

Environmental Considerations Work Group Meeting Report Out

Meeting Number: 2

Date: November 22, 2019

Meeting Topics:

Agenda topics included: an overview of the workgroup processes; a review of other workgroup discussions; an update on the CWCB Demand Management Feasibility Investigation RFP; a summary of the Upper Colorado River Commission's (UCRC) System Conservation Pilot Program (SCPP); next steps; and public comment.

Please note that this meeting was limited to informational presentations only due to inclement weather. The planned agenda discussion items on prioritizing workgroup efforts and potential environmental criteria were delayed until the next Environmental Considerations in-person workgroup meeting.

Key Take Aways:

The group heard updates and presentations related to the following:

- CWCB staff provided an update on the Demand Management Feasibility Investigation, which included a discussion of common themes arising out of workgroup meetings, upcoming Demand Management meetings and events, and a summary of other workgroups' discussions as they relate to the Environmental Workgroup. Upcoming Demand Management events include a regional workshop at the Colorado Water Congress January meeting, the morning of January 29; and the joint IBCC/Demand Management workgroup meeting March 3-4, 2020. The group discussed convening at least two additional Environmental workgroup meetings before July 2020.
- Group members provided updates on their discussions relating to Demand Management that have occurred outside of the workgroup.
- Aaron Derwingson, The Nature Conservancy, presented information on the SCPP including examples from several different projects. The presentation included general information on how the projects worked and what was learned. A summary was also provided on the impacts to streamflows and the environment, when the information was available.

Next Steps

The group discussed the following workgroup tasks:

- Consider which studies and reports should be included in a literature review.
- Review previous studies and information relating to water conservation efforts, as well as existing environmental rules and regulations.

Other:

The group discussed holding the next meeting in February and convening at least two meetings before June 2020.