



Meeting Agenda

Meeting of the California Water Commission
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
March Fong Eu Secretary of State Building
1500 11th Street, Multi-Purpose Room
Sacramento, California 95814

Members of the public will be able to observe the meeting and provide public comments in-person at the meeting location or remotely. Remote participation will be conducted via a web-based videoconferencing service called Zoom.

Registration is not required to provide public comments. Members of the public who wish to provide comments remotely during the meeting can do so by joining on [Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81519528055?pwd=UVdTbDNPQndQL3k0cmMyY040ekIKUT09) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81519528055?pwd=UVdTbDNPQndQL3k0cmMyY040ekIKUT09>). 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: 815 1952 8055
Passcode: 252847

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. Acknowledgement of California Native American Tribal Governments

This is an opportunity for elected Tribal leaders and formally designated Tribal representatives to identify themselves and to specify the agenda item(s) on which they will comment, as described in the Commission's California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy.

5. Approval of October 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

6. Executive Officer's Report

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

7. Commission Member Reports

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

8. 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.

9. Presentation about 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 that are being proposed as an alternative way to update and implement the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

10. Water Storage Investment Program: Chino Basin Program Request to Increase Early Funding Award Amount (Action Item)

WSIP projects may receive up to 5% of a project's maximum conditional eligibility determination (MCED) in early funding to pay for completion of environmental documentation and permits. 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 by \$1.8M so the total early funding award is equal to 5% of its MCED, or \$10,763,270.

11. Water Storage Investment Program: Projects Update

Commission staff will provide an update on the progress of projects in the WSIP so the Commission can hear public comment on WSIP projects, assess progress, ask questions, direct staff, or invite applicants to supply specific information to the Commission for its consideration. WSIP regulations allow the Commission to rescind an MCED if a project is not making sufficient progress toward the Proposition 1 statutory requirements for a final funding decision.

12. Drought Strategies: Presentation of Draft White Paper

Commission staff will present for Commission discussion a draft white paper containing potential strategies to protect communities and fish and wildlife in the event of drought.

This draft white paper conveys the information the Commission gathered in support of Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3.

13. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting

14. 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 <https://cwc.ca.gov/>.

- California Native American Tribal leaders and representatives and members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the California Water Commission on any agenda item except closed session items. Comments shall be limited to matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for comments (Government Code Section 11125.7), and the Commission has established a three-minute limit per comment. California Native American Tribal leaders and representatives who identify themselves during agenda item 7 will be given the opportunity to provide comments prior to public comment on agenda items as outlined in the Commission's [California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy](#).
- 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, November 13, 2023.** Staff will make every effort to provide comments received after this deadline electronically, but we cannot make any guarantees. Written comments can be submitted to cwc@water.ca.gov. Comments received by the Commission related to meeting agenda items will not be edited and will be posted to the Commission's webpage in their entirety.
- 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 cwc@water.ca.gov.
- For further information about items on this agenda please contact Aaron Walters, Aaron.Walters@water.ca.gov or (916) 902-6785.