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UCRC 2026 Possible System Conservation Pilot Program Update

February 11, 2026 The Upper Colorado River Commission is evaluating the potential for a limited System Conservation Pilot Program in 2026, contingent upon federal authorization and the availability of federal funding in the spring of 2026. The Commission intends to contemplate a focused range of projects that can clearly demonstrate conserved consumptive use or other qualifying activities which can result in additional storage in Colorado River Storage Project Act reservoirs. If the Commission moves forward with SCPP 2026 projects, contingent on federal funding and authorization, projects are likely limited to only those that are consistent with the UCRC-Reclamation Provisional Accounting Memorandum of Understanding.