



# - DEMAND MANAGEMENT - Planning For Uncertainty

## 180/400 Subbasin Implementation Committee Survey Results

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# Survey Review

- **13 responses out of 15 Active IC Members**
- **14 Questions**
- **Focus on:**
  - **Feasibility / Infeasibility of Demand Management Options**
  - **Information Needs**
  - **Uncertainty Conditions**
  - **Past Impacts and Actions**

# Survey Results

- **Review of Past Workshop Videos (October 2022 / Spring 2024)**
  - **38% (5) - All**
  - **54% (7) – Some**
  - **8% (1) – None**
  
- **General Feasibility of Demand Management Options (desirable / undesirable)**
  - **77% (10) – Yes**
  - **23% (3) - No**

# Survey Results

- **Perspectives on Demand Management**
  - **Based on Accurate Water Budget**
  - **Based on Basin/Subbasin Sustainable Yield**
  - **Based on Historic Use**
  - **Market Conditions and Regulatory Conditions May Drive DM Decisions**
  - **Cost and Funding Factors / Responsibility**
  - **Outcomes are Equitable, Sustainable, Affordable, Protective**
  - **DM needs to be Basin Scale, not Subbasin Scale**

# Survey Results

- **Perspectives on Feasible Options**
  - **Land Repurposing**
  - **Recharge**
  - **Enhanced / Improved seawater intrusion barrier**
  - **Reduced Pumping (voluntary)**
  - **Enhanced Irrigation Practices**
  - **Enhanced Urban Efficiencies**
  - **Rotational Fallowing and Fallow Banking (voluntary)**

# Survey Results

- **Perspectives on Feasible Options (cont.)**
  - **Seasonal Irrigation Changes (timing, source)**
  - **Alternate Cropping Patterns**
  - **Land Retirement (voluntary)**
  - **Enhanced Use of Recycled Water**

# Survey Results

- **Perspectives on Infeasibility**
  - **Voluntary Steps Before Mandates Are Imposed**
  - **Rotational Fallowing Not Feasible for Large Ag Operations)**
  - **Subbasin Scale Solutions**
  - **Uncertainty and Imprecision in Water Science**
  - **Costs and Timeframes**
  - **Historic Disagreements on Regional Water Management**
  - **Risk of Adjudication / Loss of Control**

# Survey Results

- **Information Needs to Support DM Discussions Decisions**
  - **Primary**
    - **Economic Impacts (personal, industrywide, County and community)**
    - **Costs / Benefits of Projects and Actions**
  - **Additional**
    - **Basinwide Willingness and Support**



# Survey Results

- **Uncertainty Conditions**
  - **Primary**
    - **Seawater Intrusion (10 of 13)**
  - **Other Responses**
    - **Groundwater Storage**
    - **Recharge Infeasibility**
    - **Declining Groundwater Levels**
    - **Flood Risks**
    - **Politics**

# Survey Results

- **Negative Impacts to Groundwater Users in the Subbasin**
  - **Yes – 85% (11)**
  - **No – 15% (2)**
- **Of the 11 Respondents that ID'd Negative Impacts**
  - **Water Quality - 6**
  - **Loss / Abandonment of Wells / Production – 5**
  - **Deep Aquifer Extraction – 4**

# Survey Results

- **Conditions That Could Require Water Use Reduction (Urban / Agricultural)**
  - **Seawater Intrusion– 10**
  - **Drought - 3**
  - **Water Quality – 3**
  - **Loss of Storage – 3**
  - **Declining Groundwater Levels – 3**
  - **Legal / Regulatory – 1**
  - **Crop Disease – 1**
  - **Wetter Conditions - 1**

# Survey Results

- **IF Demand Management were employed, Sequential or All at Once**
  - **Sequential – 100% (13)**

# Survey Results

- **Pumping Adjustments If Operating Well / Water System (drought years since 2000)**
  - **No – 7**
  - **Yes – 4**
  - **NA - 2**

# Survey Results

- **Pumping Adjustments If Operating Well / Water System (drought years since 2000)**
  - **No – 54% (7)**
  - **Yes – 31% (4)**
  - **NA – 15% (2)**
- **Of Respondents that Made Adjustments**
  - **Deeper well**
  - **Increased well production in less at-risk locations**
  - **Well rehabilitation**
  - **Water budgeting**
  - **Enhance irrigation practices and training**

# Survey Results

- **Application of Water Use Efficiency Measures**
  - Yes – 85% (11)
  - No – 15% (2)
- **Of Respondents Answering “Yes”**
  - **Urban / Municipal – 4**
    - Kitchen/Bathroom Appliances
    - Landscape Reductions
  - **Agriculture – 7**
    - Irrigation Technologies (drip, computer and data support),
    - Irrigation Efficiency Testing
    - On-Farm Conditions Assessment (soil moisture, ET)

# Survey Results

- **Other Water Use Efficiency Measures You Would Like To Deploy**
  - **Recycled Water – 3**
  - **New Ideas (non-specific) – 2**
  - **Irrigation Technology - 4**
  - **Data Management – 2**
  - **Reduce Irrigation - 1**
  - **Not Sure – 2**
  - **No - 1**