



**THE COLORADO  
RIVER AUTHORITY  
OF UTAH**

# UTAH DEMAND MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM



*Let's work together  
to conserve water,  
support agriculture,  
and build a more  
resilient future for  
Utah.*

## What is Demand Management Pilot Program?

Water in the Colorado River Basin is limited, and the Colorado River Authority of Utah (the Authority) is taking proactive steps to conserve use when able through temporary, voluntary, and compensated Demand Management Pilot Program (DMPP) activities. As one of the seven states sharing the river, conservation will be key to ensuring that Utah's water users are protected even during the driest periods.

## Key Dates

| Event                                                                    | Date                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Application period                                                       | September 2 to October 10, 2025        |
| Water right change application deadline to Utah Division of Water Rights | October 10, 2025                       |
| Selection period                                                         | November 3 to December 17, 2025        |
| Notification                                                             | by December 17, 2025                   |
| Contracting                                                              | December 18, 2025 to February 17, 2026 |
| Water right change                                                       | March 1, 2026                          |
| DMPP implementation period                                               | March 1, 2026 to February 2027         |

## How to Apply

1. Choose your project type (see Eligible Project Types above).
2. Use the QR code to access and download the 2026 DMPP Request for Proposals package. It can also be found on the Authority's [website](#).
3. Submit your completed application to Marc Stilson, Principal Engineer, at [mkstilson@utah.gov](mailto:mkstilson@utah.gov).



## Eligible Project Types

| Project Type                                                             | Minimum      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Temporary Following (full or partial season)                             | 40 acres     |
| Irrigation System Conversion (for example, sprinkler to subsurface drip) | 40 acres     |
| Storage Forbearance                                                      | 40 acre-feet |

## Compensation Rates

| Project Type                                 | Compensation Rate (per acre-foot) |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Temporary Following (full or partial season) | \$390                             |
| Irrigation System Conversion                 | \$150                             |
| Storage Forbearance                          | \$110                             |

*The compensation rates are for the current application period only and may be adjusted by the Authority in its sole discretion during the application and review process.*

## Additional Information

- Projects must be located in the Upper Colorado River Basin in Utah (see map above).
- A water right change application must be filed with the Utah Division of Water Rights by the DMPP application deadline.
- Applicants must provide accurate field boundaries and water right/share documentation.
- Selected projects will sign an Implementation Agreement and follow a Verification Plan.
- The depletion volume used for compensation will be calculated by the Authority based on data from OpenET.

