



**2024 Annual Review of the State Water Project (Action Item)**

**Agenda Item at a Glance**

- The [State Water Project](#), called “SWP,” is a system of canals, pipelines, reservoirs, and hydroelectric power facilities that stores and delivers water throughout the state. It is managed and operated by the [Department of Water Resources](#), called “DWR.”
- One of the Commission’s responsibilities is to receive presentations from DWR about the SWP, then reports its findings and recommendations to DWR and the California Legislature.
- This is an important to anyone interested in how DWR is managing the SWP.
- This agenda item is an action item, meaning that the Commission can make a formal decision to approve the draft 2024 report on the SWP, or ask for changes to be made. Tribes and the public will have an opportunity to make a comment to the Commission before the Commission takes action.

**Introduction**

Water Code section 165 requires the California Water Commission to conduct an annual review of the construction and operation of the State Water Project (SWP) and to report its findings and recommendations to the Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Legislature (Legislature).

In 2024, DWR made 10 presentations to the Commission on various SWP topics. DWR also provided four updates on current operations. These presentations helped the public stay informed of DWR’s efforts, improved the public’s understanding of decision making within the SWP, and provided the basis of the findings and recommendations included in the Commission’s annual report that will guide subsequent SWP briefings.

**Background**

The California State Water Project consists of 36 water storage facilities and 700 miles of rivers, pipelines and canals. It also supplies water to 27 million people and irrigates 750,000 acres of farmland. The system includes 21 pumping plants, powered by a system of power-generation and power-recovery plants. DWR also operates the world’s tallest water lift – the Edmonston Pumping Plant – which pumps water more than 1,900 feet up and over the Tehachapi Mountains into Southern California.

The 2024 Annual Review of the State Water Project implements Goal Five of the Commission’s 2025 Strategic Plan, which directs the Commission to receive briefings on the SWP on an annual

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basis, and to produce a report that includes findings and, as appropriate, recommendations for DWR and the Legislature.

**Meeting Overview**

Paul Cambra, the Commission's Public Information Officer, will present the 2024 Annual Review of the State Water Project, focusing on the Commission's findings and recommendations. The Commission may approve the report as written, approve with direction for minor edits, or delay approval until staff makes additional edits. Once approved, staff will distribute the document to DWR and the Legislature.

This is an informational item.

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