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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members
FROM: Amy Ostdiek
DATE: September 16, 2020
SUBJECT: Agenda Item 10: Demand Management Feasibility Investigation

This is an informational item with no Board action requested.

CWCB staff and the Demand Management Project Management Team recently submitted a report to the Board outlining work done to date pursuant to the 2019 Work Plan. The report (Colorado's Demand Management Feasibility Investigation Update) was discussed at the July 2020 Board meeting and the September 2, 2020, Board workshop. The workshop provided the Board with an opportunity to hear more detailed reports from the workgroups and on other efforts within the state and beyond. The Board also began the discussion of what next steps may be, based on these presentations of work done so far.

At this Board meeting, staff plans to build on the recent Board discussion of work done to date to begin developing a work plan for the next stage of Colorado's feasibility investigation. This work plan will be informed by and focused on responding to the key questions posed at the workshop: whether Demand Management would be doable for Colorado, what a Demand Management program should look like if one is established, and whether Demand Management is advisable. Staff plans to propose potential elements and tasks that could form the basis of the next work plan, based on Board discussion and the work done by workgroups and others throughout the first year of the feasibility investigation.

Staff will not be requesting Board action at this meeting, but anticipates providing a draft work plan for potential adoption at the November board meeting based on board input.

