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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members  
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**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 11: Demand Management Feasibility Investigation

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**This is an informational item only with no Board action requested.**

At its November 2020 meeting, the Board adopted the Step II Work Plan for the Demand Management Feasibility Investigation. Two key elements of this Work Plan are (1) development of a framework/strawman concept, and (2) identification of opportunities for on-the-ground learning through demonstration projects using existing programs and funding sources. At the January 2021 meeting, staff will provide updates on these efforts.

Relating to the framework, staff plans to present concepts developed with the assistance of the consultant team that illustrate how the framework may be structured. Generally, the draft framework will identify three options for program implementation for each subject matter. The subject matters correlate with the workgroups convened throughout the 2019 Work Plan. The three options for implementation for each workgroup subject matter will roughly correlate with varying levels of complexity. Staff will talk through this general concept at a high level. This is intended to be an introductory discussion that will be followed by more in-depth discussion at a board workshop.

Staff will also briefly discuss plans for initiating discussion with various groups across the state about potential demonstration projects. This, as well as the entire Demand Management Feasibility Investigation, continue to be an open and collaborative process. Staff hopes to identify opportunities for open discussion across the state about potential demonstration projects that may help increase on-the-ground understanding of how a program may work.

