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## **First State Water Project briefing of 2026 highlights how operations are guided by best available science**

February Water Commission meeting will include update on Harvest Water Program

At the February 18, 2026, meeting of the [California Water Commission](#), staff from the [Department of Water Resources](#) (DWR) will explain how they use the best available science to help make decisions about when and where water goes in California. DWR uses real-time information about water availability, water movement, and presence of important fish species to determine how to best operate the State Water Project.

The meeting is open to the public and will also be live streamed online.

### **California Water Commission meeting**

**When:** 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 18

**Where:** California Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium  
715 P Street, Sacramento, 95814

**Info:** (916) 873-5774, [www.cw.com](http://www.cw.com)

The meeting will be live streamed at [www.water-ca.com](http://www.water-ca.com)

To comment remotely, Zoom login information can be found on the [public participation guide](#).

Also on the February meeting agenda, representatives of the Sacramento Area Sewer District will provide an update on progress in the [Harvest Water Program](#), the first project to receive a final award from the Commission's [Water Storage Investment Program](#). Once completed, the project will supply treated wastewater to agricultural lands that also provide habitat to wildlife in southern Sacramento County. In addition to providing a reliable irrigation source for local agriculture, the project will improve groundwater conditions for 5,000 acres of wetland and riparian forest and enlarge the habitat for sandhill crane and many other threatened and endangered species. Recycled water deliveries are expected to begin early- to mid-2027.

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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](http://cwc.ca.gov).