



**Demand Management Decision-Making Roadmap - October 2021**

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ACHIEVABILITY?		
Monitoring & Verification	Decision	Timeframe for Decision-Making Process
<p>Is it technically possible to monitor and verify conserved consumptive use within Colorado for a potential Demand Management program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring &amp; Verification elements for all projects               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Measure water returned to stream</li> <li>○ Analyze conserved consumptive use</li> <li>○ Maintain return flows</li> <li>○ Coordinate environmental and other benefits</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additional potential elements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Estimate residual field consumptive use</li> <li>○ Identify mechanisms to prevent injury</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	YES   NO	Begin* Nov. 2021
Environmental Considerations	Decision	Timeframe
<p>Is it technically possible to track and monitor potential environmental impacts and benefits?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider potential environmental benefits and impacts</li> <li>• Assess net benefit or impact</li> </ul>	YES   NO	Begin Nov. 2021



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate strategies to incentivize benefits, including potential leveraging of other programs</li> <li>• Implement strategies to avoid or mitigate negative impacts</li> </ul>		
<b>Education &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<p>Is it possible to develop an outreach plan for a Demand Management program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage broad audiences through a water education program</li> <li>• Inform the program through stakeholder engagement</li> <li>• Ensure participation through program marketing</li> </ul>	<b>YES   NO</b>	Begin Nov. 2021
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<p>Given the above determinations, is it possible to secure a funding source to pay for a potential Demand Management program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potential federal funding sources, including but not limited to funds available through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.</li> <li>• Identify potential state funding sources, including but not limited to funds available through implementation of Proposition DD.</li> <li>• Identify a range of potential costs of a Demand Management program, including payments to participants, potential costs of mitigation of secondary impacts, costs of running a program, and other potential costs.</li> </ul>	<b>YES   NO</b>	<i>TBD</i> : Pending Infrastructure Bill



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<b>WORTHWHILE FOR COLORADO?</b>		
<b>Proportionality Considerations</b>	<b>Board Decision</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Can Colorado establish a Demand Management program that prioritizes avoidance of disproportionate negative economic or environmental impacts to any single subbasin or region within Colorado while protecting the legal rights of water rights holders, consistent with the Board’s November 2018 Support and Policy Statement?	<b>YES   NO</b>	Begin Nov. 2021 (pending IBCC input expected Oct. 2021)
<b>Anti-Speculation Considerations</b>	<b>Board Decision</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Can Colorado establish a Demand Management program that sufficiently addresses or does not further encourage speculation activities?	<b>YES   NO</b>	Begin Nov. 2021 (pending analysis of Anti-Speculation Workgroup report)
<b>Analyses and Findings of UCRC and Other States</b>	<b>Board Decision</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Based on information gained from the UCRC feasibility investigation and those ongoing in the other Upper Division States, would a Demand Management program be worthwhile from Colorado’s perspective?	<b>YES   NO</b>	<i>TBD: Investigations ongoing</i>



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### ADVISABLE FROM COLORADO'S PERSPECTIVE?

*This analysis will follow completion of the decision-making process above, and contemplates whether it would be advisable to make a feasibility finding given the broader Colorado River strategy.*