

Meeting Agenda

Meeting of the California Water Commission Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Beginning at 9:30 a.m. California Natural Resources Building 715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium Sacramento, California 95814

Members of the public will be able to observe the meeting and provide public comments inperson at the meeting location or remotely. Remote participation will be conducted via a webbased videoconferencing service called Zoom.

Registration is not required to provide public comments. Members of the public who wish to provide comments remotely during the meeting can do so by joining on Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84041067540?pwd=ebCAXqRra6I4AZjlyiO1YfBYeb4rhr.1). More detailed instructions on how to use Zoom and participate in the meeting can be found on the Commission website.

Alternatively, members of the public can offer verbal comments by telephone by calling one of the numbers below:

(408) 638-0968 (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 840 4106 7540

Passcode: 342089

The meeting will be webcast live at: https://www.water-ca.com/. Individuals who only want to watch or listen should use this option as it preserves interactive meeting resources for those who are commenting on items.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Acknowledgement of California Native American Tribal Governments

This is an opportunity for elected Tribal leaders and formally designated Tribal representatives to identify themselves and to specify the agenda item(s) on which they will comment, as described in the Commission's California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy.

4. Approval of February 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

5. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer will report on various matters addressed since the previous Commission meeting.

6. Commission Member Reports

This is an opportunity for members to disclose any meetings or conversations related to Commission business and held since the previous Commission meeting.

7. Public Testimony

Although no formal Commission action will be taken, the Commission offers an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the Commission's jurisdiction, but that do not appear on the agenda.

8. Water Storage Investment Program: Projects Update

Commission staff will provide an update on the progress of projects in the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP).

9. Water Storage Investment Program: Decision for Utilizing Funding (Action Item)

The Commission will consider options for utilizing newly available Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) funds from the withdrawal of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project and from Proposition 4 (2024). Any decision will not immediately award funds to projects that have not received a final funding award. Projects that have not received a final funding award are still working to complete the statutory requirements of Water Code section 79755. Any increase in potential funding for a project that has not received a final funding award will be added to the project's Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determination (MCED) amount. Staff presented options at the February 2025 meeting, which included, but were not limited to, giving pro rata shares of the available funds to each project now (either through an award of funds or augmentation of a project's MCED), delaying a decision until the Commission obtains more information on the status of each project, or giving pro rata shares of some of the available funds to each project now and delaying a decision for the remaining available funds until the Commission obtains more information on the status of each project. The Commission directed staff to explore the options listed above and return to the March meeting with a recommendation. The Commission will select an option, defer a decision until a later date, or give other direction to staff.

10. Lookout Slough Restoration Project Tour

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff will lead the Commission on a tour of the Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project, completed in September of 2024 as part of State Water Project mitigation. This multi-benefit project restores tidal wetland habitat and produces food for Delta smelt and other fish species, while reducing overall flood risk in the Sacramento area.

Location and Time: Lookout Slough at the terminus of Liberty Island Road, Dixon, CA 95620

38° 19'44.3" N, 121° 41'39.6" W

Tour will begin no earlier than 1:00 p.m. Members of the public are responsible for their own transportation. Comfortable clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. There will not be a remote option for this tour, and it will not be recorded.

11. Adjourn

The Commission may break for lunch as needed.

At the discretion of the California Water Commission, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

Further information regarding this meeting will be available at https://cwc.ca.gov/.

- California Native American Tribal leaders and representatives and members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the California Water Commission on any agenda item except closed session items. Comments shall be limited to matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for comments (Government Code Section 11125.7), and the Commission has established a three-minute limit per comment. California Native American Tribal leaders and representatives who identify themselves during agenda item 7 will be given the opportunity to provide comments prior to public comment on agenda items as outlined in the Commission's California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy.
- Agenda items may be heard in any order at the discretion of the Commission.
- Written comments regarding specific items on this agenda will be provided to the
 Commissioners as part of their meeting packets if they are received by 5:00 p.m. on
 Monday, March 17, 2025. Staff will make every effort to provide comments received after
 this deadline electronically, but we cannot make any guarantees. Written comments can
 be submitted to cwc@water.ca.gov. Comments received by the Commission related to
 meeting agenda items will not be edited and will be posted to the Commission's webpage
 in their entirety.
- Copies of meeting materials are available on the <u>Commission website</u>. Anyone may request hard copies of these materials; however, the Commission may charge a fee covering the cost of providing such materials.
- The Commission intends to provide a webcast of the meeting. However, if technical difficulties interrupt the webcast at times, the full webcast video will be posted at cwc.ca.gov as soon as possible.
- If you require special accommodations, please call (916) 873-5774 or email cwc@water.ca.gov.
- For further information about items on this agenda please contact Aaron Walters, <u>Aaron.Walters@water.ca.gov</u> or (916) 651-7501.