



Meeting Agenda

Meeting of the California Water Commission
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Warren-Alquist State Energy Building
1516 9th Street, Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814

Members of the public will be able to observe the meeting and provide public comments in-person at the meeting location or remotely. Remote participation will be conducted via a web-based 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 [Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87482023626?pwd=aDU3dlhMdWhQd2JhaGphSUlyMzdRdz09) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87482023626?pwd=aDU3dlhMdWhQd2JhaGphSUlyMzdRdz09>). More detailed instructions on how to use Zoom and participate in the meeting can be found on the [Commission website](#).

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: 874 8202 3626
Passcode: 874029

The meeting will be webcast live at: <https://www.water-ca.com/>. 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. Approval of March 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

5. Executive Officer's Report

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

6. Commission Member Reports

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

7. 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.

8. California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy (Action Item)

Commission staff will present a draft California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy for Commission consideration and possible adoption.

9. Long-term Drought: Drought Working Group Report-out

In support of Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3, Commission staff will present a selection of potential strategies for protecting communities and species in the event of a long-term drought. These draft strategies were informed by the work of the Drought Working Group and will be refined through further outreach to interested parties and the public.

10. Long-term Drought: Expert Panel on Wildfire and Forest Management

In support of Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3, a panel of speakers will address how forest management can help abate wildfires, which is one of the growing impacts of drought affecting communities and species. Tribal, water management, and academic experts will share information about the link between drought and wildfire and perspectives on forest management, including Tribal cultural burning practices.

11. California Water Plan Update 2023

Staff from The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Planning will update the Commission on DWR's progress developing the California Water Plan Update 2023. The Commission was last briefed on Update 2023 at its January 2022 meeting. The California Water Plan is the State's strategic plan for sustainably managing and developing water resources for current and future generations.

12. Panel on Groundwater Recharge Activities

Staff from DWR and local practitioners will discuss the policy context for groundwater recharge, current on-the-ground recharge activities happening in different areas of the state, and opportunities and challenges.

13. Legislative Update

DWR's Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs will brief the Commission on State legislation relevant to the activities of DWR and the Commission.

14. Water Storage Investment Program: Projects Update

Commission staff will provide an update on the progress of projects being considered for funding in the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP).

15. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting

16. 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 <https://cwc.ca.gov/>.

- Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the California Water Commission on any agenda item except closed session items. Comments during the public comment period shall be limited to matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Section 11125.7), and the Commission has established a three-minute limit per comment.
- 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, April 17, 2023.** 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 cwc@water.ca.gov. 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 [Commission website](#). Anyone may request hard copies of these materials; however, the Commission may charge a fee covering the cost of providing such materials.
- The Commission intends to provide a webcast of the meeting. However, if technical difficulties interrupt the webcast at times, the full webcast video will be posted at cwc.ca.gov as soon as possible.
- If you require special accommodations, please call (916) 873-5774 or email cwc@water.ca.gov.
- For further information about items on this agenda please contact Brianna Shoemaker, Brianna.Shoemaker@water.ca.gov or (916) 902-6785.