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Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission receives \$10 million under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Salt Lake City, UT –The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed by Congress and signed by President Biden in December 2021 provides \$10 million for the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, which, according to Commission Chair Brad Barber, will be used for Provo River Delta Restoration Project construction.

The Provo River Delta Restoration Project has been under construction since March 2020 and is expected to be complete and open to the public in 2024. The project will improve the ecosystem of the lower Provo River and its interface with Utah Lake and will provide habitat needed for the survival of young June sucker. The June sucker is a native fish that lives naturally only in Utah Lake and is protected as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The project also will improve recreational experiences in the area by providing public access to protected open space along with new and improved trails, a viewing tower, interpretive exhibits, new trailhead parking areas and a community park.

“This funding comes at a critical time for us to continue construction of the delta project” said Project Coordinator Melissa Stamp. “The coming year is huge in terms of work to be accomplished. And we’ll complete our reimbursement to Provo City as they finish changes to their Lakeview Parkway and Trail needed due to new river construction. We plan to connect the new channel to the existing Provo River channel in late fall.”

Another \$40 million under the Infrastructure Law is available to Central Utah Water Conservancy District and Department of the Interior under the Central Utah Project Completion Act, which will accelerate critical investments in constructing Central Utah Project water delivery pipelines.

Executive Director Mark Holden expressed appreciation for the support of Utah’s Congressional delegation. “This funding is critical to support completion of the Central Utah Project. The amount of funding and inclusion of \$10 million to help recover a threatened species while providing numerous outdoor recreational opportunities reflects the high value Utahns place on clean water supplies, a healthy environment, and outdoor recreation as essential components for the future.”

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The Mitigation Commission is an executive branch Federal agency created by the Central Utah Project Completion Act of 1992. The Commission is responsible for planning, funding, and implementing projects that benefit fish, wildlife, and related recreation resources to offset impacts caused by the Central Utah Project, and other Federal water reclamation projects in Utah.

Detailed information about the Provo River Delta Restoration Project is available at the project website: provoriverdelta.us

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