

Meeting Agenda

Meeting of the California Water Commission Wednesday, October 20, 2021 Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to Government Code 11133, the October 20, 2021 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 <u>Zoom</u> (<u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88378490641?pwd=QVpWWkJuNGUyT3V2czR6TjlXMEZBZz09</u>). 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: 883 7849 0641 Passcode: 194757

The meeting will be webcast live at: <u>https://www.water-ca.com/</u>. 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 September 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

5. Executive Officer's Report

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

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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 for the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the Commission's jurisdiction, but that do not appear on the agenda.

8. Water Storage Investment Program: Harvest Water Program Continuing Eligibility and Feasibility Determination (Action Item)

Water Code §79757 states that a project is not eligible for Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) funding unless, by January 1, 2022, the applicant has the project's draft environmental document out for public review; the Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has received commitment of at least 75% of the non-public benefit cost share; the feasibility documents are complete; and the Commission makes a finding that the project is feasible. Commission staff will present for the Commission's consideration a staff report and recommendation regarding the Harvest Water Program's continuing eligibility documents and feasibility. The Commission will determine whether the project is feasible based on staff information, consistent with the WSIP regulations and as required by Water Code §79757.

9. Water Storage Investment Program: Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Continuing Eligibility and Feasibility Determination (Action Item)

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10. Consideration of Division of Safety of Dams Enforcement Regulations (Action Item)

The Department of Water Resources's (DWR's) Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has developed proposed regulations to impose administrative civil penalties, punitive reservoir restrictions, and other actions to ensure compliance with California's Dam Safety Program. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published on May 21, 2021. DSOD staff will present the proposed regulations for Commission approval. California Water Commission Meeting Agenda, October 20, 2021 Page 3

11. Groundwater Trading: Overview of Out-of-State Discussions and Emerging Themes

Commission staff will share information shared by out-of-state representatives in conversations with staff and review information that has been shared in groundwater trading panels during Commission meetings, including the main themes that have emerged from discussions. This overview is part of the Commission's consideration of well-managed groundwater trading programs to support Water Resilience Portfolio Action 3.6.

12. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting

13. 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 <u>https://cwc.ca.gov</u>.

- 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, October 18, 2021. 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) 873-5774 or email <u>cwc@water.ca.gov</u>.
- For further information about items on this agenda please contact Brianna Shoemaker, <u>Brianna.Shoemaker@water.ca.gov</u> or (916) 902-6785.