



Demand Management in WY UCRB Stakeholder Engagement

Focus Group 4: Demand Management conserved consumptive use: *Municipalities & industry* (remembering that DM would be a voluntary, compensated and temporary program)

1. What methods of reducing consumptive use would you be willing to implement in your existing operation?
 - a. Do you need more information to answer this question? What kind of information?
2. What volume of consumptive use do you think these methods would conserve?
 - a. Do you need more information to answer this question? What kind of information?
3. How should the price for saved water be determined?
 - a. Individual private negotiations, a set price, group negotiations, other means?
 - b. Do you need more information to answer this question? What kind of information?
4. Would you participate in a DM program that paid you for the amount of water that was actually proven to be saved and conveyed to a specific point in the system? (This is a different risk profile than in the System Conservation Pilot Program, where producers were paid based on estimates of what would be saved, rather than actual consumptive use savings in that year.)
5. What considerations would affect your decision to adopt any measure to reduce consumptive use? Of the possible considerations below (and any more you would like to add), could you rank them as to which are the most important? Please also discuss what type of information if any you need to better assess each of these considerations.
 - a. Impact on water rights
 - i. Does the DM policy requirement that any reduction in consumptive use be “temporary” (as well as “voluntary” and “compensated”) provide you sufficient assurance that your legal water right will not be affected?
 - ii. Is there additional assurance you would need regarding water rights in order to adopt any proposed measure for reducing consumptive use?
 - b. Impact on your operation
 - i. Do you have sufficient data or experience to assess potential impact on your operation of reducing consumptive use?
 - ii. Can you estimate both implementation costs and lost profit sufficiently to determine what you would need to be paid per unit of reduced consumptive use in order to undertake reduction methods?
 - iii. For municipalities, are there special issues/obstacles regarding rate structure and debt that affect this factor?
 - c. Economic impact
 - i. Can you assess the potential economic impact of various levels of reduced consumptive use on your operation and your community?
 - d. Are there other considerations affecting your/others’ decision regarding participation in a DM program that should be added here?
 - i. Is there information that would help in assessing the weight of these other considerations?