

## Workgroup Meeting Report Out

### **Work Group:**

Funding Workgroup Meeting #2 **Date:** December 3, 2019

### **Meeting Topics:**

Agenda topics included: recap of meeting #1, evaluation of “parking lot” comments from other workgroups, a visioning exercise around scenario planning; and a public comment period.

Building from the question raised at the first meeting – What parameters should be considered in analyzing issues around funding of a potential demand management program – the group spent the majority of the meeting brainstorming major factors that could affect a possible demand management program and discussed building scenarios around these factors.

From that effort, a table of five high-level, conceptual scenarios were developed that could be shared with other workgroups to help share some of the high-level issues this group has been wrestling with and to allow an apples-to-apples comparison of analysis of various conceptual planning pathways across DM workgroups. From there, the group began to brainstorm what funding-specific nested scenarios might be developed and what high-level drivers from the Colorado Water Plan’s scenarios (e.g. climate change; population growth; economic downturns) might impact any possible solutions. Due to time constraints at this meeting, that next phase of conversation will be teed-up for Funding Workgroup Meeting #3.

### **Key Take Aways:**

The brainstorm session generated a range of categories as a starting point for scenario planning. From a set of scenarios the group will work to identify policy questions to consider related to funding a potential demand management program. The scenarios identified included:

- Volume of water needed
- Cost of potential program (i.e. \$/acre-foot)
- Percent of water savings expected from a demand management program (versus funded investments in infrastructure)
- Acute or chronic need
- Year water is needed by
- Reservoir storage options

Additionally, some funding-specific conversations revisited ideas from Meeting #1 surrounding potential tax solution, how to protect funding, etc.

### **Questions/Concerns to Raise:**

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

- How much water can be conserved by replacing existing infrastructure?
- What lessons can we learn from the System Conservation Pilot Program?

### **Additional technical, informational other needs:**

The group discussed potentially having a contractor help refine the scenarios identified. Ideally these scenarios would be broken down into a set for all demand management workgroups to consider and additional scenarios specific to this workgroup.

### **Other:**

The group expects to convene again on January 30, 2020 in Westminster.