

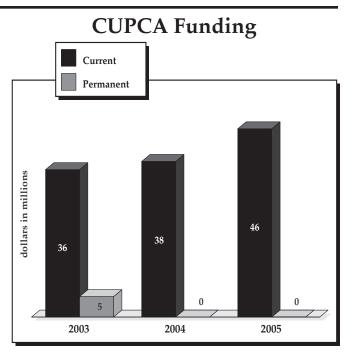
# Central Utah Project

**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 2003 on projects funded through the District include: continued construction of Phases I and II of the Diamond Fork system to convey water from the Colorado River basin to the Utah Valley; implementation of 33 water conservation measures, resulting in the conservation of about 60,000 acre-feet of water in 2003; implementation of 13 local development projects for rural communities; and continued construction of the Uinta Basin replacement project in Duchesne County. Phases I and II of the Diamond Fork system are scheduled to be completed in 2004.

Accomplishments through 2003 for projects funded through the Mitigation Commission include completion of an additional 1.75 miles of river restoration work on the Provo River. Restoration is now complete for 6.1 miles of a nearly 10-mile habitat restoration project on the Provo River. One additional public access point was constructed along the river. Four of seven planned public access points are now completed. Approximately one-quarter mile of additional public angler access was acquired under easement with private landowners. Public angler access has now been completed for all but 2.75 miles of a 51-mile mitigation commitment under the Bonneville Unit. Final completion is expected in 2006.



**Budget Overview** – The 2005 Central Utah Project budget is \$46.3 million, an increase of \$8.3 million over the 2004 enacted level. Most of this increase is due to a transfer of budgetary authority and responsibility from the Western Area Power Administration to the Department. The budget continues construction on the remaining segments of the Diamond Fork system; continues construction for the Uinta Basin replacement project; continues development of planning and NEPA documents for facilities that will deliver water to lands in the Utah Lake drainage basin; and implements fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects.

The request includes \$28.4 million for planning and construction activities administered by the District; \$15.5 million for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Mitigation Commission; and \$2.4 million for activities administered by the program office, which includes \$700,000 for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the program office.

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

### Comparison of 2005 Request with 2004 Enacted:

|                                            | 2004 Enacted |        | 2005 Request |        | Change from 2004 |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|------------------|--------|
|                                            | FTE          | Amount | FTE          | Amount | FTE              | Amount |
| Appropriations                             |              |        |              |        |                  |        |
| Central Utah Project Completion Account    | 5            | 28,599 | 5            | 30,806 | 0                | +2,207 |
| Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation | 0            | 9,367  | 0            | 15,469 | 0                | +6,102 |
| Subtotal, Appropriations                   | 5            | 37,966 | 5            | 46,275 | 0                | +8,309 |
| Permanents and Trusts                      |              |        |              |        |                  |        |
| Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation | 12           | 0      | 12           | 0      | 0                | 0      |
| Subtotal, Permanents and Trusts            | 12           | 0      | 12           | 0      | 0                | 0      |
| TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT                | 17           | 37,966 | 17           | 46,275 | 0                | +8,309 |

# HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

## APPROPRIATION: Central Utah Project Completion Account

|                                   |             |              |              | Change from  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| _                                 | 2003 Actual | 2004 Enacted | 2005 Request | 2004 Enacted |
| Central Utah Project Construction | 22,890      | 26,256       | 28,372       | +2,116       |
| Mitigation and Conservation       | 579         | 625          | 700          | +75          |
| Program Administration            | 1,338       | 1,718        | 1,734        | +16          |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION               | 24,807      | 28,599       | 30,806       | +2,207       |

### **Program Highlights**

#### Central Utah Project Construction

The request includes \$28,372 for use by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, including \$8,500 to continue construction on the remaining segments of the Diamond Fork System; \$13,000 for construction on the Uinta Basin Replacement Project; \$2,872 to implement approved local development projects and water management improvement projects; and \$4,000 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 \$700 for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the program office.

Program Administration

The \$1,734 supports the program office in Provo, Utah, and other activities necessary to carry out responsibilities of the Secretary.

# APPROPRIATION: Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation Account

|                     |             | 2004 E       |              | Change from  |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| _                   | 2003 Actual | 2004 Enacted | 2005 Request | 2004 Enacted |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | 11,186      | 9,367        | 15,469       | +6,102       |

# **Program Highlights**

Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Mitigation and Conservation

Funds are requested 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 (\$7,385); for mitigation and conservation measures under the Section 203, Uinta Basin Replacements Projects (\$1,000); and to complete mitigation measures agreed to by the Bureau of Reclamation (\$1,000). As a result of the proposal to transfer budgetary authority and responsibility from the Western Area Power Administration to the Department of Interior, additional funds will be made available for administrative expenses and investing in the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account (\$6,084). Activities funded in 2005 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.