

2026 Introductory Meeting of the Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative – January 20, 2026

Join the Department of Water Resources for the Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative Informational meeting.

Meeting Time: 1:00PM – 2:00PM, Optional Q&A Session 2:00PM – 2:30PM

Meeting Location

Virtual via Zoom, see Remote Participation for more details.

Remote Participation

Remote participation will be conducted via a Zoom platform. Register [here](#).

This meeting will be recorded and available after the meeting at www.water.ca.gov/drip.

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: Introduce the 2026 engagement process for DRIP Collaborative, focusing on the previous 2024 recommendations related to Roles and Responsibilities (R&R) and Drought Indicators & Metrics (DI&M)

Objective #2: Discuss follow-up on 2025 ideas and other idea development

Objective #3: Solicit participation in the upcoming February/March workshops ahead of the DRIP Collaborative meeting in April.

Agenda

- 1:00pm Welcoming Remarks and Setting Intentions**
Welcoming remarks and review agenda.
- 1:05pm 2026 Engagement Process – An Overview**
Introduce engagement opportunities for 2026, including process and desired outcomes, the role of the DRIP Collaborative, and expected timeline.
- 1:15pm Addressing the 2024 recommendations**
 - **Roles and Responsibilities (R&R)**
 - **Drought Indicators and Metrics (DI&C)***Present initial thoughts about the process and vision for addressing R&R and DI&M recommendations in 2026.*
- 1:40pm Continued work on the development of 2025 ideas**
Present an approach to continuing work from 2025 and advancing additional topics of interest
- 1:50pm Next Steps**
Identify specific next steps to promote members' engagement
- 2:00pm Members Q&A**
– 2:30pm *Members are invited to stay on the call and provide additional feedback on the process*

Additional Notes for the Public

All times indicated and the order of business are approximated and subject to change. Members of the public will be able to observe the meeting. Remote participation will be conducted via the web-based videoconferencing service Zoom. Registration is required to attend. Members of the public who wish to comment during the meeting can do so by registering via Zoom [here](#). Upon registration, you will be sent a Zoom meeting link at the email address you provide. Zoom streaming will begin at 1:00 PM. For more information visit <https://water.ca.gov/drip>.

Accessibility

The DRIP Collaborative meeting location and Zoom option is accessible to people with disabilities. Any person who requires special assistance to participate in the meeting, wishes to request this notice or other meeting materials in an alternative format, requires translation services, or needs any disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, which would enable that person to participate at the meeting must make that request at least 7 days prior to the meeting date by contacting DRIP Collaborative Staff (Zoe Kanavas) at the Department of Water Resources at drip@water.ca.gov or calling at (916) 606-2134.