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Water Commission Meeting agenda to include Healthy Rivers and Landscapes, Drought Strategies, and Water Storage Investment Program

The California Water Commission will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 15 in Sacramento. The meeting is open to the public and will also be live streamed online. [Agenda](#) items include a briefing on the agreements to support healthy rivers and landscapes, a presentation of the draft white paper on drought strategies to protect communities and fish and wildfire in the event of drought, and a request for early funding by representatives of the Chino Basin Program.

California Water Commission meeting

When: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 15

Where: March Fong Eu Secretary of State Building 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, 95814

Info: (916) 873-5774, www.cwcc.ca.gov

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](#).

Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes

Staff from the Department of Water Resources will present information about the [Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes](#), a suite of voluntary commitments among local, state, and federal leaders to improve conditions for native fish while balancing other beneficial uses of water, that are being proposed as an alternative way to update and implement the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

Draft White Paper on Drought Strategies

Commission staff will present for discussion a [draft white paper](#) containing potential strategies to protect communities and fish and wildlife in the event of long-term drought. This draft white paper conveys the information the Commission gathered in support of [Water Resilience Portfolio](#) Action 26.3, utilizing expert panels, Tribal small-group discussions, outreach to interested parties, and public workshops.

Chino Basin Program Early Funding Request

The Commission will consider a request from Inland Empire Utilities Agency, project proponent for the [Chino Basin Program](#), to increase its early funding award amount. As part of the Water Storage Investment Program, a project is eligible to receive up to 5% of its maximum conditional eligibility determination in early funding to pay for completion of environmental documentation and permits.

Commission staff will also provide a status update on the remaining projects eligible for Proposition 1 funding: Harvest Water Program, Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project, Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project, Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, Sites Project, and the Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project. For more information on the WSIP, visit cwcc.ca.gov/Water-Storage.

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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 the California State 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.