

Work Group Meeting Report Out

Work Group: Monitoring and Verification Meeting #1 **Date:** September 10, 2019

Meeting Topics:

Agenda topics included: background on demand management and drought contingency planning; process and expectations of the work groups; initial issue identification; and public comment.

The group spent the majority of the meeting listening to presentations on System Conservation Pilot Program (SCPP) projects, monitoring and verification of the SCPP projects, and methods to estimate agricultural consumptive use.

Key Take Aways:

The SCPP projects offer baseline guidance of how monitoring and verification can be performed for temporary fallowing projects. Very little municipal participation in the program resulted in little guidance on non-agricultural monitoring and verification.

The group discussed the challenge of monitoring and verification for trans-basin diversions (TBDs), noting that the foregone West Slope diversion, consideration of storage, reduction in consumptive use, tracking of supply, and already planned conservation all are considerations for monitoring and verification of potential Front Range municipal participants.

The group expressed an interest in simplifying agricultural participation with streamlined methods of determining historic consumptive use (HCU) and operating the projects.

Questions/Concerns to Raise:

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

- How flexible will the program be with complex projects? i.e. fallowing, split-season irrigation, alternative crop-typing, etc.
- How will maintenance of historical return flow patterns be handled? In which areas of the Colorado River basin is this an important consideration?

Additional technical, informational other needs:

The group discussed utilization of a contractor to perform a literature review. The group also discussed a desire for more detailed discussion of possible trans-basin/municipal considerations and participation in a demand management program.

Other:

No public comments were heard during the first meeting. The group will meet next on October 31 from 10am-2pm in Summit County.