Meeting of the Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative – October 17, 2025

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Join the Department of Water Resources for the Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative meeting. Members of the public will be able to observe the meeting and provide public comments in-person at the meeting location or remotely.

Meeting Time: 10:00AM-5:00PM

Meeting Location: California Natural Resources Agency, 715 P St, Sacramento, Room 02-221 A/B/C (second floor)

Remote participation will be conducted via a Zoom platform. Members of the public who wish to listen and comment remotely during the meeting can do so by joining using the <u>Zoom meeting</u> registration link.

The meeting will be viewable via YouTube Livestream <u>here</u>. Individuals who only want to watch or listen should use this option as it preserves interactive meeting resources for those who are commenting on items.

Recording: This meeting will be recorded and available here after the meeting.

Background

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) established a standing drought and water shortage interagency task force in coordination with the State Water Board and other relevant state agencies to facilitate proactive state planning and coordination for pre-drought planning, emergency response, and post-drought management, consistent with Senate Bill 552 (Chaptered in 2021). The Task Force, called the Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners Collaborative (DRIP Collaborative), serves as a public forum with state and non-state agency members to advance drought strategies and continue building resilience to the increasingly arid conditions California faces. For more information visit https://water.ca.gov/drip.

Meeting Objectives

Objective #1: Provide opportunities for collective learning about efforts to advance drought and water shortage resiliency.

Objective #2: Further the development of proposed 2025 recommendations and DRIP

Collaborative inform and complement opportunities.

Objective #3: Discuss the focus of the DRIP Collaborative in 2026.

Agenda

10:00am Welcoming Remarks and Setting Intentions

Welcoming remarks and review agenda.

10:15am Orientation to the Work of the DRIP Collaborative, Progress-to-Date, and Considerations for 2026

Review the work of the DRIP Collaborative over the past three years, highlighting key recommendations and ideas to advance drought and water shortage resilience in California. Looking ahead to 2026, DWR will present proposed changes to strengthen member engagement in future meetings and workgroups.

10:45am Hydrology Report and Drought Outlook

DWR staff will present on current hydrologic conditions and Annual Water Supply Demand Assessment results as a basis for DRIP Collaborative discussions.

11:45am Accomplishments Related to the 2024 DRIP Collaborative Recommendations

Recommendations

DWR staff and members will share current efforts to advance the 2024 DRIP Collaborative recommendations.

12:15pm 2024 Communication Recommendation Development

DWR Staff will report on workgroup discussions and proposed next steps.

12:30pm Water Infrastructure and Planning Focus Area

DWR staff report on subject matter expert presentations to the workgroup to inform future development of the focus areas ideas.

12:45pm LUNCH

1:45pm Reducing Ecosystem Impacts of Drought Focus Area

DWR staff will summarize workgroup discussions on focus area ideas and share member feedback to inform the development of one recommendation.

• **REC ECO1.** Instream Flows: Best Practices for Landowner Cooperative Solutions

2:25pm Land Use Planning for Drought Resiliency Focus Area

DWR staff will summarize workgroup discussions on focus area ideas and share member feedback to inform the development of <u>two recommendations</u> and <u>one</u> complement idea.

- REC Land2a. Aligning Communication and Planning Timelines for Housing and Water
- REC Land2b. Assessing Water Supply and Wastewater Capacity with Housing Needs
- COM Land3. Integrated Water Planning

3:50pm Closing Out the Year and Looking Ahead to 2026

Acknowledge accomplishment and work of the DRIP Collaborative. Identify and prioritize opportunities to build on and advance the 2024-25 focus areas given anticipated drought conditions in 2026.

4:50pm Public Comment

Members of the public are invited to share comments on the work of the DRIP Collaborative.

4:55pm Closing Comments

5:00pm Adjourn

Additional Notes for the Public

All times indicated and the order of business are approximated and subject to change.

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Accessibility

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Start: Friday, October 17, 2025, 10:00 AM End: Friday, October 17, 2025, 5:00 PM

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