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Contra Costa Water District representatives to appear at California Water Commission's January Meeting

Also on the Agenda: Elections for Commission Chair and Vice-chair,
and overview of 2025 Commission Workplan

The [California Water Commission](#) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 15 in Sacramento. The meeting is open to the public and will also be live streamed online. [Agenda](#) items are listed below.

California Water Commission meeting

When: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 15

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

Info: (916) 873-5774, www.cwcc.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 [public participation guide](#).

Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Update

Representatives from the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD), proponent of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project, will discuss the reasons behind the project's unexpected withdrawal from the [Water Storage Investment Program](#) (WSIP), and how CCWD spent early funding from the Program.

When the Commission developed the WSIP regulations, the Commission recognized the risk of providing early funding for WSIP projects. The Commission decided on a cap, 5% of potential final award, to minimize the potential of stranding State investment, while also supporting project planning progress. This also allows the Commission to maximize State funding for construction activities, which will occur upon the final award of funds. The Commission awarded \$23.8 million in early funding to the Los Vaqueros Expansion Project, consistent with WSIP regulations.

Water Storage Investment Program Project Update

Commission staff will provide an update on the progress of other projects in the WSIP, which include the Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Project, Harvest Water Program, Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project, Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, Sites Project, and the Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project.

2024 Annual Review of the State Water Project

Commission staff will present the [draft 2024 Annual Review](#) of the operation and construction of the State Water Project for Commission consideration and approval. Once approved, the Review is submitted to the California State Legislature and the Director of the Department of Water Resources.

Update on Engagement Numbers, Near-term Actions, and Planning

Commission staff will provide an update on engagement numbers, near-term actions, and planning in support of Goal 2 of the Commission's [2025 Strategic Plan](#), which aims to develop, implement, and evaluate a targeted approach to increasing engagement in the Commission's work.

Legislative Update

The Department of Water Resources' Deputy Director for Legislative Affairs will brief the Commission on pending State legislation relevant to the activities of DWR and the Commission.

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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.