



Meeting Agenda

Meeting of the California Water Commission
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#), as well as recommendations from the California Department of Public Health, the December 16, 2020, California Water Commission meeting will not have a physical location. This will be a remote-only meeting, conducted via a web-based videoconferencing service called Zoom. The Commission remains committed to transparency. Members of the public will be able to listen to and watch the meeting and comment if desired.

Registration is not required to provide public comments. Members of the public who wish to comment during the meeting can do so by joining on [Zoom](#) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82762674548?pwd=eXl4MHphSDM3RFdMT2tqSi9oUjZJQT09>). More detailed instructions on how to use Zoom and participate in the meeting can be found on the [Commission website](#).

Alternatively, members of the public can offer verbal comments by telephone by calling one of the numbers below:

(408) 638-0968
(669) 900-6833
Meeting ID: 827 6267 4548

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

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Closed Session

The Commission may hold a closed session, as authorized by Government Code §11126(e), to confer with and receive advice from its legal counsel regarding potential litigation, and as authorized by Government Code §11126(a).

4. Approval of November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

5. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer will report on various matters addressed since the previous Commission meeting.

6. Commission Member Reports

This is an opportunity for members to disclose any meetings or conversations related to Commission business since the previous Commission meeting.

7. Public Testimony

Although no formal Commission action will be taken, the Commission offers an opportunity to the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the Commission's jurisdiction, but that do not specifically appear on the agenda.

8. Water Storage Investment Program: Options for Available Funding (Action Item)

Commission staff will review options discussed at the November Commission meeting for the use of newly available Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) funds and request Commission direction and decisions. Staff will recommend the Commission adjust the Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determinations (MCEDs) amounts of the Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project and the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project to the amount originally requested by the project applicants; adjust the MCEDs for existing WSIP projects to account for some inflation; and begin a screening process for potential new project proposals. The Commission may follow the staff recommendation, modify the recommendation, or defer its decisions to a later meeting.

9. Public Benefits of Conveyance Projects Panel Discussion

As part of the Commission's work on assessing a state role in financing resilient conveyance projects, a panel of experts will discuss public benefits associated with conveyance projects, prioritizing public benefits, and methods to value benefits.

10. State Water Project Briefing: Incidental Take Permit

Department of Water Resources staff will brief the Commission on the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) covering Delta smelt, longfin smelt, winter-run Chinook salmon, and spring-run Chinook salmon governing the long-term operations of the State Water Project and how it is being implemented.

11. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting

12. Adjourn

The Commission may break for lunch as needed.

At the discretion of the California Water Commission, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

Further information regarding this meeting will be available at www.cwc.ca.gov.

- Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the California Water Commission on any agenda item except closed session items. Comments during the

public comment period shall be limited to matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Section 11125.7), and the Commission has established a three-minute limit per comment.

- Agenda items may be heard in any order at the discretion of the Commission.
- **Written comments regarding specific items on this agenda will be provided to the Commissioners as part of their meeting packets if they are received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020.** Staff will make every effort to provide comments received after this deadline electronically, but we cannot make any guarantees.
- Copies of meeting materials are available on the Commission website. Anyone may request hard copies of these materials; however, the Commission may charge a fee covering the cost of providing such materials.
- The Commission intends to provide a webcast of the meeting. However, if technical difficulties interrupt the webcast at times, the full webcast video will be posted at cwc.ca.gov as soon as possible.
- If you require special accommodations, please call (916) 834-3177 or email cwc@water.ca.gov.
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