

Work Group Meeting Report Out

Work Group: Funding Workgroup, Meeting #1 **Date:** August 8, 2019

Meeting Topics:

Agenda topics included: background on demand management and drought contingency planning; process and expectations of the work groups; initial issue identification; and public comment.

The group spent the majority of the meeting identifying the key big-picture issues associated with funding of a potential demand management program and discussing the scope of the work group's future discussions.

Key Take Aways:

The group discussed a few big-picture questions and issues relating to funding a potential demand management program, such as:

- How much money would a potential demand management program require?
- Where would funds come from, and what are potential pros and cons of various funding sources?
- How would funds for a demand management program be administered?
- What are sideboards and issues surrounding who would be able to participate in a potential demand management program?
- What types of projects would be eligible for funding under a Demand Management program? i.e. front range reuse and infrastructure connected to reductions in transmountain diversions)?
- Can this group consider other investments to address long-term water supply risks (i.e. forest health and watershed treatments)?
- How should water be valued, and what are the factors in making this determination?
- How does equity in participation and administration of a potential demand management program factor in to this discussion?

Questions/Concerns to Raise:

The group identified some threshold questions and issues to consider going forward, including:

- What parameters should be considered in analyzing issues around funding of a potential demand management program?
- What are the mechanisms or factors to be considered in determining how to value water?

Additional technical, informational other needs:

The group discussed potentially having a contractor conduct a literature review of existing information on funding programs similar to a potential demand management program.

Other:

The group will identify a next meeting date in the October – November timeframe to be held in the Denver Metro area.