

Work Group Meeting Report Out

Work Group: Economics and Local Government Meeting #2 **Date:** November 7, 2019

Meeting Topics:

Agenda topics included: a summary of public comment and the group's first meeting; presentations on the Water Bank Working Group Secondary Economic Impact Study and economic research from the Upper Gunnison, continued discussion of threshold issues, and a discussion on threshold parameters from an economic and local government perspective.

Key Take Aways:

- Rhetoric matters – the group continued to support a shift towards viewing demand management as a tool that includes a discussion of both positive and negative impacts.
- Proportionality and fairness continue to be top of mind, threshold issues.
- Social justice is important to communities. Access to open space, green space, aesthetics, and parks must be considered.

Key Discussion Points:

The group split into two groups to explore screening criteria and threshold parameters from an economic and local government perspective. These discussions will continue to be refined in future meetings, but included:

Group 1 - Parameters	Group 2 - Screening
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Differential compensation (regional + sector)• Transaction costs• Program administration• Proportionality• Property tax designation• Water right priority and firmness• Measuring injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential Water Savings by Economic Sector• Ability to participate• Water saving potential• Who might be affected (short-term + long-term)• Actions necessary to mitigate• Costs to mitigate

Additional technical, informational other needs:

- Adding additional capacity to research impacts to soil health, impacts of fallowing or deficit irrigation on high elevation agriculture operations, impacts to communities and different economic sectors, and impacts to wildfire risk.
- Various pricing mechanisms need to be explored to incentivize voluntary participation, ensure proportionality, and minimize costs to the taxpayer.

Other:

The group's next meeting will be held January 29th at the Westin Westminster beginning at 1pm.