



## Agenda at a Glance

### General Information

- The California Water Commission, called the “Commission,” is made up of nine members, called “Commissioners,” that are selected by the Governor and approved by the State Senate to make decisions about some water issues in California.
- The Commission meets regularly, typically every month. The agenda lays out the meeting topics, called “agenda items.”
- For all agenda items, the Commissioners can ask questions of presenters and Commission staff. The public can speak to the Commissioners, called “public comment,” before Commissioners discuss an agenda item. Each public comment is limited to three minutes.
- Tribes are independent governments. State agencies must work directly with Tribes through a government-to-government relationship. Tribes are not the same as members of the public, interest groups, or cultural or ethnic communities. The Commission has a different process for [Tribal leadership comment](#).

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order

- The leader of the meeting, called the “Chair,” will start the meeting. The Chair will give instructions on how people can make comments on topics covered in the meeting.

#### 2. Roll Call

- The Chair will take attendance, called “roll call,” to determine which Commissioners are present or absent for the meeting.

#### 3. Acknowledgement of California Native American Tribal Governments

- The Chair will invite Tribal leaders, or their representatives, to identify themselves and which agenda item they plan to comment on.

#### 4. Approval of the November 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- The Chair will ask the Commissioners to approve the meeting notes, called “meeting minutes,” from the previous meeting. They can correct mistakes in the minutes before they approve them.

**5. Executive Officer's Report**

- The Executive Officer will give an update on what has happened since the last Commission meeting.

**6. Commission Member Reports**

- The Chair will ask the Commissioners to share if they had any meetings or conversations related to the Commission's business.

**7. Public Testimony**

- The Chair will ask for public comment on topics that are relevant to the Commission, but not on the current agenda.

**8. Election of Commission Officers (Action Item)**

- Each year in January, the Commission holds elections to determine which Commissioners will serve as Chair and Vice Chair. Elections will be held at this meeting.
- This is an action item, important to anyone interested in and impacted by the Commission's work.

**9. Coordination on Water Plan Update (Senate Bill 72)**

- Staff from the [Department of Water Resources](#), called "DWR," will talk about updates to the California Water Plan, called "CWP". The CWP is a statewide plan for managing water in the future.
- [Senate Bill 72](#) (SB 72, 2025) requires DWR to work with the Commission on how to include public participation in the update of the CWP.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in water management in California.

**10. Water Storage Investment Program: Projects Update**

- The [Water Storage Investment Program](#), called "WSIP," funds the public benefits of water storage projects. "Public benefits" are the ways in which water storage projects provide benefits to Californians broadly, such as cleaner water, new recreational opportunities, and improvements to the land and water fish and wildlife need to survive.
- Commission staff will provide new information about the projects that are part of WSIP, including the timeline for constructing each project, the next steps that each project needs to take, and any problems a project faces. Background information about the projects that are part of WSIP is available [at this link](#), on the right side of the webpage.

- This is an informational agenda item, important to anyone interested in the progress of the projects in WSIP.

**11. Water Storage Investment Program: Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project Change in Project Type (Action Item)**

- The Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project, called “Kern Fan Project,” will store water underground in wet years and then use that water when it is needed at other times. The project is being led by the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority or “GBJPA.”
- At this meeting, the Commission will hear a request from GBJPA to change the project type from a groundwater storage project to a “conjunctive use” project. A conjunctive use project is the coordinated and planned management of both groundwater and surface water, like rivers, lakes, and reservoirs, to maximize the amount of water available.
- Under WSIP, conjunctive use projects can get more funding than groundwater storage projects. This change would mean that the Kern Fan Project could be eligible for an increased funding award.
- Commissioners will decide whether to approve the proposed change in project type.
- This is an action item, important to anyone interested in WSIP projects and specifically the Kern Fan Project.

**12. Water Storage Investment Program: Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project Early Funding Request (Action Item)**

- The Kern Fan Project is eligible for funding through WSIP. At this meeting, the GBJPA will request “Early Funding,” which is funding to help with the completion of environmental documents and permits.
- Commissioners will decide whether to approve the early funding request and the amount to award.
- This is an action item, important to anyone interested in Early Funding for the Kern Fan Project.

**13. Water Storage Investment Program: Sites Project Update**

- The Sites Project will create a lake, called “reservoir,” for storing water in Glenn and Colusa Counties. The reservoir will be an off-stream reservoir, meaning that it will not be located on a stream or river. Water from the Sacramento River will be used to fill the reservoir. The project is being led by the Sites Project Authority.

- Staff from the Sites Project Authority will provide updates on the overall project status and the status of selecting a subcontractor to manage the construction of the project.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in WSIP and specifically the Sites Project.

**14. 2026 Commission Workplan**

- At the beginning of each calendar year, Commission staff present information about the topics that will appear at Commission meetings for the coming year. At this meeting, staff will present topics for 2026.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in tracking the Commission's upcoming work.

**15. 2025 Annual Review of the State Water Project (Action Item)**

- The [State Water Project](#), called "SWP," is a system of canals, pipelines, reservoirs, and hydroelectric power facilities that stores and delivers water throughout the state. It is managed and operated by the Department of Water Resources, called "DWR."
- One of the Commission's responsibilities is to receive presentations from DWR about the SWP, then report its findings and recommendations to DWR and the California Legislature.
- Staff prepared a draft report, called the "draft 2025 Annual Review of the State Water Project" for review and consideration by the Commission.
- This is an action item, important to anyone interested in how DWR is managing the SWP. The Commission can make a formal decision to approve the report or ask for changes to be made to the draft report.

**16. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting**

- The Chair will ask if anyone has ideas for agenda items at the next meeting.

**17. Adjourn**

- The Chair will end the meeting.