

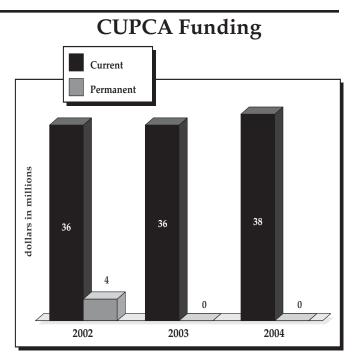
# CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

**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 Rights Settlement. A program office located in Provo, Utah provides liaison with the District, Mitigation Commission, and the Ute Indian Tribe and otherwise assists in carrying out responsibilities of the Secretary.

Accomplishments through 2002 on projects funded through the District include: completion of the Spanish Fork flow control structure and continued construction on Phases I and II of the Diamond Fork System scheduled to be completed in 2004, which will convey water from the Colorado River Basin to the Utah Valley; implementation of 30 water conservation measures, resulting in the conservation of about 60,000 acre-feet of water in 2002; implementation of 11 local development projects for rural communities; and continued construction of the Uinta Basin replacement project in Duchesne County. Planning documents for facilities to deliver water through the Utah Lake drainage basin water delivery system are scheduled to be completed in 2004.

Accomplishments through 2002 on projects funded through the Mitigation Commission include completion of 5.7 miles of a nearly 10-mile habitat restoration project on the Provo River. Public access to 8.5 miles of the Provo River is now available, with three of seven planned public access points completed. Public angler access has been completed for all but three miles of a 51-mile mitigation commitment under the Bonneville Unit. Final completion of this mitigation commitment is expected in 2004. Reconstruction of the State of Utah's Fountain Green Fish Hatchery was completed, doubling its production of sport fish. Planning proceeded on three other hatchery



improvement plans, including one to assist the Ute Indian Tribe. The Commission became a key partner in the June sucker recovery implementation program that was formally launched in 2002 with eight other Federal, State, and local organizations. Cooperative agreements were signed with partners that will improve and protect Commission lands around the Great Salt Lake and along the Jordan River.

**Budget Overview** – The 2004 Central Utah Project requests \$38.2 million, an increase of \$2.0 million over the 2003 request. The budget refocuses resources to address redesign and realignment of the Diamond Fork tunnel due to the interception with water that is highly contaminated with hydrogen sulfide. As described in the following detail, the request includes: \$26.4 million for planning and construction activities administered by the District; \$9.4 million for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Mitigation Commission; and \$2.4 million for activities administered by the program office, which includes \$629,000 for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the program office.

## SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS (all dollar amounts in thousands)

#### Comparison of 2004 Request with 2003 President's Budget:

	2003 Budget		2004 Request		Change from 2003	
	<u>FTE</u>	Amount	<u>FTE</u>	Amount	FTE	Amount
Appropriations						
Central Utah Project Completion Account	5	24,969	5	28,768	0	+3,799
Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation	0	11,259	0	9,423	0	-1,836
Subtotal, Appropriations	5	36,228	5	38,191	0	+1,963
Permanents and Trusts						
Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation	13	0	13	0	0	0
Subtotal, Permanents and Trusts	13	0	13	0	0	0
TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT	18	36,228	18	38,191	0	+1,963

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

# APPROPRIATION: <u>Central Utah Project Completion Account</u>

	2002 Actual	2003 Budget	2004 Request	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
Central Utah Project Construction	23,809	23.040	<u>26,411</u>	+3.371
Mitigation and Conservation	360	579	629	+50
0	1.310	1.350	1.728	+378
Program Administration	/	/	/ -	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	25,479	24,969	28,768	+3,799

#### **Program Highlights**

Central Utah Project Construction

The request includes \$26,411 for use by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, including \$20,000 to continue construction on the remaining segments of the Diamond Fork System that had to be realigned due to the interception with water that is highly contaminated with hydrogen sulfide; \$2,177 for construction on the Uinta Basin Replacement projects; \$250 to implement approved local development projects and water management improvement projects; and \$1,984 to continue development of planning and NEPA documents on facilities to deliver water to lands in the Utah Lake drainage basin.

Mitigation and Conservation

The request includes \$629 for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the program office.

#### Program Administration

These funds support the program office in Provo, Utah, and other activities necessary to carry out responsibilities of the Secretary.

## APPROPRIATION: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account

	2002 Actual	<u>2003 Budget</u>	2004 Request	Change from <u>2003 Budget</u>
Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation		-	_	-
Mitigation and Conservation	10,749	11,259	9,423	-1,836
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	10,749	11,259	9,423	-1,836

# **Program Highlights**

Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Mitigation and Conservation

Funds are requested for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission in implementing the fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects authorized in Title III (\$7,718); and in completing mitigation measures committed to in Bureau of Reclamation planning documents (\$1,705). Activities funded in 2004 include acquisition and riparian habitat development for Diamond Fork, Sixth Water Creek, Utah Lake, the middle and lower sections of the Provo River, Strawberry River, Duchesne River and the Great Salt Lake. Other activities include recovery actions for endangered species, improving fish hatchery production, and restoring native fish populations.