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State Water Project briefing to cover project planning and prioritization, budget process, and adaptation to climate change

July agenda also includes overview of flood advocacy in the Central Valley, and updates on the Water Storage Investment Program, Department of Water Resources Grant Programs

The July meeting of the California Water Commission will feature the third State Water Project (SWP) briefing of 2024, focusing on two goals of the SWP's five-year Strategic Plan: to optimize infrastructure, investments, and operations; and to adapt the SWP to climate change. The briefing will also provide an update on current-year operations of the SWP. Separately, a representative from the State Water Contractors (SWC), a nonprofit consisting of 27 water agencies, will introduce the SWC and share its perspectives on the SWP. The meeting in Sacramento is open to the public to attend in person or virtually and will also be live streamed online.

California Water Commission meeting

When: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 17

Where: California Natural Resources Building

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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.

One of the Commission's statutory duties is to monitor and report on the construction and operation of the State Water Project. At this meeting, Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff will provide an overview of the SWP's project planning and prioritization process, describe the SWP's budget process and the calendar year 2024 budget, and brief the Commission on SWP's climate adaptation strategies, including an overview of 2023 Delivery Capability Report, which analyzes the SWP's future water delivery potential. Commissioners will also receive an update on the current year's operations, including allocation, planning decisions made to date, hydrology to date, and considerations for the rest of the year. SWC's General Manager will explain the organization's perspectives on DWR's presentation.

Also at the July meeting, the Commission will also hear updates on DWR's Grant Programs, the Water Storage Investment Program, and explore the Commission's role in flood advocacy. The complete agenda for the July 17, 2024, meeting can be found here.

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.