



Overview of California Water Commission Workshop

Background

The California Water Commission provides a public forum for discussing water issues and advises the Department of Water Resources on policies that support integrated and sustainable water resource management and a healthy environment. Earlier this year, the Administration released its California Water Action Plan, laying out goals and vision for the next five years to meet three objectives: more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient, sustainably managed water resources system. In response to several key actions in the Plan and this year's historic drought, the California Water Commission held a workshop in March 2014 to receive information and public input on the challenges facing small water systems in Southern California.

The May 2014 Commission meeting will provide an opportunity to hear from representatives of small water systems in Northern California, including those serving the foothill and mountain communities. Representatives from Mountain Counties Water Resources Association, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, the Sierra Business Council, and the Regional Council of Rural Counties will provide case studies and discuss issues and opportunities for significant improvements in water supply reliability to meet local needs, and the regional and downstream benefits to the rivers, reservoirs, Delta and the rest of the state.

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