



<b>Election of Commission Officers (Action Item)</b>
--

### **Introduction**

The Rules and Guidelines for Activities of the California Water Commission provide for the annual election of a Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Rules and Guidelines also state that, "should a vacancy occur...prior to the expiration of a term, a successor will be selected by a majority vote to fill the unexpired term." At the April meeting, due to the resignation of the Commission's Chairperson, the Commission will accept nominations and vote on a new Chairperson. If the result of the Chairperson election creates a vacancy in the Vice Chairperson position, an election for this position will also occur at the same meeting. The newly elected officer(s) will serve until the next annual elections in January 2023. The Chair and Vice Chair are to be elected by a majority of members (five).

### **Background**

The Commission rules and guidelines are:

#### *Commission Officers*

- a) Shall consist of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson each of whom shall be elected by a majority of the members to serve a one-year term to begin in January.*
- b) The Chairperson shall have all the usual and customary authority and prerogatives of a presiding officer in addition to such as are provided by statute.*
- c) The Vice Chairperson shall act in the absence or unavailability of the Chairperson and, when so acting, shall have the same authority and prerogatives as the Chairperson.*
- d) In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from any meeting, the members present, if constituting a quorum, shall elect a temporary chairperson who shall preside at that meeting.*
- e) Should a vacancy occur in either office prior to the expiration of a term, a successor will be selected by a majority vote to fill the unexpired term.*

### **Meeting Overview**

The Vice Chairperson will call for nominations for Chairperson and an election from those nominated. Once elected, the new Chairperson will call an election for the Vice Chairperson, if necessary.

This is an action item.

### **Contact**

Laura Jensen  
Assistant Executive Officer  
California Water Commission  
916-820-5897