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or measures to reduce the consumptive use of water." I wanted to focus on a couple of words, "voluntary" and "incentive-based." Let's take the word "voluntary," for example, in the context of the meters that are being required in the Republican Valley. The requirement for a meter down there will not be voluntary, will it?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, it will not be.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It will be mandated.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And if it's mandated, can you use the money in this fund for that purpose, if it only can be used for voluntary programs?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think you could. I think this would be an appropriate use.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Even though it's not a voluntary program?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think this voluntary is an either/or.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You would intend that to be either/or? Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: As I read the section, it says payments may be made as part of research, cost-sharing, or other programs implemented by natural resource district, irrigation district, or other entities to develop voluntary incentive-based practices. So...but I don't think that "voluntary" would apply to meters in the Republican Basin at the present time, of course.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You mean only the other entities can develop voluntary incentive-based practices,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: There's other. . .

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...or all entities can?