Project cost allocations and benefit/cost ratios have been calculated and are documented in the 2004 Final Supplement to the 1988 Definite Plan Report for the Bonneville Unit.
<b>Status of Repayment Contract:</b>	Repayment of the reimbursable costs is required in existing contracts with the District. Amendments, or supplemental contracts, will be negotiated as necessary.

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

**Appropriation Ceiling:** Appropriation ceilings remaining as of October 2010 are:

• Title II (Sec. 202 to 207)	\$357,905,055
• Title II (Sec. 201(a)(1)), Sec. 8	\$ 16,434,524
• Title II (Sec. 201(a)(1)), Sec. 5	\$ 0
• Title II (Sec. 201 (c))	\$ 0
• Title III	\$ 76,733,100
• P.L. 84-485, P.L. 92-370, P.L. 100-563	<u>\$ 0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$451,072,679</b>

Note: In its response to an audit by the Office of Inspector General of the Construction Cost Ceiling for the Bonneville Unit, the Department agreed to inform the Congress that it intends to use the Bureau of Reclamation's cost ceiling calculations as a basis for requesting appropriations to complete the Central Utah Project. It further agreed to keep the Congress informed of the status of those ceilings in its annual budget justifications. In addition, these remaining appropriation ceilings reflect the changes enacted in P.L. 107-366, December 19, 2002.

**Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Program**

**Central Utah Water Conservancy District:**

Utah Lake Drainage Basin Delivery System Activities include designs, specifications, land acquisition, and construction of facilities to deliver CUP water to the Utah Lake drainage basin. Once complete, the Utah Lake System will meet the needs of over 240,000 people in Salt Lake and Utah Counties. Water will also be delivered to streams for recreation, fisheries, habitat, wetlands, and endangered species. Water delivered through the Utah Lake System will also be used for Hydroelectric power generation. \$18,487,000

Water Conservation Measures Activities include administration and implementation of approved water conservation measures and the review of proposed future conservation measures. Implementation of approved measures will conserve water that will be used as in-stream flows to improve aquatic habitats and support spawning of endangered June sucker fish. The \$10.0 million will be used for construction of the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project which will provide 8,000 acre-feet of water for the June sucker and convey 30,000 acre-feet of CUP water. Part of the reduction in Utah Lake System funding is due to the Enclosure Project which is a piece of the overall construction budget. \$10,000,000

**Conservancy District Subtotal \$28,487,000**

**Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission:**

This budget includes \$2.0 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 fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects authorized in Title III; and in completing mitigation measures committed to in pre-1992 Bureau of Reclamation planning documents.

Title III - Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Mitigation and Conservation  
The Completion Act established 43 mitigation and conservation projects within Title III, which have been organized into several watershed-based programs:

- Provo River/Utah Lake Fish and Wildlife \$600,000  
Activities include acquisition and development of the Utah Lake Wetland Preserve and the warm water fishery in Utah Lake; acquisition of water rights and rehabilitation of riparian habitat along the lower Provo River; and enhancement of fishery and riparian habitat, wetlands, and public access along the middle Provo River.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diamond Fork Fish and Wildlife \$400,000 Activities include acquisition and riparian habitat development for Diamond Fork and Sixth Water Creeks.</li> <li>• Duchesne/Strawberry Rivers Fish and Wildlife \$500,000 Activities include restoration of the fisheries in the Strawberry River drainage and in tributaries of Strawberry Reservoir; and rehabilitation of wildlife and riparian habitat along the Duchesne River and the Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System.</li> <li>• CRSP/Statewide Fish, Wildlife and Recreation \$300,000 Statewide activities include improving fish hatchery production; acquisition and development of wetlands adjacent to the Great Salt Lake; restoring habitat and acquisition of public access in small watersheds; restoring native cutthroat trout populations; acquisition of rangelands; and conducting inventories of sensitive plant and wildlife species and ecosystems.</li> </ul>	
Section 201(a)(1) Mitigation Measures \$200,000 Mitigation measures include development of wetlands along the lower Duchesne River; stream and riparian restoration and recreation facilities along the Diamond Fork/Sixth Water Creek corridor; recovery actions for the endangered June sucker; and mitigation for big game impacts.	
<b>Mitigation Commission Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>
 <b>Department of the Interior:</b>	
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Projects \$954,000 Sec. 313(c) provides that the cost of operating and maintaining new and improved hatchery facilities shall be borne by the Secretary (\$350,000) and to pay the costs of delivering water acquired by the Secretary for in stream flows (\$350,000). Funds are also requested for the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program (\$200,000). Sec. 314(c) provides that three percent of funds allocated for Title III activities are to be used for mitigation and conservation projects outside the State of Utah (\$54,000).	
Program Oversight & Administration \$1,550,000 Funds are requested for the Program Office located in Provo, Utah, to provide oversight, review, and liaison with the District, the Mitigation Commission, and the Ute Indian Tribe, and to otherwise assist in carrying out the responsibilities of the Secretary.	
<b>Department Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,504,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REQUEST</b>	<b><u>\$32,991,000</u></b>

**CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT  
PROPOSED 2012 APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE**

*For carrying out activities authorized by the Central Utah Project Completion Act, \$32,991,000 to remain available until expended, of which \$2,000,000 shall be deposited into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, and of which \$1,550,000 for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out related responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior.*

*For fiscal year 2012, the Commission may use an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for administrative expenses.*

Note.—A full-year 2011 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, this account is operating under a continuing resolution (P.L. 111-242, as amended). The amounts included for 2011 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.



## Goal Performance Table

End Outcome/Intermediate or Other Outcome Measure	Type	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2009 ARRA	2010 Enacted	2011 Plan	2012 President's Budget	Change from 2011 to 2012	Long Term Target 2021	Comments
<b>End Outcome Goal: Resource Use - Deliver water consistent with applicable State and Federal laws in an environmentally responsible manner.</b>										
Annual total water supply made available annually for project purposes. (acre-feet)	C	255,539	260,847	260,847	270,450	270,450	271,750	1,300 0.5%	299,116	The cumulative cost to-date is the total investment in the Central Utah Project since the beginning of the project.
Cumulative total cost to date, Actual/Planned/Projected. (\$000)		\$1,133,953	\$1,156,980	\$1,156,980	\$1,206,097	\$1,206,097	\$1,206,097	\$0 0.0%	\$1,316,029	
Actual/Projected cost per acre-foot of water delivered.		\$4,437	\$4,435	\$4,435	\$4,460	\$4,460	\$4,438	-\$21 -0.5%	\$4,400	
Cumulative total conveyance system constructed to deliver project water. (cfs-miles)	C	22,455	23,355	23,613	24,844	25,318	25,318	0 0.0%	27,827	Construction costs accumulate each year but cfs-miles are not reported until a feature is completed.
Cumulative total cost to date, Actual/Planned/Projected. (\$000)		\$219,520	\$251,820	\$292,820	\$323,620	\$354,374	\$363,374	\$9,000 2.5%	\$444,374	
Actual/Projected Cost per cfs-mile constructed.		\$9,776	\$10,782	\$12,401	\$13,026	\$13,997	\$14,352	\$355 6.8%	\$15,696	
Annual total water conserved through the Water Management Improvement Program. (acre-feet)	C	112,561	101,500	101,500	102,700	104,000	105,000	1000 1.0%	214,001	
Cumulative total cost to date Actual/Planned/Projected. (\$000)		\$119,902	\$105,352	\$105,352	\$131,332	\$138,082	\$144,832	\$6,750 4.9%	\$213,145	
Actual/Projected Cost per acre-foot of conserved water.		\$1,065	\$1,038	\$1,038	\$1,279	\$1,328	\$1,379	\$52 3.9%	\$996	
<b>End Outcome Goal: Resource Protection - Sustain biological communities on DOI managed/influenced lands and waters consistent with obligations regarding the allocation and use of water.</b>										
Annual water made available for in-stream fisheries. (acre-feet)	C	354,341	352,380	352,380	324,278	335,315	335,315	0 0.0%	351,315	Water made available for fisheries and the associated cost remain constant until new features are completed.
Cumulative total cost to date, Actual/Planned/Projected (\$000)		\$266,619	\$295,312	\$295,312	\$321,717	\$349,021	\$376,325	\$27,304 7.8%	\$633,787	
Actual/Projected Cost per acre-foot of available water.		\$752	\$838	\$838	\$992	\$1,041	\$1,122	\$81 7.8%	\$1,804	
Cumulative total land set aside for wetland and wildlife purposes. (acre-feet)	C	19,080	19,145	19,145	19,210	19,275	19,275	0 0.0%	24,497	
Cumulative total cost Actual/Planned/Projected (\$000)		\$72,585	\$72,785	\$72,785	\$73,000	\$73,000	\$73,000	\$0 0.0%	\$76,185	
Actual/Projected Cost per acre.		\$3,804	\$3,802	\$3,802	\$3,800	\$3,787	\$3,787	\$0 0.0%	\$3,110	

## **General Performance Information**

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### **DOI Strategic Plan**

In accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, the DOI Strategic Plan has been reviewed and updated in compliance with the three-year update requirement. The Department, in consultation with the bureaus, reviewed the organization and construct of the Strategic Plan in light of the Administration's priorities, goals, and objectives; recent innovations and efficiencies in delivering mission objectives; and the goal to provide a more integrated and focused approach to track performance across a wide range of DOI programs. Although many of the outcome goals and performance measures remain consistent from the previous Strategic Plan, the organizing principles for those goals and measures reflect the new approach to meeting the Department's mission responsibilities. The DOI Strategic Plan for FY 2011 – FY 2016 is the foundational structure for the description of program performance measurement and planning for the FY 2012 President's Budget. Budget and program plans for FY 2012 are fully consistent with the goals, outcomes, and measures described in the new version of the DOI plan.

The Central Utah Project (CUP) consistently meets and exceeds management goals. In April 2009, CUPCA received \$50.0 million in ARRA funds. All of the ARRA funds have been obligated and as of January 1, 2011, 97% of the funds have been expended. CUPCA has consistently met its goals under the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) and Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) programs. In an effort to provide public access to information, the CUPCA program has completed initial development of a website ([www.cupcao.gov](http://www.cupcao.gov)).

Water is delivered in an environmentally responsible manner and biological communities are being sustained consistent with commitments tied to water development. The CUPCA program annually conserves over 118,000 acre feet of water, provides over 350,000 acre feet of water for fisheries, and has set aside 25,000 acres for wildlife. Over 12,000 acre feet of water has been acquired by the United States for a permanent supply for the endangered June sucker. Over 160 miles of streams have been restored, enhanced, or created.

### **Fiscal Year 2011 Planned Program Performance**

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In 2011, the construction of the Uinta Basin Replacement Project was completed and the project is expected to meet its contractual commitment for water delivery. The other major construction project, the Utah Lake System, continues in 2011, which when complete, will provide 60,000 acre-feet of water to Salt Lake and Utah Counties and water for fish and wildlife and endangered species purposes. Funds made available in 2011 will provide for water conservation measures which will contribute 12,000 acre-feet of water for endangered species. The cumulative effects of the measures will conserve an estimated 114,000 acre-feet of water on an annual basis.

The Mitigation Commission will continue the construction of the mitigation measures associated with the Uinta Basin Replacement Project; continue planning for the Springville Fish Hatchery for endangered species; continue development of wetlands on the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Project; continue planning for the Provo River/Utah Lake Delta Restoration Project;

work to recover the endangered June sucker; and continue development of fisherman access. Funds for these activities will improve the health of watersheds, landscapes, and marine resources and sustain biological communities. The mitigation associated with the water delivery projects will continue to be performed.

### **Fiscal Year 2010 Program Performance Accomplishments**

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In 2010, the construction of the Uinta Basin Replacement Project was substantially complete, with minor construction continuing into 2011. The project is expected to meet its contractual commitment for water delivery. The other major construction project, the Utah Lake Basin Water Delivery System, continued in 2010, which, when complete, will provide 60,000 acre-feet of water to Salt Lake and Utah Counties and water for fish and wildlife and endangered species purposes. Funds made available in 2010 have conserved an estimated 114,000 acre-feet water on an annual basis.

The Mitigation Commission continued the construction of the mitigation measures associated with the Uinta Basin Replacement Project; continued development of the Tribal Fish Hatchery; acquired lands for wetlands projects; continued development on the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Project; implemented projects for the recovery of the endangered June sucker; and continued development of fisherman access. These activities improve the health of watersheds, landscapes, and marine resources and sustain biological communities. It is anticipated that the mitigation associated with the water delivery projects will be completed concurrently with the construction activities.