

DRIP Collaborative

Reducing Ecosystem Impacts of Drought Workgroup Meeting #3

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 from 11:00-12:30PM

California Natural Resources Agency, 715 P St, Sacramento, CA 95814 – Room 06-212

Zoom: <https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/spH5GRhWQ5OoQrsEfSKq7w>

Objectives: Focus on shaping a best practices approach for landowner cooperative agreements to support in-stream flows. Discuss how and when to return to streamlining grant and contract processes and long-term O&M considerations in future meetings.

Meeting Agenda

11:00am Welcome, Roll Call

11:05am Refresher & Proposed Pathways

The workgroup will briefly recap the July Collaborative discussion and revisit the Inform/Complement/Lead pathways as a framing tool. The group will then discuss how to prioritize their work to advance the proposed ideas in the year's cycle and into 2026. A possible option may include focusing on the in-stream flows idea and revisiting the other ideas (streamlining grant and contract process and long-term O&M considerations) in 2026.

11:25am Eco1. In-Stream Flows

At the July meeting, members expressed interest in adaptive water rights tools (e.g., forbearance agreements, in-stream leases, small tank installation) and landowner cooperative approaches that support in-stream flow. While the original idea was framed as piloting new projects in small coastal streams, there is growing interest in documenting and promoting principles and guidelines for drought resiliency from existing efforts (e.g., Scott/Shasta, CEFF-related work) to guide broader adoption. In this discussion, the workgroup will consider what a best practices document might include, who should lead its development, and how state agencies could provide review and alignment.

12:25pm Public Comment

12:30pm Adjourn