

Demand Management in WY UCRB Stakeholder Engagement

Focus Group 2: Curtailment mitigation

1. Temporary Water Right Transfers

- a. How many entities do you believe could or would undertake temporary water right transfers as protection against the impacts of a Colorado River Compact curtailment, either in advance of or in the event of a curtailment?
- b. Does the state need to undertake education on how temporary water right transfers work, for entities that may want to evaluate their usefulness?
- c. There is a process for getting through all the paperwork, assessment, and approval processes for a temporary transfer and then holding off on the transfer itself until it is needed. How many entities do you believe will use that?
- d. Do you need more information to answer these questions? What kind of information?

2. Permanent Water Right Transfers

- a. How many entities do you believe would undertake permanent water right transfers as protection against the impacts of a Colorado River Compact curtailment, either in advance of or in the event of a curtailment?
- b. Does the state need to undertake education on how permanent water right transfers work, for entities that may want to evaluate their usefulness?
- c. Should there be a process for getting through all the paperwork, assessment, and approval processes for a permanent transfer and then holding off on the transfer itself until it is needed?
- d. Do you need more information to answer these questions? What kind of information?

3. Water Exchanges

- a. Is there a way a water exchange could help you through curtailment?
- b. Does the state need to undertake education on how exchanges work, for entities that may want to evaluate their usefulness?
- c. Should there be a process for getting through all the paperwork, assessment, and approval processes for exchanges and then holding off on the exchange itself until it is needed?
- d. Do you need more information to answer this question? What kind of information?

4. Use of Storage

- a. The state has rights to storage water in Fontenelle Reservoir that it may sell to water users to be used to help mitigate a curtailment on a short-term basis.
 1. What advantages do you see to using Fontenelle storage water to mitigate curtailment?
 2. What disadvantages do you see?
- b. Using storage water for curtailment mitigation would likely incur costs. Do you think water users would be willing to pay those costs?
- c. If you or your organization owns a reservoir, would you or the organization be willing to offer water stored there for curtailment mitigation?
- d. Do you need more information to answer these questions? What kind of information?