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| <b>Agenda at a Glance</b> |
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### **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. Each public comment is limited to three minutes.
- 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](#).

### **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 January 21, 2026, 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. California Water Plan Update (Senate Bill 72)**

- Staff from the [Department of Water Resources](#), called "DWR," will talk about updates to the California Water Plan, called "CWP." The CWP is a statewide plan for managing water in the future.
- [Senate Bill 72](#) (SB 72, 2025) requires DWR to work with the Commission on how to include public participation in the update of the CWP. This agenda item will focus on a group of people who will provide input on the CWP, called the "advisory committee."
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in water management in California.

**9. Water Storage Investment Program: Review of the Commission's Ex-Parte Communication Policy**

- The Commission's attorney will talk about the rules, called the "ex-parte policy," on communications between Commissioners and staff of projects in the [Water Storage Investment Program](#), called "WSIP." Communications can include in-person conversations, emails, phone calls and more.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in the rules of WSIP.

**10. Water Storage Investment Program: Quarterly Update on Projects**

- 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 WSIP is available [at this link](#), on the right side of the webpage.

- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in the progress of the projects in WSIP.

#### **11. Water Storage Investment Program: Harvest Water Program Update**

- The Harvest Water Program is constructing the largest agricultural water recycling project in California. The project is led by Sacramento Area Sewer District, called “SacSewer.”
- Staff from SacSewer will provide an update on the project’s construction and outreach activities.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in WSIP and specifically the Harvest Water Program.

#### **12. Water Storage Investment Program: Sites Project Update**

- 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.
- Staff from the Sites Project Authority will provide an update on agreements about how specialized workers will be used to build the project.
- This is an informational item, important to anyone interested in WSIP and specifically the Sites Project.

#### **13. State Water Project Briefing: Operations Guided by Science**

- The [State Water Project](#), called “SWP,” is a system of canals, pipelines, reservoirs, and hydroelectric power facilities that stores and delivers water throughout the state. It is managed and operated by DWR.
- Staff from DWR will talk about how they use science to help make decisions about when and where water goes 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.

#### **14. Legislative Update**

- DWR tracks proposed water-related laws, called “legislation,” that the California government is considering making into laws.
- DWR staff will present to the Commission on current water-related legislation being tracked by DWR. Commissioners will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the information presented.
- This is an informational 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.

**15. Consideration of Items for Next California Water Commission Meeting**

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

**16. Adjourn**

- The Chair will end the meeting.