

Meeting of the Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative – July 18, 2025

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Join the Department of Water Resources for the Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative meeting. Members of the public will be able to observe the meeting and provide public comments in-person at the meeting location or remotely.

Meeting Time: 10:00AM-5:00PM

Meeting Location: California Natural Resources Agency, 715 P St, Sacramento, Room 02-221 A/B/C (second floor)

Remote participation will be conducted via a Zoom platform. Members of the public who wish to listen and comment remotely during the meeting can do so by joining using the [Zoom meeting registration link](#).

The meeting will be viewable via YouTube Livestream [here](#). 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.

Recording: This meeting will be recorded and available [here](#) after the meeting.

Background

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) established a standing drought and water shortage interagency task force in coordination with the State Water Board and other relevant state agencies to facilitate proactive state planning and coordination for pre-drought planning, emergency response, and post-drought management, consistent with [Senate Bill 552](#) (Chaptered in 2021). The Task Force, called the Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners Collaborative (DRIP Collaborative), serves as a public forum with state and non-state agency members to advance drought strategies and continue building resilience to the increasingly arid conditions California faces. For more information visit <https://water.ca.gov/drip>.

Meeting Objectives

Objective #1: Provide opportunities for collective learning about efforts to advance drought and water shortage resiliency.

Objective #2: Further the development of proposed 2025 recommendations and DRIP Collaborative inform and complement opportunities.

Agenda

- 10:00am** **Welcome Remarks and Setting Intentions**
Welcome remarks, review agenda and recap May 2025 meeting.
- 10:25am** **Presentation: Hydrology Report – The Drought Outlook**
Andy Hoell, NOAA, will present information about the Southern California Sector-Specific Drought Early Warning Pilot Project (National Integrated Drought Information System).
- 10:40am** **2024 Recommendations Updates**
DWR staff will provide updates on current efforts to advance the 2024 DRIP Collaborative recommendations.
- 10:50am** **Pathways to Advancing 2025 DRIP Collaborative Ideas**
DRIP Collaborative members will review the Inform/Complement/Lead framework as a way to identify specific direction in developing and advancing proposed recommendation ideas.
- 11:00pm** **Reducing Ecosystem Impacts of Drought Focus Area**
DRIP Collaborative members will introduce proposed recommendations and collaboration opportunities to address the focus area problem statement.
IDEA Eco1. *In-stream Flow Requirements: Prioritization and Incentives*
Caitrin Chappelle, The Nature Conservancy, will present on identifying high-ecological function streams that are highly vulnerable to drought impacts.
Roberto Cervantes, State Water Resources Control Board, will present on curtailment authority and lessons learned from ongoing Shasta-Scott River work.
IDEA Eco2. *Streamlining Grant and Contract Processes for Habitat Restoration*
- 11:55am** **2024 Communication Program Recommendation – An Update**
DWR staff will provide an update on the next steps related to drought and water shortage communications.
- 12:00pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:00pm** **Presentation: LAFCo and Water System Consolidation**
Kristin Dobbin, UC Berkeley, will present on the recent report to inform recommendations development under the Land Use Planning and Water Infrastructure and Planning focus areas.
- 1:30pm** **Land Use Planning for Drought Resiliency Focus Area**
DRIP Collaborative members and DWR staff will introduce proposed recommendations and collaboration opportunities to address the focus area problem statement.
IDEA Land1. *Elevate regional approaches to proactively and inclusively plan for ag land transitions*
IDEA Land2. *Housing-Water Supply Nexus: Planning for housing needs and water supply*
COM Land3. *Integrated Water Planning: Assess how plans interact and offer recommendations*
- 2:30pm** **Water Infrastructure and Planning Focus Area**
DRIP Collaborative members and DWR staff will seek advancement of preliminary ideas for potential recommendations which address the focus area problem statement.
IDEA Infra1. *Enhance Support and Collaboration for Vulnerable and Small Water Systems Infrastructure Needs*
IDEA Infra2. *Improve System and Regulatory Flexibility for Water Infrastructure Resilience*
IDEA Infra3. *Establish Groundwater Recharge Infrastructure Program for Local Drought Resilience*

3:30pm	BREAK
3:45pm	Working Session: Alignment Across Ideas <i>DRIP Collaborative members will consider the full list of ideas and identify alignment and connections to be leveraged.</i>
4:45pm	Public Comment <i>Members of the public are invited to share comments on the work of the DRIP Collaborative.</i>
4:50pm	Closing Comments
5:00pm	Adjourn

Additional Notes for the Public

All times indicated and the order of business are approximated and subject to change.

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Accessibility

The DRIP Collaborative meeting location and Zoom option is accessible to people with disabilities. Any person who requires special assistance to participate in the meeting, wishes to request this notice or other meeting materials in an alternative format, requires translation services, or needs any disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, which would enable that person to participate at the meeting must make that request at least 7 days prior to the meeting date by contacting DRIP Collaborative Staff (Zoe Kanavas) at the Department of Water Resources at drip@water.ca.gov or calling at (916) 606-2134.

Start: Friday, July 18, 2025, 10:00 AM

End: Friday, July 18, 2025, 5:00 PM

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