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California Water Commission to consider how to use available funding for Water Storage Investment Program projects

Members may also vote on a change to the program's early funding regulations

At the August meeting, the <u>California Water Commission</u> will consider action on two <u>Water Storage</u> <u>Investment Program</u> (WSIP) items: a proposal on how to use funds that became available after the Contra Costa Water District ended the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project and following the passage of Proposition 4 in 2024, and a proposed rule change to the program's early funding regulations. Commission staff will also provide an update on the progress of each WSIP project, including current timelines and any potential obstacles they face as they work toward securing WSIP funding. Each WSIP project proponent drives its own project schedule.

The meeting is open to the public and will also be live streamed online.

California Water Commission meeting

When: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 20 Where: California Natural Resources Building

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The meeting will be live streamed at www.water-ca.com

To comment remotely, Zoom login information can be found on the public participation guide.

Funded by <u>Proposition 1</u>, also known as the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Act of 2014, and <u>Proposition 4</u>, also known as the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Act of 2024, the Commission administers the WSIP to fund the public benefits associated with water storage projects. Through WSIP, the State's investment in public benefits will yield flood control, ecosystem improvement, water quality improvement, emergency response, and recreation opportunities.

Also on the August meeting agenda, staff from the <u>Department of Water Resources</u> (DWR) and the <u>State Water Resources Control Board</u> will provide updates on their respective roles in implementation of the <u>Sustainable Groundwater Management Act</u>. Representatives from the <u>Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency</u> will provide a local perspective on efforts to implement groundwater trading practices, and DWR staff will present an overview of the Department's <u>Draft Best Management Practices</u> on Managing Land Subsidence in California.

The nine-member California Water Commission uses its public forum to explore water management issues from multiple perspectives and to formulate recommendations to advise the director of the California Department of Water Resources, and as appropriate, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Governor and the California State Legislature on ways to improve water planning and management in response to California's changing hydrology. For more information regarding the California Water Commission, visit cwc.ca.gov.