



<b>Eminent Domain Process Overview</b>
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**Introduction**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) may acquire property for constructing, maintaining, or operating State Water Project facilities. However, it may not commence an eminent domain proceeding until its statutorily designated governing body, the California Water Commission, adopts a resolution of necessity (California Code of Civil Procedure section 1245.210). The Commission last updated the process to adopt resolutions of necessity in 2013, at about the same time the Commission last adopted a resolution of necessity.

Adopting a resolution of necessity is an infrequent but important function of the Commission. At this meeting, Commissioners will learn more about the process so they understand its importance and are prepared to adopt resolutions of necessity if the need arises.

**Meeting Overview**

Commission Senior Counsel Holly Stout will present an overview of the process to adopt resolutions of necessity to allow the Department of Water Resources to commence eminent domain proceedings.

This is an informational item.

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