



Meeting Agenda

Meeting of the California Water Commission
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
California Natural Resources Building
715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium
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/88661920017?pwd=N1h2aEtuM1V1Q3JvYVJlZlJQTHhvQT09) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88661920017?pwd=N1h2aEtuM1V1Q3JvYVJlZlJQTHhvQT09>). 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: 886 6192 0017
Passcode: 353611

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. 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.

5. Approval of February 21, 2024, 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. Consideration of Regulations for the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) (Action Item)

Staff from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will seek approval for proposed updates to regulations for the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo). On August 16, 2023, the Commission received an informational update on the MWELo. DWR must update the MWELo every three years or release findings that a revision would not be useful or effective in increasing the efficiency of landscape water use or the administration of the MWELo.

10. Consideration of Architectural and Engineering Rulemaking (Action Item)

Staff from DWR Division of Engineering will seek approval for proposed amendments to its Architectural and Engineering (A&E) contracting regulations. A&E contracts utilize qualifications-based selection and are not low-bid contracts, allowing DWR to hire highly qualified consultants when needed.

11. Water Storage Investment Program: Projects Update

Commission staff will provide an update on the progress of projects in the Water Storage Investment Program.

12. Strategic Plan Development: Discussion of Key Topics and Goals and Objectives

Commission staff will present the results of the Commissioners' responses to a questionnaire on key topics that help shape the Commission's 2025 strategic plan and share draft goals and objectives for the strategic plan.

13. State Water Project Briefing: Strategic Plan Goal One Overview

DWR staff will brief the Commission on the first goal of the State Water Project (SWP) Strategic Plan and will cover topics such as employee safety, emergency preparedness, and safety through physical and cyber security. The briefing will also include an update

on the current operations of the SWP, and an overview of the recently released report on the economy of the SWP.

14. Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation and Groundwater Trading

DWR staff will provide an update on implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including State activities related to the Commission's May 2022 white paper on groundwater trading.

15. California Water Plan Update 2023: Presentation of Final Product

DWR staff will update the Commission on the final California Water Plan Update 2023 (Update 2023). The Commission was last briefed on Update 2023 at its April 2023 meeting. The California Water Plan is the State's strategic plan for sustainably managing and developing water resources for current and future generations.

16. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting

17. 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/>.

- 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 [California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy](#).
- 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, May 13, 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 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 Aaron Walters, Aaron.Walters@water.ca.gov or (916) 902-6785.