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AGENDA ITEM: 13 - Demand Management Update

Staff Recommendation: This is an information item, with no formal Board action requested.

Background:

Staff continues the work of implementing the 2019 Demand Management Work Plan. The Work Plan has three components: (1) workgroups; (2) regional workshops; and (3) continued education and outreach. Pursuant to this direction, CWCB staff have facilitated several workgroup meetings across the state, all of which have been open to the public with opportunity for public comment. The workgroups held a joint meeting with IBCC March 4-5, which allowed the workgroups to discuss their work to date and crosscutting issues. Additionally, the second regional workshop was held at the Colorado Water Congress conference on January 29, 9:00-11:30 am. Staff continue to prioritize continued education and outreach across the state relating to Demand Management. Information about upcoming workshops and workgroup meetings, as well as report outs from each meeting, are posted on the CWCB website.

The work underway pursuant to the 2019 Work Plan represents only the first stage in the Demand Management feasibility investigation. The other Upper Division States are also engaged in their own Demand Management feasibility analyses. Staff of CWCB and the Attorney General's Office continue to coordinate with the other Upper Division States throughout this process.

Staff will provide an update of recent meetings, as well as common themes and issues arising throughout the feasibility investigation. CWCB staff plan to seek additional guidance from the Board in summer 2020 relating to potential next steps of the feasibility investigation.

