

Dry Year Option Work Group Discussions

The Dry Year Option Work Group (work group), consisting of: Adam Yablonski, Rader Gilleland, Steven Bereyso, Gene Richardson, Mark Moseley, Mary Kelly and Rick Illgner have been meeting weekly since mid-April to consider all aspects of a Dry Year Option Program. No decisions have been made and no formal recommendations are ready at this point. However, preliminary, simplified model results are promising and discussions will continue for a program with the following characteristics:

- A target program enrollment of 20,000 acre-feet
- A two-phase program
 - An introductory program of approximately 3 years, followed by an evaluation
 - A regular program with a five-year term
- A two-tiered financial incentive for enrollees:
 - An annual payment for participation in the program
 - An implementation payment of approximately 3 times the annual payment when the program is implemented and irrigation is suspended
- We are conducting model runs to assess the potential benefits of such a program