



Results of Outreach and Engagement Survey

Introduction

California Water Commission staff will present to the Commission the results of two surveys – one directed to the public and the other to Tribes – that sought feedback on the Commission’s work and engagement practices. The intent of these surveys is to understand how parties are currently engaging with the Commission’s work and where the Commission can improve its outreach and engagement practices.

Background

The Commission is working to increase the engagement of interested parties in its work. In July 2024, the Commission conducted two surveys to better target its public outreach and engagement efforts. One survey, directed at the public in general, received 333 responses. A separate survey, sent to Tribal entities, received 19 responses. The surveys sought information on familiarity with the Commission’s work, attendance at meetings, and the level of interest in its various workstreams. It also asked how engagement with the Commission could be made easier for the public, and solicited feedback on previous engagement opportunities.

This item supports the Commission’s mission to explore water management issues from diverse perspectives, which underpins all of the goals in the Commission’s 2020 Strategic Plan and directly implements Goal 1, which calls on the Commission to “serve as a primary public forum for the discussion of improving water management policy” and includes objectives that task the Commission with producing “publicly available... materials to educate and encourage the public to participate in Commission meetings” and “...invit[ing] public comment and discussion at Commission meetings.”

Meeting Overview

At this meeting, Public Information Officer Paul Cambra will present to the Commission the results of the public outreach and engagement survey and the Tribal engagement survey.

This is an informational item.

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