



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 the September 17, 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. Water Storage Investment Program: Projects 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.

9. Water Storage Investment Program: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Update

- The Santa Clara Valley Water District, called “Valley Water,” applied for funding through WSIP, for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion project, called “Pacheco Project.” The Valley Water Board voted at its August 26, 2025, meeting to stop work on the Pacheco Project and withdraw from WSIP.
- Staff from Valley Water will explain why they decided to end participation in the Pacheco Project.

- This is an informational agenda item, important to anyone interested in the WSIP and specifically the Pacheco Project.

10. Water Storage Investment Program: Proposed Pathway for Uncommitted Funds

- The WSIP has approximately \$638 million dollars to commit to existing projects.
- There are rules, called “regulations,” that tell the Commission how the money can be committed to the projects.
- Commission staff propose making changes to the regulations, so the Commission can move quickly to give money to projects that are making progress.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in WSIP.

11. Closed Session: Big Notch Litigation Update

- A “closed session” is part of a Commission meeting that the public cannot attend. Closed sessions are allowed for sensitive topics, like lawsuits.
- The Commission is holding a closed session to talk about a lawsuit related to a project called the “Big Notch Project”.

12. Outreach and Engagement Update

- Commission staff are working to help more people know about what the Commission does, attend Commission meetings, and take part in its work.
- Staff will explain what has been done so far to boost and track public involvement, how they measure success, and what goals they hope to reach in the next five years.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in the Commission’s outreach efforts.

13. Legislative Update

- The Department of Water Resources, called “DWR,” tracks proposed water-related laws, called “legislation,” that the California government is considering making into laws.
- This is an informational agenda item and is relevant to anyone that is interested in water-related legislation. The Commission does not have authority to take any action on the bills being presented.
- At this meeting, DWR staff will present to the Commission on current water-related legislation being tracked by the Department of Water Resources. Commissioners will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the information presented.

14. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting

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

15. Adjourn

- The Chair will end the meeting.