



Election of Commission Officers (Action Item)

Introduction

The “Rules and Guidelines for Activities of the California Water Commission” provide for the annual election of a Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Commission will accept nominations and vote on these positions. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are to be elected by a majority of members (5) to serve for a one-year term. The new officers will serve in that role until the next election in January 2027.

Background

The Rules and Guidelines for Activities of the California Water Commission provide the following related to the election of Commission officers:

Commission Officers

- a) Shall consist of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson each of whom shall be elected by a majority of the members to serve a one-year term to begin in January.*
- b) The Chairperson shall have all the usual and customary authority and prerogatives of a presiding officer in addition to such as are provided by statute.*
- c) The Vice Chairperson shall act in the absence or unavailability of the Chairperson and, when so acting, shall have the same authority and prerogatives as the Chairperson.*
- d) In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from any meeting, the members present, if constituting a quorum, shall elect a temporary chairperson who shall preside at that meeting.*
- e) Should a vacancy occur in either office prior to the expiration of a term, a successor will be selected by a majority vote to fill the unexpired term.*

Meeting Overview

The current Chairperson will call an election for the Chairperson. Once elected, the new Chairperson will call an election for the Vice Chairperson. The Commission will hear Tribal and public comment before electing new officers.

This is an action item.

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