

Workgroup Meeting Report Out

Work Group:

Funding Workgroup Meeting #3 **Date:** January 30, 2020

Meeting Topics:

Agenda topics included: recap of meeting #2, evaluation of “parking lot” comments from other workgroups and public comments received; scenario planning refinement; and a public comment period.

The five high-level, conceptual scenarios developed at meeting #2 were reviewed to be sure the ideas were captured and to revisit the concepts with the intention of identifying one funding mechanism to vary across all scenarios. David Groves with the RAND Center on Decision Making Under Uncertainty attended the meeting to gather background on the scenarios to help facilitate a conversation with other workgroups at the IBCC/Demand Management meeting in March 2020.

Key Take Aways:

The group came up with a preliminary list of funding ideas noting that not one concept, but rather a portfolio would be beneficial. The group discussed looking for pros/cons and picking one option to run through the scenarios as a next step to help identify strengths and weaknesses in funding options. Ideas listed included: statewide tax (income, sales, property), regional tax, statewide fee, Bureau of Reclamation contribution, hydropower user fee, export user fee (i.e. Front Range water user rate increase).

Questions/Concerns to Raise:

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

- Should the funding workgroup consider funding issues relating to a potential pilot program to take place at some point before a Demand Management program would be set up?
- For conversation with other workgroups – Who (or what sectors) would benefit most from a DM program?

Additional technical, informational other needs:

Other:

Public comment provided additional context around scenario considerations including evaluating and mitigating unintended consequences.

The group will meet again at the IBCC/Demand Management meeting on March 5, 2020 in Denver West.