



Agenda at a Glance

General Information

- The California Water Commission, called the “Commission,” is made up of nine members, called “Commissioners”, that are selected by the Governor and approved by the state Senate to make decisions about some water issues in California.
- The Commission meets regularly, typically every month. The agenda lays out the meeting topics, called “agenda items.”
- For all agenda items, the Commissioners can ask questions of presenters and Commission staff. The public can speak to the Commissioners, called “public comment,” before Commissioners discuss an agenda item.
- Tribes are independent governments. State agencies must work directly with Tribes through a government-to-government relationship. Tribes are not the same as members of the public, interest groups, or cultural or ethnic communities. The Commission has a different process for [Tribal leadership comment](#).
- Each public comment is limited to three minutes.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

- The leader of the meeting, called the “Chair,” will start the meeting. The Chair will give instructions on how people can make comments on topics covered in the meeting.

2. Roll Call

- The Chair will take attendance, called “roll call,” to determine which Commissioners are present or absent for the meeting.

3. Acknowledgement of California Native American Tribal Governments

- The Chair will invite Tribal leaders, or their representatives, to identify themselves and which agenda item they plan to comment on.

4. Approval of August 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- The Chair will ask the Commissioners to approve the meeting notes, called “meeting minutes,” from the previous meeting. They can correct mistakes in the minutes before they approve them.

5. Executive Officer’s Report

- The Executive Officer will give an update on what has happened since the last Commission meeting.

6. Commission Member Reports

The Chair will ask the Commissioners to share if they had any meetings or conversations related to the Commission’s business.

7. Public Testimony

- The Chair will ask for public comment on topics that are relevant to the Commission, but not on the current agenda.

8. Annual Update on Department of Water Resources’ Activities

- The Director of the [Department of Water Resources](#), called “DWR,” will talk about the work that DWR is doing.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in updates about DWR.

9. State Water Project Briefing: Adaptation Strategies and Operations Update

- The [State Water Project](#), called “SWP,” is a system of canals, pipelines, reservoirs, and hydroelectric power facilities that stores and delivers water throughout California. It is managed and operated by DWR.
- Staff from DWR will talk about the history of the construction of the SWP, how DWR is managing the SWP to handle more extreme drought, flood, and heat events, and how SWP is currently being operated to manage water in California.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in how DWR is managing the SWP. Every year, the Commission receives presentations from DWR about the SWP, then reports its findings and recommendations to DWR and the California Legislature.

10. Water Storage Investment Program: Project Update

- The [Water Storage Investment Program](#), called “WSIP,” funds the public benefits of water storage projects. “Public benefits” are the ways in which water storage projects provide benefits to Californians broadly, such as cleaner water, new recreational opportunities, and improvements to the land and water fish and wildlife need to survive.

- Commission staff will provide new information about the projects that are part of WSIP, including the timeline for constructing each project, the next steps that each project needs to take, and any problems a project faces. Background information about the projects that are part of the WSIP is available [at this link](#), on the right side of the webpage.
- This is an informational agenda item, important to anyone interested in the progress of the projects in WSIP.

11. Water Storage Investment Program: Early Funding Request (Action Item)

- The Sites Project will create a lake, called “reservoir,” for storing water in Glenn and Colusa Counties. The reservoir will be an off-stream reservoir, meaning that it will not be located on a stream or river. Water from the Sacramento River will be used to fill the reservoir. The project is being led by the Sites Project Authority.
- The Sites Project is eligible for funding through WSIP.
- At this meeting, the Sites Project Authority will request more “Early Funding,” which is funding to help with the completion of project designs and permits.
- This is an action item. The Commission may decide whether to award additional Early Funding for the Sites Project.

12. Best Practices in Meaningful Engagement and Tribal Consultation

- Staff from DWR’s Office of Tribal Affairs will talk about rules, called “policies,” for state agencies to work with Tribes.
- The policies around state agencies, Tribes, and water in California are complex and take a lot of time to work through.
- This is an informational agenda item, important to anyone interested in relationships between Tribes and State agencies, like DWR.

13. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting

- The Chair will ask if anyone has ideas for agenda items at the next meeting.

14. Adjourn

- The Chair will end the meeting.