

Intrastate Demand Management Feasibility Investigations

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Overview

- 2019 Work Plan update
- Looking forward

CWCB Policy Statement

“Develop the state’s position and approach on whether and how to develop any Upper Basin Demand Management Program that could potentially be implemented within Colorado consistent with state law to avoid or mitigate the risk of involuntary compact curtailment and to enhance certainty and security in the Colorado River water supply.”

INVESTIGATING

VOLUNTARY, TEMPORARY, AND
COMPENSATED

Reducing Use Through Demand
Management



2019 Work Plan

- Purpose
- Tasks
 - Initial Issue Identification
 - Establish Workgroups
 - Conduct Workshops
 - Evaluate and Report
 - Project Management
- Timelines
- Deliverables
- Estimated Resources/Costs

Tasks: Establish Workgroups

- **To help identify and evaluate priority issues within Colorado regarding demand management feasibility.**
- Guided by criteria in Support and Policy Statement.
- First job: formulate meaningful scopes of work, budgets, and timeline for initial work to be completed in CY 2019.
- **Keeping in mind:** the need for an effective and efficient process.

Tasks: Establish Workgroups

- Proposed Workgroups:
 - **Law and Policy**
 - **Monitoring and Verification**
 - **Water Rights Administration and Accounting**
 - **Environmental Considerations**
 - **Economic Considerations**
 - **Funding**
 - **Education and Outreach**
 - **Agricultural Impacts**
 - **Tribal Interests**

Who's on the Workgroups?

- Subject matter experts in the identified area of investigation.
- Not based on affiliation, employment, membership of an organization. Selected in individual capacity and not as a representative.
- Demonstrated willingness to apply their skills to help assess statewide demand management considerations within Colorado.
- Generally, not already an active voice or in a leadership role in other forums and groups discussing demand management considerations.

Workgroup Invitations

- Workgroups may participate in deliberative and privileged discussions regarding information which may be subject to confidentiality until they are made available to the public as part of the outreach or decision-making efforts at appropriate times.
- **Issues framed by the workgroups and proposed investigative methodology will be made public and disclosed at appropriate times throughout the process.**

Workgroup Process

- The “rubber meets the road” in these discussions, as it does in other demand management forums.
- We are giving the workgroups breathing room to have frank and candid conversations and to help identify solutions.
- A roster of membership has been posted to the CWCB website.

WORKGROUPS ARE BUT A PIECE OF THE DEMAND MANAGEMENT PIE

Throughout the process, the CWCB will continue to interface with existing water user groups to provide updates and get feedback:

- Basin Roundtables.
- Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC).
- Water provider, conservation, conservancy district and other policy boards and stakeholder organizations.
- Water Resources Review Committee.
- Comments and other questions can also be provided to the CWCB at demandmanagement@state.co.us.

DCP and Demand Management Outreach

since March Board meeting

- Water Bank Work Group – Fruita
- Tribal Interests Workgroup – Ignacio
- Southwestern Water Conservation District – Durango
- Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable – Craig
- Metro Basin Roundtable – Denver
- Colorado River Water Conservation District – Glenwood Springs
- American Water Resources Association Colorado Section – Golden
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum – Pueblo
- South Platte Basin Roundtable - Longmont
- St. Vrain and Left Hand WCD Annual Seminar – Longmont
- Colorado Water Congress POND Committee - Denver

Tasks: Conduct Workshops

- CWCB/AG Colorado River team to develop and conduct public workshops to continue outreach on Colorado River issues, specifically the issues associated with demand management feasibility.
 - Open lines of communication.
 - Provide forum for public review of Workgroup process.
 - Receive feedback and input regarding status of DM investigation process.
- Will not take the place of ongoing outreach efforts.
- **FIRST WORKSHOP** – Thursday, August 22nd.

Timelines

- July – “All-Hands” Workgroup orientation
- June 21 – Upper Colorado River Commission Demand Management Workshop, Salt Lake City
- June 27-28 – Upper Colorado River Commission biannual meeting, Keystone

Not anticipating completion of feasibility investigations by end of 2019. Simply starting the process.

Questions, comments, guidance:

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