CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

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U.S. Department of the Interior
Central Utah Project

- Investigations began in 1945
- Authorized under CRSPA as a Participating Project in 1956
- Construction Began May 14, 1959
- Bonneville Unit Definite Plan Report Completed in 1964
Original CUP Units

- Vernal Unit - Completed
- Jensen Unit - Completed
- Ute Indian Unit – Not Authorized
- Upalco Unit – Not Authorized
- Uintah Unit - Inactive
- Bonneville Unit – Under Construction
Bonneville Unit Area
Upper Stillwater Reservoir
32,009 acre-feet
Strawberry Reservoir
1,106,500 acre-feet
Bonneville Unit Area Map

M&I System
Jordanelle Reservoir
314,006 acre-feet
CUP – Bonneville Unit

- 1980’s approaching authorized ceiling limit
- Utah delegation’s new legislation
Bush’s Popularity Overflows In Utah: He Signs CUP Bill

By Jim Woolf
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Three years of frustration for Utah’s elected officials and water leaders came to an end Friday when President Bush signed legislation authorizing an additional $932 million to complete the Central Utah Project (CUP).

“What a great day,” said Don Christiansen, general manager of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. “I don’t know whether to cry or laugh. I’m so doggone overwhelmed with it.”

“I couldn’t be more delighted the president has signed the bill,” said Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah.

The senator said he started his political career 23 years ago as a Salt Lake City water commissioner assigned to work on the CUP and finished his term as senator with a speech urging passage of the bill.

More than $1 billion already has been spent on CUP’s system of reservoirs and pipelines to move water from the Uinta Mountains to farmers and suburban areas on the Wasatch Front. Water from the project is expected to sustain growth in Salt Lake County and Utah counties for the next two decades.

“This means more for Utah than any piece of legislation passed in the past 40 years,” said Rep. Wayne Owens, D-Utah, who forged the coalition of water users and environmentalists that wrote the bill.

“We came up with the most innovative water-conservation plan in the entire country,” said Mr. Owens.

Despite the coalition backing the CUP, it languished in Congress. The CUP was included in an omnibus water bill with projects from numerous other Western states, including a controversial proposal to move some of the water in California’s Central Valley from irrigation to wildlife and municipal uses.

Opponents of the California measure blocked passage of the water bill last year and the year before. When it finally cleared Congress earlier this month, opponents lobbied Mr. Bush to veto the measure. California Gov. Pete Wilson flew Friday to Nashville, Tenn., to meet personally with the president and encourage a veto.

“I never doubted he would sign it,” said Mr. Owens. “It made no political sense for him to veto it.”

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said he was “tickled to death” by the president’s decision. “We have put so much pressure on him” to sign it.

One major hurdle remains to completion of the CUP. The new bill requires Utah to contribute $179 million to help finance the remaining work on the project. No one knows where this money will be found.
Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA)

- Comprises Title II – Title VI of Public Law 102-575 (Reclamation Project Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992)
CUPCA Relationships

- Department of the Interior
- Central Utah Water Conservancy District
- Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission
- Ute Indian Tribe
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
Public Law 102-575
Central Utah Project Completion Act

- Title II - Construction
- Title III - Mitigation and Conservation
- Title IV - Mitigation and Conservation
- Title V - Ute Indian Rights Settlement
- Title VI - NEPA and ESA
Bonneville Unit Components

- Starvation Collection System - Completed
- Strawberry Collection System - Completed
- Municipal and Industrial System - Completed
- Ute Indian Tribal Development - Completed
- Diamond Fork System - Completed
- Utah Lake System – Under Construction
New Components

- Wasatch County Water Efficiency
- Conjunctive Use of Groundwater
- Uinta Basin Replacement Project
- Water Management Improvement
- Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, Mitigation, and Conservation
- Ute Indian Water Rights
- Additional Studies
Bonneville Unit Area Map

Diamond Fork System
Diamond Fork Creek Outlet
Bonneville Unit Area Map

Utah Lake System
## ULS Water Supply for Municipal and Industrial Use

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