

Meeting Agenda

Meeting of the California Water Commission Wednesday, January 17, 2024 Beginning at 9:30 a.m. California Natural Resources Building 715 P Street, Room 221 B Sacramento, California 95814

Members of the public will be able to observe the meeting and provide public comments inperson at the meeting location or remotely. Remote participation will be conducted via a webbased videoconferencing service called Zoom.

Registration is not required to provide public comments. Members of the public who wish to provide comments remotely during the meeting can do so by joining on <u>Zoom</u> (<u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85615855471?pwd=aDBtRENvZXMrSmhScngvTmJ4Z0xndz09</u>). More detailed instructions on how to use Zoom and participate in the meeting can be found on the <u>Commission website</u>.

Alternatively, members of the public can offer verbal comments by telephone by calling one of the numbers below:

(408) 638-0968 (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID: 856 1585 5471 Passcode: 515584

The meeting will be webcast live at: <u>https://www.water-ca.com/</u>. Individuals who only want to watch or listen should use this option as it preserves interactive meeting resources for those who are commenting on items.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Closed Session

The Commission may hold a closed session, as authorized by Government Code §11126(e), to confer with and receive advice from its legal counsel regarding potential litigation, and as authorized by Government Code §11126(a).

4. Acknowledgement of California Native American Tribal Governments

This is an opportunity for elected Tribal leaders and formally designated Tribal representatives to identify themselves and to specify the agenda item(s) on which they will comment, as described in the Commission's California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy.

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5. Approval of November 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

6. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer will report on various matters addressed since the previous Commission meeting.

7. Commission Member Reports

This is an opportunity for members to disclose any meetings or conversations related to Commission business and held since the previous Commission meeting.

8. Public Testimony

Although no formal Commission action will be taken, the Commission offers an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the Commission's jurisdiction, but that do not appear on the agenda.

9. Election of Commission Officers (Action Item)

Consistent with the Internal Rules and Guidelines for Activities of the California Water Commission, adopted February 2011, the Commission will elect a Chair and a Vice Chair to serve for the coming calendar year.

10. 2024 Commission Workplan

Commission staff will present an overview of Commission activities anticipated in 2024.

11. Water Storage Investment Program: Project Progress and Commission Discretion

Commission counsel will present an overview of the Commission's discretion over Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) projects related to project progress and WSIP funding, as requested by the Commission at its November 2023 meeting. The WSIP regulations give the Commission discretion to determine whether a project is making substantial progress toward completing the program's statutory requirements. If the Commission determines a project is not making substantial progress, as stated in the WSIP regulations, the Commission may also determine the project is no longer eligible for funding, per the regulations.

12. Water Storage Investment Program: Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project Progress Update

Representatives of the Southern California Water Bank Authority, the project proponent for the Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project, will update the Commission on the status of the project.

13. Water Storage Investment Program: Projects Update

Commission staff will provide an update on the progress of projects in the WSIP.

14. Drought Strategies: Presentation of Final White Paper (Action Item)

Commission staff will present, for Commission approval, the final white paper containing potential strategies to protect communities and fish and wildlife in the event

of drought. This white paper conveys the information the Commission gathered in support of Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3.

15. Update on Department of Water Resources Strategic Plan Department of Water Resources (DWR) Executive staff will brief the Commission on DWR's updated Strategic Plan. The briefing will describe how DWR is adapting for the future, touching on key goals and objectives for the coming five years.

16. 2023 Annual Review of the State Water Project (Action Item) Commission staff will present the draft 2023 Annual Review of the State Water Project for Commission consideration and approval.

17. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting

18. Adjourn

The Commission may break for lunch as needed.

At the discretion of the California Water Commission, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

Further information regarding this meeting will be available at <u>https://cwc.ca.gov/</u>.

- California Native American Tribal leaders and representatives and members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the California Water Commission on any agenda item except closed session items. Comments shall be limited to matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for comments (Government Code Section 11125.7), and the Commission has established a three-minute limit per comment. California Native American Tribal leaders and representatives who identify themselves during agenda item 7 will be given the opportunity to provide comments prior to public comment on agenda items as outlined in the Commission's <u>California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy</u>.
- Agenda items may be heard in any order at the discretion of the Commission.
- Written comments regarding specific items on this agenda will be provided to the Commissioners as part of their meeting packets if they are received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024. Staff will make every effort to provide comments received after this deadline electronically, but we cannot make any guarantees. Written comments can be submitted to <u>cwc@water.ca.gov</u>. Comments received by the Commission related to meeting agenda items will not be edited and will be posted to the Commission's webpage in their entirety.
- Copies of meeting materials are available on the <u>Commission website</u>. Anyone may request hard copies of these materials; however, the Commission may charge a fee covering the cost of providing such materials.

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- For further information about items on this agenda please contact Aaron Walters, <u>Aaron.Walters@water.ca.gov</u> or (916) 902-6785.