

## Demand Management in WY UCRB Stakeholder Engagement

### Focus Group 1: Assessing curtailment

1. There is a possibility of administrative curtailment in the next ten years.
  - a. What information would you need today to help plan for such an action?
2. Assuming a curtailment would regulate all post-1922<sup>1</sup> water rights: Have you been able to envision how a one-year curtailment would affect water supply to your operation?
  - a. If no, what additional information do you need, to envision that?
  - b. Have you been able to envision how curtailment would affect water supply to your operation in a “dry” year (i.e. when hydrologic shortage exists in your area, before curtailment occurs)?
  - c. In “wet” years?
  - d. Are there ways to manage your water with your neighbors to help your operations get through a curtailment?
  - e. how would multi-year curtailment change your responses above?
3. Under a curtailment, a “free river” condition would not be available and surplus and excess rights may not be available to anyone. Does that affect how you might plan for a curtailment?
  - a. Does being limited to only the original water right, with no free river, surplus or excess right, make you more interested in employing some curtailment mitigation tool or establishing a demand management program?
  - b. Note: Focus Group #2 will be discussing curtailment mitigation tools; please see the questions and background material for that group for a summary of possible tools.
4. Taking into account your knowledge of your own operation what do you think the potential impacts of a one-year curtailment are:
  - a. On the economics of your operation, your neighbors, your community, your basin?
  - b. On the society that you, your neighbors, your community, and your basin now share?
  - c. What types of additional information do you need to help you validate or change that view?
  - d. What about a multi-year curtailment?

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<sup>1</sup> For the sole purpose of investigating the greatest potential curtailment impacts, we are considering post-1922 water rights to be those with a priority date later than November 24, 1922, as identified in Article IV of the 1948 Upper Colorado River Basin Compact.