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February Water Commission meeting to include State Water Project's current year operations, planning decisions.

At its February meeting, the California Water Commission will host the first State Water Project (SWP) briefing of 2024, and receive an update on current year operations and water year allocation, planning decisions made to date, hydrology to date, and considerations for the rest of the year. The briefing will also introduce the SWP's new Five-year Strategic Plan – "Elevate to '28" – which includes goals to improve safety, become an employer of choice, adapt to climate change, promote awareness of the SWP, and optimize infrastructure, investments, and operations. The meeting will take place Wednesday, February 21 in Sacramento. The meeting is open to the public and will also be live streamed online.

California Water Commission meeting

When: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 21

Where: California Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium, 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](#).

Since its 1960 inception, the SWP has been planned, constructed, and operated by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The California Water Commission has advised DWR since 1956, and has provided oversight of the SWP since its earliest days. 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. In the wake of a changing climate, 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 2024 annual review.

Also on the February 21 agenda, consideration of a Big Notch resolution of necessity, a Water Storage Investment Program update, and an overview of the workplan to formulate the Water Commission's new strategic plan that will take effect in 2025. The California Water Commission meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

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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.