



Central Utah Project Completion Act

Mission

The purpose of this program is to carry out the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA) in a cost-effective, environmentally sound, and timely manner.

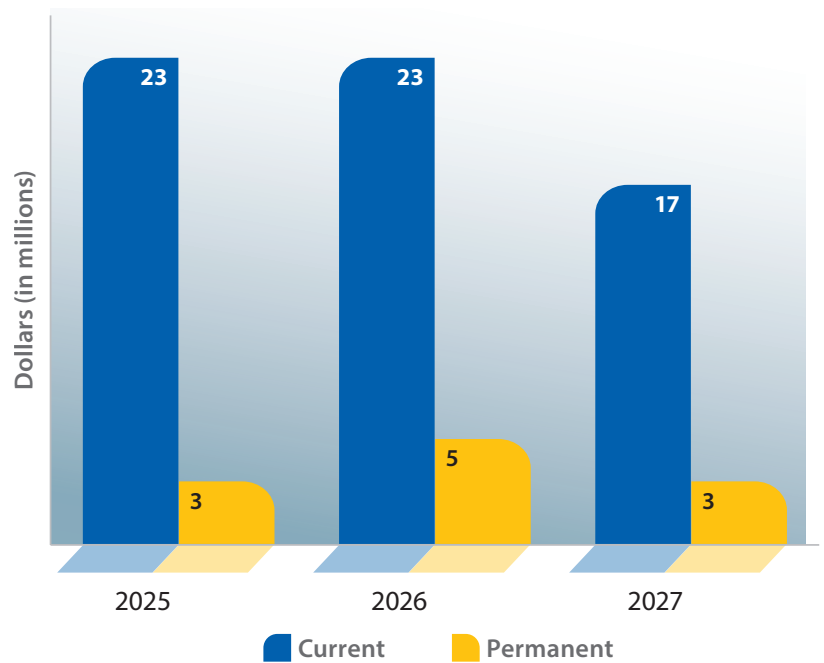
Budget Overview

The 2027 budget for CUPCA activities is \$17.0 million. The budget supports continuing construction of the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System, the final component of the Central Utah Project; allows for development and implementation of water conservation projects to extend limited water supplies; and provides support for associated fish and wildlife conservation measures.

As authorized, at completion, the Utah Lake System pipelines will deliver an additional 60,000 acre-feet of municipal and industrial water to Salt Lake and Utah Counties, expanding the water supply to one of the fastest growing regions of the State. The completed project will provide increased water security and reliability.

The request provides funding for the construction of the Spanish Fork–Santaquin Pipeline component of the Utah Lake System; implementation of water conservation projects; and implementation of mitigation efforts for impacts to fish, wildlife, and recreation. Funding also supports activities of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and

CUPCA Funding



Conservation Commission, which includes operation and maintenance of the recently constructed Provo River Delta Restoration Project. The Spanish Fork–Santaquin Pipeline, which is under construction, is estimated to be complete in 2027. The Santaquin–Mona Pipeline, the next and last pipeline, is estimated to be complete by 2035.

The 2027 budget includes \$13.2 million for the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to administer planning and project construction activities of the Utah Lake System and implement water conservation measures under the Water Management Improvement Program; for Interior to meet fish and wildlife obligations associated with project construction and operation; and for program administration and oversight by Interior. In addition, the budget includes \$3.8 million for mitigation and conservation activities funded through the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT Facts



- CUPCA was enacted in 1992.
- CUPCA distributes responsibility for the completion of the Central Utah Project (CUP) among its stakeholders.
- The local Central Utah Water Conservancy District is responsible for the construction of the remainder of the CUP.
- The Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission is responsible for mitigating the environmental effects of the CUP.
- The Department of the Interior is responsible for oversight of the project.
- The program will provide nearly 200,000 acre-feet of municipal, industrial, and agricultural water annually, supporting the needs of more than 1 million people.

The Mitigation Commission account funding in the 2027 budget request will support ongoing restoration work along the Middle Strawberry River, rehabilitating fish and wildlife habitat significantly affected by recent wildfires. Mitigation Commission

account funding will also support operation and maintenance of the recently constructed Provo River Delta Restoration Project, providing enhanced fish and wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities for nearby urban populations.



Construction of the Santaquin South Turnout progresses on the Spanish Fork–Santaquin Pipeline, Utah Lake System.

CUPCA Photo.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2027 Request with 2026 Enacted

	2026 Enacted		2027 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Central Utah Project Completion Account	0	19,000	0	13,200	0	-5,800
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account	0	4,000	0	3,800	0	-200
Subtotal, Current	0	23,000	0	17,000	0	-6,000
Permanent						
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account	12	5,111	12	2,825	0	-2,286
Subtotal, Permanent	12	5,111	12	2,825	0	-2,286
TOTAL, CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT	12	28,111	12	19,825	0	-8,286

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity
(dollar amounts in thousands)

APPROPRIATION: Central Utah Project Completion Account

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System	10,482	10,599	5,850	-4,749
Water Conservation Measures	2,000	2,000	1,000	-1,000
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Projects	8,768	8,451	8,250	-201
Program Administration	1,750	1,950	1,900	-50
SUBTOTAL APPROPRIATION	23,000	23,000	17,000	-6,000
Internal Mandated Transfer	-4,650	-4,000	-3,800	+200
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	18,350	19,000	13,200	-5,800

APPROPRIATION: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	4,650	4,000	3,800	-200

