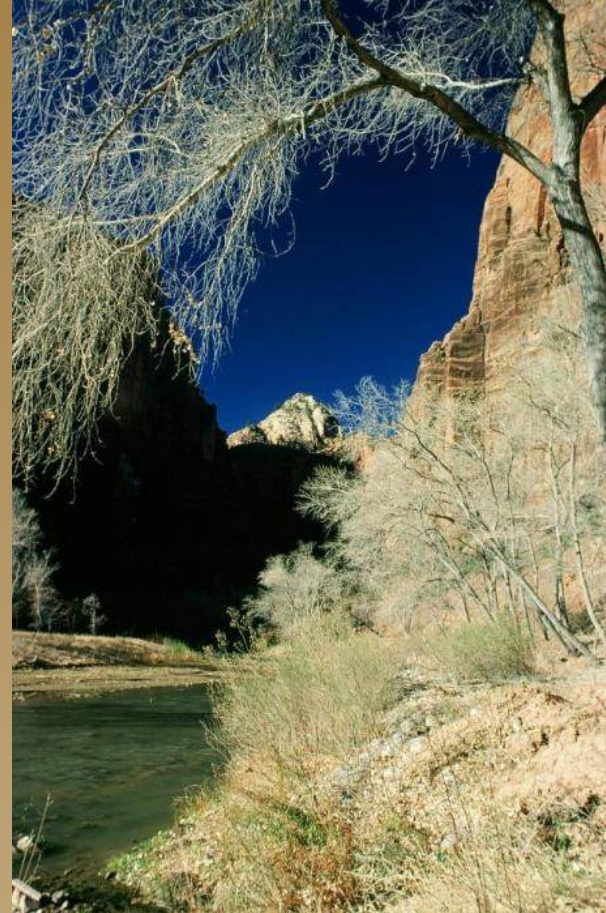


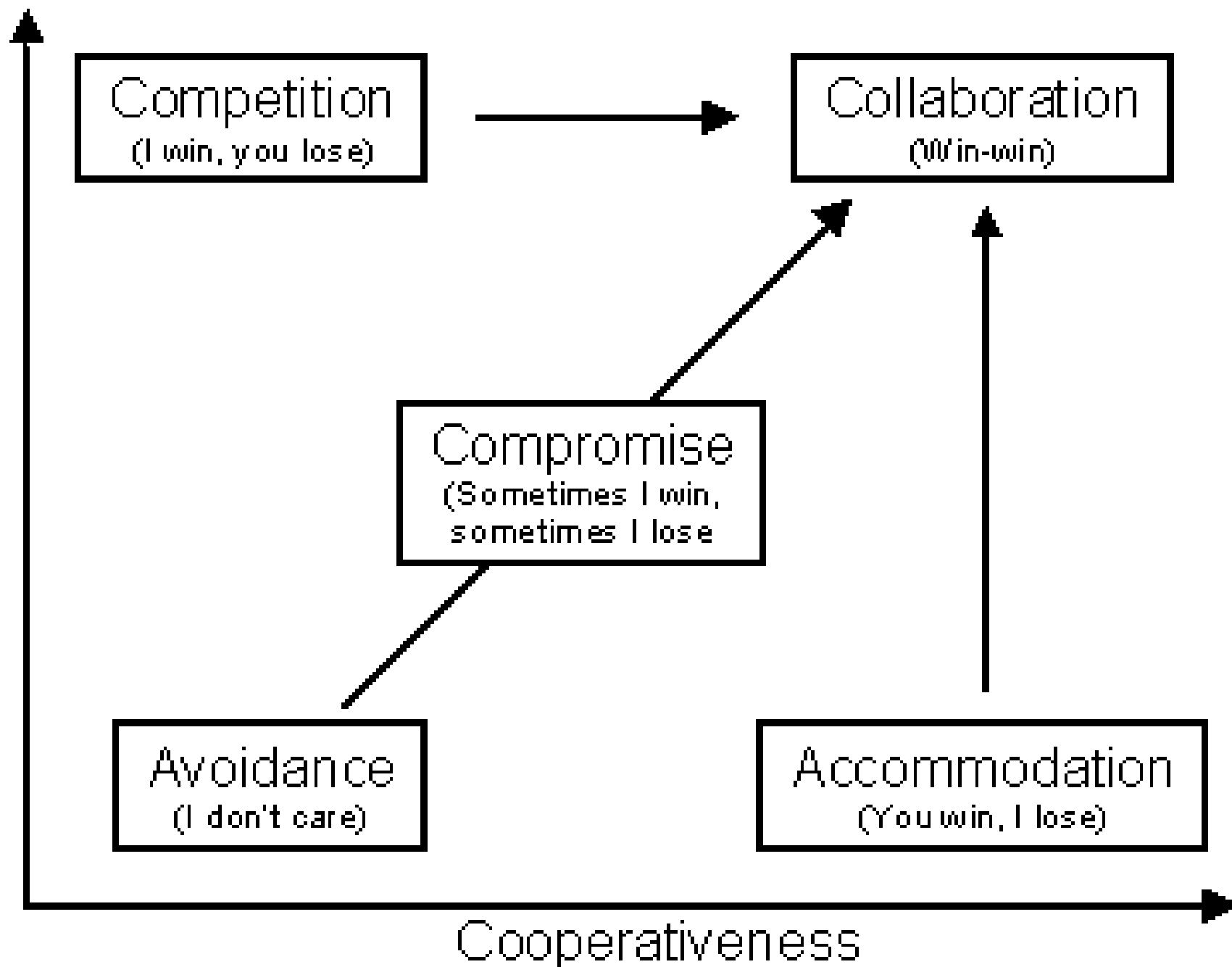
Cooperation or Conflict?

Is there really a choice?

Colorado River Water Users
December 12, 2013



Assertiveness



Competition
(I win, you lose)

Collaboration
(Win-win)

Compromise
(Sometimes I win,
sometimes I lose)

Avoidance
(I don't care)

Accommodation
(You win, I lose)

Cooperativeness

Key Elements of Successful Collaboration

- Agreement on the Problem
- Mutual Respect & Understanding
- Trust
- Everyone has Something to Lose
- Broad Stakeholder Engagement
- Focus on Interests, not Positions



Key Elements of Successful Collaboration

- Solutions Incorporate Multiple Benefits
- Clear Goals and Measures of Success
- Right Individuals are Involved
- Leadership – out front and from behind
- Success breeds Success



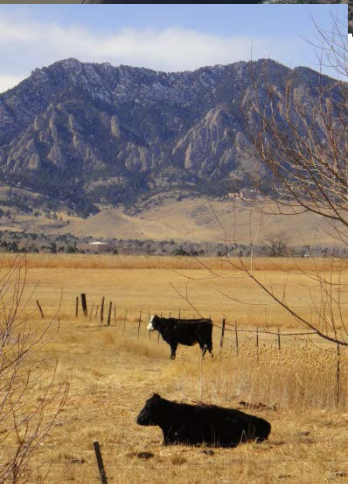
Are we ready move beyond Cooperation?

- Agreement on the Problem
- Crisis creates opportunities
- We all have something to lose
- Goal for all sectors and interest = Sustainability, increased resiliency, risk mgmt
- Evolution of Environmental NGO engagement
- Trust has been building
- Experienced, collaborative individuals in place
- Success breeds success





Solutions worth exploring

- Water Banking
 - Regional partnerships to increase Urban Conservation levels
 - Increased Partnership with Agriculture to achieve greater Conservation
 - Reuse
 - Partnerships with the Tribes
 - Environmental & Recreational solutions
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Workgroup Objectives

- Explore potential solutions that protect or improve ecological and recreational resources, while supporting other management goals in 2-6 focal reaches.
- Recognize/analyze the effects of potential solutions on other resources.
- Explore broader solution concepts beyond focal reaches.
- Assess potential improvements to the CRSS model.



Task 3: Identify Workgroup Guiding Principles

- Purpose: develop common understanding of principles the Workgroup will follow when carrying out all other tasks
- Guiding principles:
 - Seek solutions that promote environmental resiliency
 - Recognize the importance of river-based recreational benefits to local economies.
 - Acknowledge tradeoffs among resource management actions
 - Use the best science available
 - Comport with current laws and governance
 - Complement other workgroups
 - Improve efficiencies through collaboration



Current Selection Criteria – Step 1

Selection criteria have been revised through multiple iterations based on comments received from WG and data currently being collected

Goal 1: Protect and Restore River Ecological Health

Imperiled Species

Environmental Attributes

Goal 2: Protect and Improve River Recreational Resources

Commercial/Private Recreation Values

Coldwater Sport Fishery

Goal 3: Limit or Manage Tradeoffs with other Water Uses

Other Resources Coordination

Goal 4: Geographic Location and Regional Importance

Regional Importance of Ecological/Recreational Improvement

Number of National Park/Public Lands

Goal 5: Flexibility to be able to implement Solutions

Legal and Regulatory Constraints

Existing Process Constraints

RECLAMATION

Key Issues and Workgroup Discussions

- Coordinating with other Workgroups
- Concern that exploring potential solutions could be viewed interfering with agency management obligations.
- How will this information get used?
- Disclaimer – no authority





Conclusions

- Really not a choice but I hope we can move past Cooperation to Collaboration
- Will not be Easy!
- Conservation groups are committed to finding solutions
- One good snow year won't resolve our issues in the Basin
- We are on Water Time
- What will be our legacy?

