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California Water Commission's Strategic Plan to be Presented for Approval at the November Meeting

Also on the Agenda: Water Storage Investment Program, State Water Project, Salton Sea, and Dam Safety Regulations

The <u>California Water Commission</u> will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 20 in Sacramento. The meeting is open to the public and will also be live streamed online. <u>Agenda</u> items are listed below.

California Water Commission meeting

When: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 20

Where: California Natural Resources Building, Room 221, 715 P Street, Sacramento, 95814

Info: (916) 873-5774, www.cwc.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 <u>public participation guide</u>.

Presentation of Final Draft of Commission's 5-year Strategic Plan

Commission staff will present for the Commission's consideration the final <u>draft 2025 Strategic Plan</u>, which contains goals and objectives that will provide direction for the Commission's work for the next five-year period, beginning in 2025. This is an action item, meaning the Commission can make a formal decision to approve the plan.

Water Storage Investment Program Project Update

Commission staff will provide an update on the progress of projects in the <u>Water Storage Investment</u> <u>Program</u> (WSIP), which includes the Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Project, Harvest Water Program, Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project, Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project, Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, Sites Project, and the Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project.

Informational Update on Dam Safety Regulations

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff from the <u>Division of Safety of Dams</u> will present an overview of proposed changes to regulations related to dam safety, including how it collects fees and approves dam permits.

Salton Sea Management Program Update

Staff from the California Natural Resources Agency and DWR will present an overview of the <u>Salton Sea</u> <u>Management Program</u>, a state-led effort to protect air quality and provide habitat for fish and wildlife at the inland lake located in Riverside and Imperial counties.

State Water Project Briefing: Strategic Plan and Operations Update

DWR staff will brief the Commission on <u>State Water Project</u> (SWP) construction projects over the past year, as well as a review of Water Year 2024, and a look ahead to Water Year 2025 with a State Climatologist. This is the fifth and final SWP briefing of 2024, and will help inform the Commission of SWP activities in preparation for the Commission's 2024 annual review.

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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.