

New Water Supply Development

Future water supplies on the Colorado River will be highly variable and uncertain. there will be times when Colorado has additional Colorado River water to develop and there may be times when Colorado will have to take actions to avoid a potential curtailment or possibly curtail uses to meet its share of the Upper Division States' compact obligations. Various activities are underway to help analyze and develop strategies to address this uncertainty, such as the Water Bank Study, the Aspinall Water Bank Study and Colorado's discussions with other Upper Division states.

In order to make additional progress on a new supply project from the Colorado River, the Roundtables, IBCC and CWCB must have substantive discussions, and develop additional tools to address the potential development of additional Colorado River basin water, when available, without impairing existing uses. Moving forward with the recommendations made by the Flaming Gorge task force would be a mechanism to begin this dialogue.