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CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT

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**FY 2016
Central Utah Project Completion Act Budget Summary**
(thousands of dollars)

	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2016 President's Budget
Central Utah Project Completion Account	\$8,874	\$6,300
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account	1,000	1,000
Total Completion Act	\$9,874	\$7,300

**Permanent Appropriation
Title IV - Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account
Planned Expenditure of Interest in FY 2016**
(thousands of dollars)

	FY 2015 Enacted ^{1/}	FY 2016 President's Budget
Title IV - Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account ^{2/}	\$9,284	\$6,811
Total Title IV Investment Account	\$9,284	\$6,811

^{1/} These totals include sequestration for 2015 (estimated -\$648,000) and amounts previously unavailable from prior year sequestration that become available in 2015 (+\$1,052,000) and 2016 (estimated +\$648,000).

^{2/} Starting in FY 2014 the Mitigation Commission was allowed to access interest from their Investment Account for mitigation activities. The account was established by Title IV of Central Utah Project Completion Act (P.L. 102-575), which authorized the creation of a trust account (Account) in the U. S. Treasury, to provide an ongoing source of funds for the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission) for 1) mitigation and conservation projects that were authorized in Titles II and III of the Act, and 2) mitigation and conservation projects that were unknown at the date of enactment but would become necessary as CUP water development features authorized in Title II of the Act were designed and/or constructed over time.

**CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT OFFICE
FY 2016 Overview**

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 planning purposes, 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, Titles II-VI, was enacted.

CUPCA 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. CUPCA 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. CUPCA established a partnership arrangement among the Department of the Interior (Interior), the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (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, Interior 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 104,750 acre feet for municipal and industrial and fish and wildlife 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.

Detailed performance information for 2014, 2015, and 2016 is included in this justification.

The water users are under contract to repay the remaining portion of the CUP based on the amount of water delivered. Once the water conveyance facilities are complete, the repayment of approximately \$437 million can be initiated.

The CUP supports the Secretary's and Administration's priorities through the delivery of water for municipal, industrial, and irrigation purposes; water conservation; and fish and wildlife mitigation and recovery of endangered species. These water supplies are critical to sustaining the robust economy of this growing region, to seeing this heavily populated region through in times of drought, and to adapting to changing climate and hydrology. Notably, CUPCA established a balanced path forward for the development of water supplies while at the same time providing for the conservation and mitigation of resources, development of recreation and support of the Ute Indian Tribe water rights settlement. This budget request crosses multiple areas of the Department's key mission areas.

Land Certification: All land certifications for the authorized projects are complete.

**Project Cost Allocation/
Benefit-Cost Ratios:** 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.

**Status of Repayment
Contract:** 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 2014 are:

• Title II (Sec. 202 to 207)	\$310,330,790
• Title II (Sec. 201(a)(1)), Sec. 8	14,674,296
• Title II (Sec. 201(a)(1)), Sec. 5	0
• Title II (Sec. 201 (c))	0
• Title III	82,674,200
• P.L. 84-485, P.L. 92-370, P.L. 100-563	<u>0</u>
Total	\$407,679,286

Note: In its response to an audit by the Office of Inspector General of the Construction Cost Ceiling for the Bonneville Unit, the Department of the Interior 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 CUP. 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.

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Program Performance Summary

End Outcome Measure/Intermediate or PART Measure/PART Efficiency or Other Outcome Measure	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Enacted	2016 President's Budget	Change from 2015 to 2016	Long Term Target 2021	Comments
End Outcome Goal: Resource Use - Deliver water consistent with applicable State and Federal laws in an environmentally responsible manner.								
Total water supply made available for project purposes. (acre-feet)	262,335	288,029	285,558	285,558	293,558	8,000 2.8%	358,558 (annually)	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)	\$1,148,345	\$1,148,345	\$1,205,019	\$1,205,019	\$1,269,790	\$64,771 5.4%	\$1,634,127	
Actual/Projected cost per acre-foot of water delivered.	\$4,377	\$3,987	\$4,220	\$4,220	\$4,326	\$106 2.5%	\$4,557	
Cumulative cfs-miles of conveyance system constructed to deliver project water.	26,142	26,551	26,621	26,691	26,691	0 0.0%	26,845	
Cumulative total cost to date, Actual/Planned/Projected. (\$000)	\$390,567	\$410,870	\$430,870	\$450,870	\$465,870	\$15,000 3.3%	\$540,870	Construction costs accumulate each year but cfs-miles are not reported until a feature is completed.
Actual/Projected Cost per cfs-mile constructed.	\$14,940	\$15,475	\$16,185	\$16,892	\$17,454	\$562 3.3%	\$20,148	
Water conserved through the Water Management Improvement Program. (acre-feet)	108,795	134,489	125,018	125,018	125,018	0 0.0%	125,018	
Cumulative total cost to date Actual/Planned/Projected. (\$000)	\$195,288	\$198,748	\$198,748	\$198,748	\$198,748	\$0 0.0%	\$198,748	
Actual/Projected Cost per acre-foot of conserved water.	\$1,795	\$1,478	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$0 0.0%	\$1,590	
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.								
Water made available for stream fisheries. (acre-feet)	349,994	356,299	384,783	376,948	376,948	0 0.0%	376,948	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)	\$368,335	\$396,320	\$426,542	\$456,148	\$485,755	\$29,606 6.5%	\$633,787	
Actual/Projected Cost per acre-foot of available water.	\$1,052	\$1,112	\$1,109	\$1,210	\$1,289	\$79 6.5%	\$1,681	
Cumulative total land set aside for wetland and wildlife purposes. (acres)	27,714	27,772	27,837	27,902	27,967	65 0.2%	28,967	
Cumulative total cost to date Actual/Planned/Projected (\$000)	\$81,531	\$82,906	\$85,906	\$94,906	\$102,906	\$8,000 8.4%	\$116,656	
Actual/Projected Cost per acre.	\$2,942	\$2,985	\$3,086	\$3,401	\$3,680	\$278 8.2%	\$4,027	

*cfs-miles = cubic feet per second x miles of pipeline, a measurement of the overall volume & distances associated with conveyance systems

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General Performance Information

DOI Strategic Plan

The DOI Strategic Plan for FY 2014 – FY 2018 is the foundational structure for the description of program performance measurement and planning for the FY 2016 President's Budget. Budget and program plans for FY 2016 are fully consistent with the goals, outcomes, and measures described in the current DOI plan.

The CUP consistently meets and exceeds management goals. CUPCA has consistently met its goals under the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) programs. In an effort to provide public access to information, the CUPCA program maintains a program website (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 (the amount of conserved water decreases in drought years), provides 350,000 acre feet of water for fisheries, and has set aside 27,700 acres for wildlife. Over 14,000 acre feet of water has been acquired by the United States for a permanent supply for the endangered June sucker. Over 174 miles of streams have been restored, enhanced, or created.

Fiscal Year 2016 Planned Program Performance

The 2016 Budget reduces funding to the District's construction program from previous years and provides no funding for water conservation as the constrained fiscal environment has made difficult choices necessary. Therefore, proposed funding for the construction of the Utah Lake System facilities and elimination of funding for approved water conservation and water management improvement projects will delay delivery of additional water for the endangered June sucker.

The Mitigation Commission will continue to implement the fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects needed to complete mitigation measures committed to in pre-1992 Bureau of Reclamation planning documents, and those authorized in Title III. These activities include the development of the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands for mitigation committed to the Ute Indian Tribe; Provo River Delta Restoration Project for the endangered June sucker; acquisition and development of the Utah Lake Wetland Preserve; sage grouse recovery; restoration of the Strawberry River upstream of Strawberry Reservoir; management of wetlands adjacent to the Great Salt Lake; and restoring native cutthroat trout populations.

Fiscal Year 2015 Planned Program Performance

The Utah Lake System construction continues in 2015, 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 2015 will provide for continued construction of the Utah Lake System. Construction of the Utah Lake System is focused on Orem Reach 1B of the Spanish Fork Provo Reservoir Pipeline, Mapleton Springville Regulating Tank, and Phase II of the Mapleton Springville Pipeline.

The Mitigation Commission will continue to implement the fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects needed to complete mitigation measures committed to in pre-1992 Bureau of Reclamation planning documents, and those authorized in Title III.

Fiscal Year 2014 Program Performance Accomplishments

In 2014, Block Notice 7B1 was issued for 7,000 acre-feet of water under the Utah Lake System. This is the first block notice under the Utah Lake System and represents a major accomplishment in the Program. With the issuance of this block notice a total of 8,500 acre-feet is now available and is being released into Hobble Creek for recovery of the endangered June sucker. This marks the first time in 70 years that water has flowed in Hobble Creek during the summer months. Construction of the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System continued in 2014, 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 2014 have contributed to the conservation of an estimated 125,018 acre-feet of water on an annual basis.

The Mitigation Commission acquired lands for wetlands projects; continued development on the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Project; implemented projects for the recovery of the endangered June sucker; continued acquisition, development, and management of the Utah Lake Wetland Preserve and Great Salt Lake Shoreland Preserve; and continued development of fisherman access on rivers and streams. These activities improve the health of watersheds, landscapes, and marine resources, sustain biological communities, and connect people in surrounding communities with the great outdoors.

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LOCATION: The project is located in Utah's Bonneville and Uinta Basins, in Uintah, Duchesne, Wasatch, Summit, Utah, Salt Lake, and Juab Counties.

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The 2016 President's Budget provides funding to continue the partnership with the Central Utah Water Conservancy District in the ongoing construction of the Utah Lake System facilities. The reduction in funding is in recognition of the constrained fiscal environment and the difficult choices it necessitates. Interior's required program oversight activities and endangered species recovery program implementation will continue.

AUTHORIZATION: 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; Section 201(d) of P.L. 111-5, February 17, 2009; and P.L. 113-20, July 18, 2013.

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT: This project is aligned with the Department of the Interior Strategic Plan for FY 2014-2018 as follows:

Mission Area: Ensuring Healthy Watersheds and Sustainable, Secure Water Supplies.

Goal: Manage Water and Watersheds for the 21st Century.

Strategies: Managing water resources, maintaining critical infrastructure, promoting water conservation, and supporting healthy rivers and streams.

Completion Data: As of September 2013, work authorized by CUPCA is 73 percent complete. The major projects presently under construction are:

- The Section 207 Water Conservation Measures including the Springville City Secondary Water Project.
- The Utah Lake Basin Water Delivery System Spanish Fork Provo Pipeline, Mapleton – Springville Lateral Pipeline Phase II, and the Mapleton - Springville Regulating Tank.

Fiscal Year 2016 Planned Program Performance

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The 2016 Budget provides \$7.3 million, which is \$2.6 million less than the 2015 Enacted Budget. Of this amount, \$6.3 million will be expended from this account and \$1 million will be transferred to the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Mitigation Commission.

The 2016 Budget is a reduction in construction funding from 2015. The constrained fiscal environment has made difficult choices necessary. This budget provides no funding for approved water conservation and water management improvement projects which will delay acquisition of additional water for the endangered June sucker.

Utah Lake Drainage Basin Delivery System - The 2016 Budget is a reduction in funding from 2015, to be used toward construction of this system due to the constrained fiscal environment and the difficult choices it necessitates. The Utah Lake System construction began in the summer of 2007. The Utah Lake System includes 55 miles of large diameter (60-inch to 96-inch) welded steel mortar lined and mortar coated pipelines and hydroelectric facilities. The pipelines consist of: Spanish Fork Canyon Pipeline; Mapleton/Springville Pipeline; Spanish Fork Canyon Provo Pipeline; Spanish Fork Canyon Santaquin Pipeline; and the Santaquin Mona Pipeline. Of these pipelines the Spanish Fork Canyon Pipeline is complete, phase one of the Mapleton/Springville Pipeline is complete, and the Spanish Fork Canyon Provo pipeline is under construction. Construction of the remaining two pipelines has not been initiated. Once completed, the Spanish Fork Canyon Provo Pipeline will allow delivery of water to Salt Lake County for municipal summer time use and water for the endangered June sucker and will initiate the contractual repayment requirements. 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 in the Provo River during the months of July and August. The Utah Lake System will provide an additional 16,500 acre-feet of water to be delivered to the Provo River and Hobbie Creek for recovery of the endangered June sucker during May and June. The Utah Lake System will also be used for hydroelectric power generation, providing clean renewable energy.

Water Conservation Measures – The 2016 Budget does not include funding to be used toward implementation of water conservation measures due to the constrained fiscal environment and the difficult choices it necessitates. Under CUPCA’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. These measures include the Federal cost share for the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project and the Springville City Secondary Irrigation Project.

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 Environmental Impact Statement (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

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provided for in-stream flows. One conservation measure, the Springville City Secondary Irrigation Project, is being implemented to provide an additional 3,000 acre-feet of water for the June sucker.

Secretarial responsibilities – The 2016 Budget includes \$2.7 million for use by Interior to carry out the responsibilities of the Secretary and for other activities required by CUPCA. 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 fulfilled 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 finalize the settlement compact as mandated by Title V of CUPCA.

An integral part of CUP development is endangered species recovery and the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Projects budget includes \$1 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.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

Program Financial Data

Activity	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2016 President's Budget
Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System	\$6,374,000	\$3,572,000
Water Conservation Measures	0	0
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Projects	1,200,000	1,378,000
Program Administration	1,300,000	1,350,000
Total CUPCA Account Allotment	\$8,874,000	\$6,300,000

WORK PROPOSED FOR FY 2016:

Central Utah Project Completion Account

Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System

Activities include designs, specifications, 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. **\$3,572,000**

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Projects

To provide for the cost of operating and maintaining hatchery facilities under Section 313(c) of CUPCA and to pay the costs of delivering water acquired for in stream flows. Also to provide for the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program and mitigation and conservation projects outside the State of Utah as required by Section 314(c) of CUPCA. The increase is due to an operation and maintenance

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rate increase charged by the District and also to the delivery of an additional 7,000 acre-feet of water for the endangered June Sucker, which can now be delivered due to the completion of the Reach to Hobble Creek. **\$1,378,000**

Program Administration

Funds will be used to provide oversight with the District, Mitigation Commission, and Ute Tribe, and to otherwise carry out the responsibilities of CUPCA. 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. **\$1,350,000**

Total, Central Utah Project Completion Account **\$6,300,000**

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

LOCATION: The project is located in Utah's Bonneville and Uinta Basins, in Uintah, Duchesne, Wasatch, Summit, Utah, Salt Lake, and Juab Counties.

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: CUPCA provides for completion of the CUP by increasing the appropriation ceilings and authorizing features and measures for the delivery of water for municipal, industrial, and irrigation purposes; water conservation; wildlife mitigation; and in-stream flows. Under CUPCA the District was given the responsibility for completing the water conveyance and water conservation facilities, and the Mitigation Commission was tasked with completing the mitigation and conservation activities.

AUTHORIZATION: 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; Section 201(d) of P.L. 111-5, February 17, 2009; and P.L. 113-20, July 18, 2013.

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT: This project is aligned with the Department of the Interior Strategic Plan for FY 2014 – 2018 as follows:

Mission Area: Ensuring Healthy Watersheds and Sustainable, Secure Water Supplies

Goal: Manage Water and Watersheds for the 21st Century

Strategies: Managing water resources, promoting water conservation, supporting healthy rivers and streams, and restoring key ecosystems.

Fiscal Year 2016 Planned Program Performance

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account

The 2016 Budget includes \$1.0 million to be transferred to the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Mitigation Commission, which is level with the 2015 Enacted. These funds will be used to implement the fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation projects needed to complete mitigation measures committed to in pre-1992 Bureau of Reclamation planning documents, and those authorized in Title III which include:

- Provo River/Utah Lake Fish and Wildlife
Activities include acquisition and development of the Utah Lake Wetland Preserve; acquisition of water rights and rehabilitation of riparian habitat along the lower Provo River (June sucker recovery); and management of fishery and riparian habitat, wetlands, and public access along the middle Provo River.

- **Diamond Fork Fish and Wildlife**
Activities include stream restoration and riparian habitat development for Diamond Fork and Sixth Water Creeks which is mitigation for impacts on native fish and plants.
- **Duchesne/Strawberry Rivers Fish and Wildlife**
Activities include restoration of wetlands and wildlife and riparian habitat along the Duchesne River (for Ute Indian Tribe) for sage grouse recovery and restoration of the Strawberry River upstream of Strawberry Reservoir.
- **CRSP/Statewide Fish, Wildlife and Recreation**
Statewide activities include improving warm water/native fish hatchery production (primarily June sucker) management of wetlands adjacent to the Great Salt Lake and restoring native cutthroat trout populations.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

Program Financial Data

Activity	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2016 President's Budget
Section 201(a)(1) Mitigation Measures	\$100,000	\$900,000
Title III – Fish and Wildlife, Recreation, Mitigation, and Conservation	\$900,000	\$100,000
Total CUPCA Allotment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

WORK PROPOSED FOR FY 2016:

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

Section 201(a)(1) Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures include development of wetlands along the lower Duchesne River for mitigation committed to Ute Indian Tribe; recovery actions for the endangered June sucker which includes the development of the Provo River Delta Restoration Project; and stream and riparian restoration along the Diamond Fork/Sixth Water Creek corridor. **\$900,000**

Title III – Fish and Wildlife, Recreation, Mitigation, and Conservation

Title III authorizations supplement or complement the funding available through Title II of CUPCA. CUPCA established 43 mitigation and conservation projects within Title III, which have been organized into several watershed-based programs. **\$100,000**

Total, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission **\$1,000,000**

Title IV - Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account

Planned Expenditure of Interest in FY 2016

LOCATION: The Central Utah Project (CUP) is located in central and northeastern Utah.

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Title IV - Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account was established by Title IV of Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA), which authorized the creation of a trust account (Account) in the U.S. Treasury, to provide an ongoing source of funds for the Mitigation Commission for (1) mitigation and conservation projects that were authorized in Titles II and III of the Act and (2) mitigation and conservation projects that were unknown at the date of enactment but would become necessary as CUP water development features authorized in Title II of the Act were designed and/or constructed over time.

Pursuant to Title IV of CUPCA, the Account is comprised of (1) contributions to build up an initial principal within the Account and (2) interest that would be earned on the principal during an initial period. Annual contributions from Interior, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the State of Utah were specified over an initial eight year period; an annual contribution from the Western Area Power Administration of the Department of Energy (WAPA) continued through FY 2013.

Beginning in FY 2014, the interest on the principal is no longer required to be re-invested into the principal of the Account and instead will be directly available either for Mitigation Commission expenditure or, upon the Mitigation Commission's discretion, for re-investment as principal. To implement the required and planned programs of the Mitigation Commission, funding from interest earned on the Account will be used to support vital near-term mitigation projects.

The CUP is composed of several units. The largest unit is the Bonneville Unit, which is primarily responsible for developing the water supplies of the Colorado River Drainage for diversion and use in the Bonneville Basin of the Great Basin. The Bonneville Unit is composed of the Starvation Collection System, the Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System, the Diamond Fork System, the Municipal and Industrial System, and the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System.

CUPCA Titles II through VI of P.L. 102-575, was enacted on October 30, 1992. CUPCA raised the Bonneville Unit appropriations ceiling; required local non-Federal cost sharing of project capital costs; authorized certain water conservation and wildlife mitigation projects; allowed local entities to construct certain project features under the direction of the Secretary; and required the District to enter into a binding agreement with the Secretary to be considered a "Federal Agency" for purposes of compliance with all Federal fish, wildlife, recreation, and environmental laws. CUPCA also created the Mitigation Commission to provide planning and spending authority of Titles II and III (of CUPCA) funds for fish and wildlife mitigation and enhancement among the Federal and State fish, wildlife, and recreation agencies. CUPCA transferred authority for planning, funding and implementing Title II and III funds (under CUPCA) and Section 8 funds (under CRSPA for the Bonneville Unit only) to the Mitigation Commission. Titles II and III authorized the Mitigation Commission to expend appropriated funds for various mitigation and conservation projects.

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 84-485, The Colorado River Storage Project Act, April 1, 1956; P.L. 102-575, Titles II through VI, October 30, 1992, as amended by Section 214 of P.L. 108-137.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

Program Financial Data

Activity	FY 2015 Enacted ^{1/}	FY 2016 President's Budget ^{1/}
Provo River/Utah Lake Fish and Wildlife	\$6,984,000	\$4,911,000
Duchesne/Strawberry Rivers Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Operations, Management, Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$1,800,000	\$900,000
Total Title IV Program	\$9,284,000	\$6,811,000

^{1/} 2014 is the first year the interest income became available for expenditure or reinvestment. These totals include sequestration for 2015 (estimated -\$648,000) and amounts previously unavailable from prior year sequestration that become available in 2015 (+\$1,052,000) and 2016 (estimated +\$648,000).

WORK PROPOSED FOR FY 2016:

Activities in 2016 include mitigation for impacts caused to the Ute Tribe by development of the CUP, through development of fish and wildlife mitigation projects. On September 22, 2008, a Record of Decision 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 River Wetlands Mitigation Project. Acquisition of habitats to be restored and enhanced was completed in 2012, and implementation of the construction aspect began in 2013.

Recovering the endangered June sucker is vital for ongoing and future development and management of CUP water supplies. Implementation of activities is coordinated by the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program with support from the Mitigation Commission, Interior, and other agencies. Specific projects in 2016 to achieve June Sucker recovery include the Provo River Delta Restoration Project continuing work on restoration of spawning and rearing habitat in Provo River and its interface with Utah Lake, which is under the Recovery Plan.

The Mitigation Commission implements its program on a watershed basis. The CUPCA-affected area includes five watershed-based programs, three of which will be funded this year, as follows.

Provo River/Utah Lake Fish and Wildlife

The Mitigation Commission will implement several projects to help recover the June sucker, an endangered fish species, through: participation in the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program; the Hobbie Creek Restoration Project (for spawning and rearing habitat); and the Provo River Delta Restoration Project (for spawning and rearing habitat and ecological restoration). Record of Decision is anticipated in 2014, with land acquisition among the first steps needed to implement the project. The Mitigation Commission also mitigates adverse effects of the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System, and establishes and manages the Utah Lake Wetlands Preserve and the Provo River Restoration corridor. **\$4,911,000**

Title IV – Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account

Duchesne/Strawberry Rivers Fish and Wildlife

The Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Project is for mitigation of CUP impacts on trust resources of the Ute Indian Tribe. The Mitigation Commission also participates in a multi-agency program to restore sage grouse populations in the Uintah Basin. **\$1,000,000**

Operations, Management, Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Continues operations of the Mitigation Commission and partner agencies, management, maintenance and replacement of items associated with wildlife mitigation/management areas, wetlands preserves, river restoration corridors, stream gauging, and water quality monitoring to ensure commitments are met and contract costs for services and utilities. **\$900,000**

Total Mitigation Commission Title IV Program

\$6,811,000

Central Utah Project Completion Account

For carrying out activities authorized by the Central Utah Project Completion Act, [**\$9,874,000**] ~~\$7,300,000~~, to remain available until expended, of which \$1,000,000 shall be deposited into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission: Provided, That of the amount provided under this heading, [**\$1,300,000**] ~~\$1,350,000~~ shall be available until September 30, [**2016**] ~~2017~~, for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out related responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior: Provided further, That for fiscal year [**2015**] ~~2016~~, of the amount made available to the Commission under this Act or any other Act, the Commission may use an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for administrative expenses. (*Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.*)