

Work Group Meeting Report Out

Work Group: Economics and Local Government Meeting #3 **Date:** January 29, 2020

Meeting Topics:

Agenda topics included: a summary of public comment and parking lot issues received from other workgroups; update on scenario planning concept developed in Funding Workgroup, an update on the Water Plan Technical Update provided by CWCB staff, discussion of upcoming IBCC/Demand Management meeting, a discussion of threshold issues, and opportunity for public comment.

Key Discussion Points:

- The group discussed the work of other workgroups, including the Funding workgroup's scenario planning concept/thought exercise.
- There was discussion around how market forces may impact a Demand Management program, and how to consider and account for those issues.
- Discussion returned to issues around definitions, such as the issue of absentee landowners and what constitutes "voluntary" participation. Continued discussion around the concept of equity and importance of recognizing unique basin-by-basin issues.
- The group also discussed data gaps and potential next steps for increasing understanding of temporary, voluntary, compensated programs, including potential pilots.

Key Take Aways & Next Steps:

- The group would like to further develop the concept of scenario planning, and consider ways the group's considerations could fit into the work the Funding workgroup has developed. This will be discussed further at the March IBCC/Demand Management Workgroups meeting.
- There was discussion around how market forces may impact a potential Demand Management program, and how to consider and account for those issues. The group thought a presentation focused on these issues as related to the System Conservation Pilot Program would be helpful.
- Discussion returned to issues around definitions, such as the issue of absentee landowners and what constitutes "voluntary" participation. Further discussion would be helpful in understanding how these concepts interact and how to manage them in a potential Demand Management program.

Other:

The group will meet next at the joint IBCC/Demand Management Workgroups meeting in March and will work on scheduling additional meeting after that.