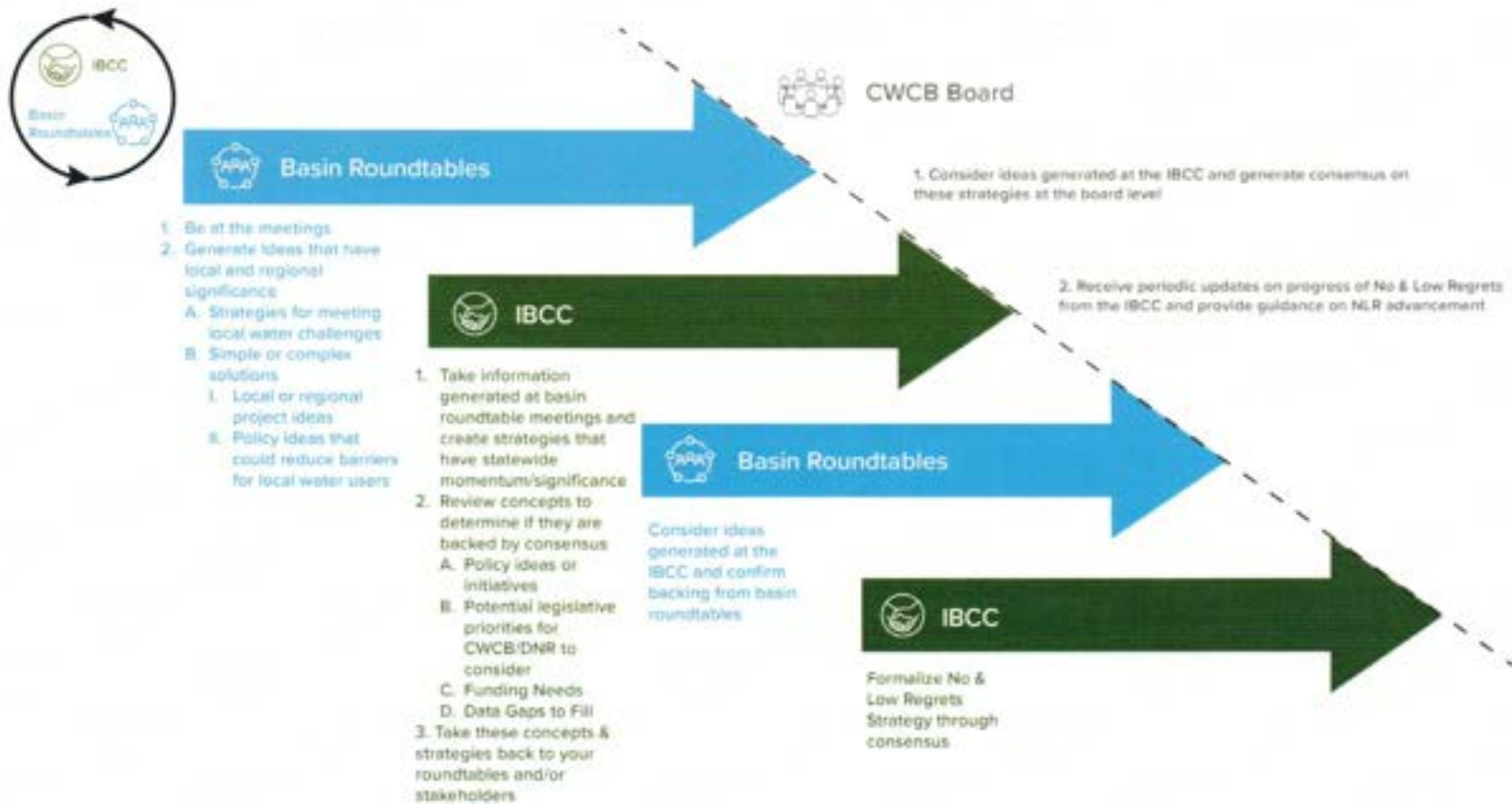


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How Different Groups Can Be Part of No & Low Regrets

Setting the course for a future of No & Low Regrets relies on the leadership and engagement of stakeholders from every part of Colorado. Join a roundtable, attend a meeting, share your ideas, and help shape a vision for the future.



Proposed No & Low Regrets Schedule



What are the Characteristics of a No & Low Regrets Strategy?

- Offers benefits across a wide range of future uncertainties: options which provide an acceptable level of benefit across a range of future climate and development scenarios.
- Brings co-benefits across sectors and stakeholders: options which minimize trade-offs and maximize benefits to all stakeholders and with other related development priorities.
- Offers flexibility to future change: options which can be adjusted in the future, allowing for adaptive management through short-term investments or regulation/policy.

IBCC CONVERSATION GUIDE – 7/31/2025

The purpose of this document is to provide you with a loose outline and guidelines for structuring a conversation to gather input from your Roundtable to inform future IBCC discussions. Incorporate what you find useful from this guide to encourage greater participation and invaluable input from your Roundtable.

The guide is structured in three parts: (1) Preparing for discussion; (2) Facilitating a conversation; and (3) Synthesizing to report back.

If you have questions, concerns, or wish to discuss any component of this guide and your conversation with your Roundtable, please reach out to Jeff Rodriguez (jeff.rodriguez@state.co.us or 970-980-5160).

Step 1: Preparing for Discussion with Your Roundtable

Purpose: Create a focused environment that encourages participation through preparation.

- *A few weeks before the Roundtable meeting:* Provide information ahead of the discussion
 - Work with your Chair to set aside **time on the agenda** for discussion of the selected topic.
 - **Prep Members for discussion:** Let the Roundtable members know about the upcoming discussion *at least a week in advance* so they can be prepared to contribute. Ask members to consider the topic and bring something to contribute to the discussion.
 - **Identify a notetaker** to take detailed notes during the discussion in addition to the usual Roundtable notetaker to make sure all ideas are captured.
- *In the meeting, at the beginning of the discussion*
 - **Clarify the purpose:** Begin with a clear statement of the discussion's goals, such as *"Today, we are going to explore issues, concerns, and opportunities around storage in our Basin."*
 - **Establish Ground Rules:**
 - Identify the rules of the discussion, such as: One person speaks at a time, listening to understand what the speaker is saying rather than preparing a response, and all contributions are important for the well-being of the Basin.
 - **Set Expectations:**
 - State (and hold to) the time frame for the discussion: *"We have 30 minutes for this conversation, and I'll wrap us up at that time."*
 - Let Roundtable members know how the input will be used: *"I will take a summary of our conversation to the next IBCC meeting and it may inform the No/Low Regrets State Strategy."*

Step Two: Leading the Discussion

Purpose: Guide the conversation to stay productive, inclusive of all members, and on-topic.

- **Use Open-Ended Questions** to encourage depth and diversity of thought (examples below):
 - What do you see as the most pressing challenges related to water storage in our region?
 - What opportunities exist in our region or that you've seen elsewhere?
 - What are the biggest barriers to implementing solutions to our storage issues?
 - How are we currently capitalizing on opportunities or not?

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- How can we build resilience in our water systems through storage?
- What concerns do you have about expanding or changing infrastructure?
- Use prompts like:
 - Does anyone see it differently?
 - Can someone build on this idea?
- **Manage Group Dynamics**
 - Gently redirect if someone dominates: *"Thanks for that input, does someone else want to add to that or a different perspective?"*
 - Invite quieter voices:
 - *"We haven't heard from everyone – any thoughts from those who haven't spoken yet?" (If comfortable call on a couple different people)*
 - Use the "Round Robin" structure:
 - Announce that you are going to go around the room and ask everyone to respond to a question.
 - Include a limit in the question to prevent long answers.
 - Ask a question like *"What's one thing you wish the rest of the state understood about storage in our Basin?"*
 - Pick a direction to move around the room and ask each Roundtable member, in turn, to respond to the question.
 - Invite members to participate through writing, stating, *"if you think of something, send me an email by (specific date) so it can be included."* or *"whiteboard"*
- **Check for Understanding**
 - Summarize periodically, *"So far, I'm hearing X, Y, and Z are our Basin's biggest concerns..."*
 - Ask: *"Is that a fair summary?"*

Step Three: Synthesizing for a Report to the IBCC

Purpose: Turn the Roundtable Conversation into actionable insights for discussion at the IBCC meeting.

- **Review notes or recordings**
 - Identify key themes, quotes, and divergent views
 - Group similar ideas together
- **Use a simple structure**
 - Introduction: Purpose and context of the discussion
 - Themes: Summarize major points of the discussion with examples, insights, and tensions
 - Key Takeaways: Outline key takeaways or questions that emerged
- **Ensure the report reflects the breadth of perspective** on the Roundtable and not just the loudest voices.