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Commission briefings address water contract extension, construction activities underway in the State Water Project

The California Water Commission will host the final 2022 State Water Project (SWP) briefing at the November 16 meeting. The Commission will receive two presentations: an update on the Water Supply Contracts extension, followed by an overview of key construction activities undertaken in the past year to manage and maintain the SWP.

California Water Commission meeting

When: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 16

Where: California Natural Resources Building, 715 P Street, Sacramento, 95814

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The meeting will be live streamed at <https://www.water-ca.com/>.

To comment remotely, [Zoom](#) login information can be found on the [public participation guide](#).

The original Water Supply Contracts were first negotiated around 1960, and originally included 75-year stated terms with ending dates that ranged from November 2035 to August 2042, depending on when each specific contract was executed. DWR staff will explain the Water Supply Contract Extension Amendment litigation status and DWR's plan for Contract Amendment implementation.

Construction and refurbishment projects occurred across the entire length of the SWP in 2022, including all major facility types – dams, canals, pipelines, pumping and generating plants. These projects help ensure that the SWP will meet the challenges of the 21st century, especially the increased potential for extreme heat and precipitation.

Planned, constructed, and operated by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the SWP is the largest state-built water and power generator and delivery infrastructure in the nation, providing a water supply for more than 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland, as well as flood control, power generation, fish and wildlife protection, and recreational opportunities. Since its inception in 1960, the role of the SWP is more critical than ever and will continue to be important for supplying water for urban areas, agriculture, and ecosystems.

Pursuant to Water Code section 165, the Commission conducts an annual review of the progress of the construction and operation of the SWP, focusing on how the SWP adapts and responds to hydrological extremes expected with climate change, restores critical ecosystems, and addresses aging infrastructure. The Commission reports its findings and recommendations to DWR and the Legislature. This briefing will serve to inform the Commission in preparation for the 2022 annual review.

The California Water Commission meeting will take place in the California Natural Resources Auditorium at 715 P Street in Sacramento. For those unable to attend in person, learn how you can comment remotely at cwc.ca.gov/meetings.

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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 Legislature on ways to improve water planning and management in response to California's changing hydrology. As required by Water Code section 165, the Commission conducts an annual review of the construction and operation of the State Water Project. For more information regarding the California Water Commission visit cwc.ca.gov.