



California

DRIP Collaborative

2026 Introductory Meeting

Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

1:00PM - 2:00PM PT

Remote Participation (via Zoom)

Meeting Information

1. This meeting is being recorded.
2. This is an informational meeting:
 - This meeting does not require following BKA rules, but we are adhering to best practices
 - Time will be provided for clarifying questions on the content shared.
3. DRIP Collaborative members are encouraged to keep their cameras on during the meeting. Please notify the group if you turn off your camera and state why.
4. Members of the public are welcome to listen.
5. Please practice electronics courtesy and mute when not speaking.

Meeting Purpose and Agenda

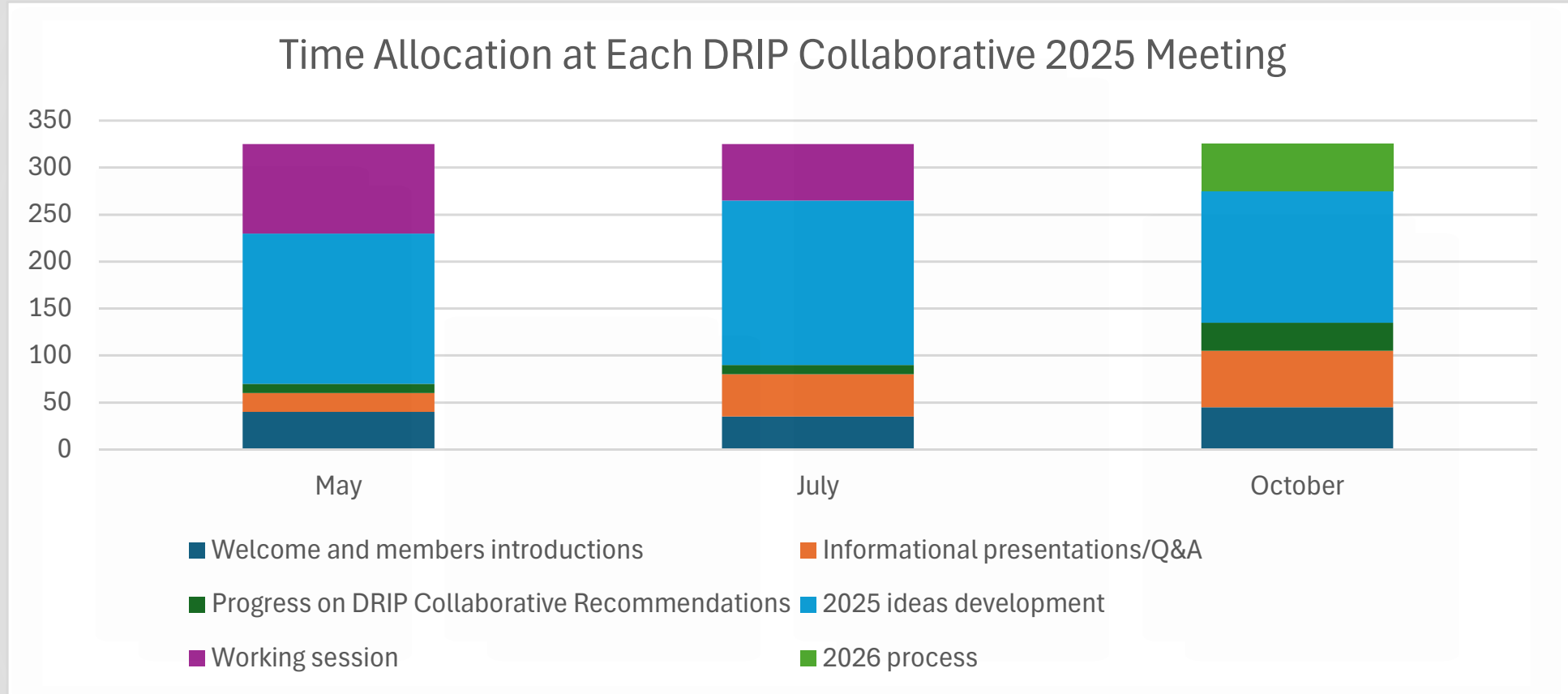
Meeting Purpose: Introduce the DRIP Collaborative 2026 engagement process.

Meeting Topics:

- Welcome and Agenda Review
- 2026 Engagement Process – Overview
- Addressing the 2024 recommendations
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - Drought Indicators and Metrics
- Additional DRIP Collaborative Members Engagement Opportunities
- Optional Q&A (2:00PM – 2:30PM)

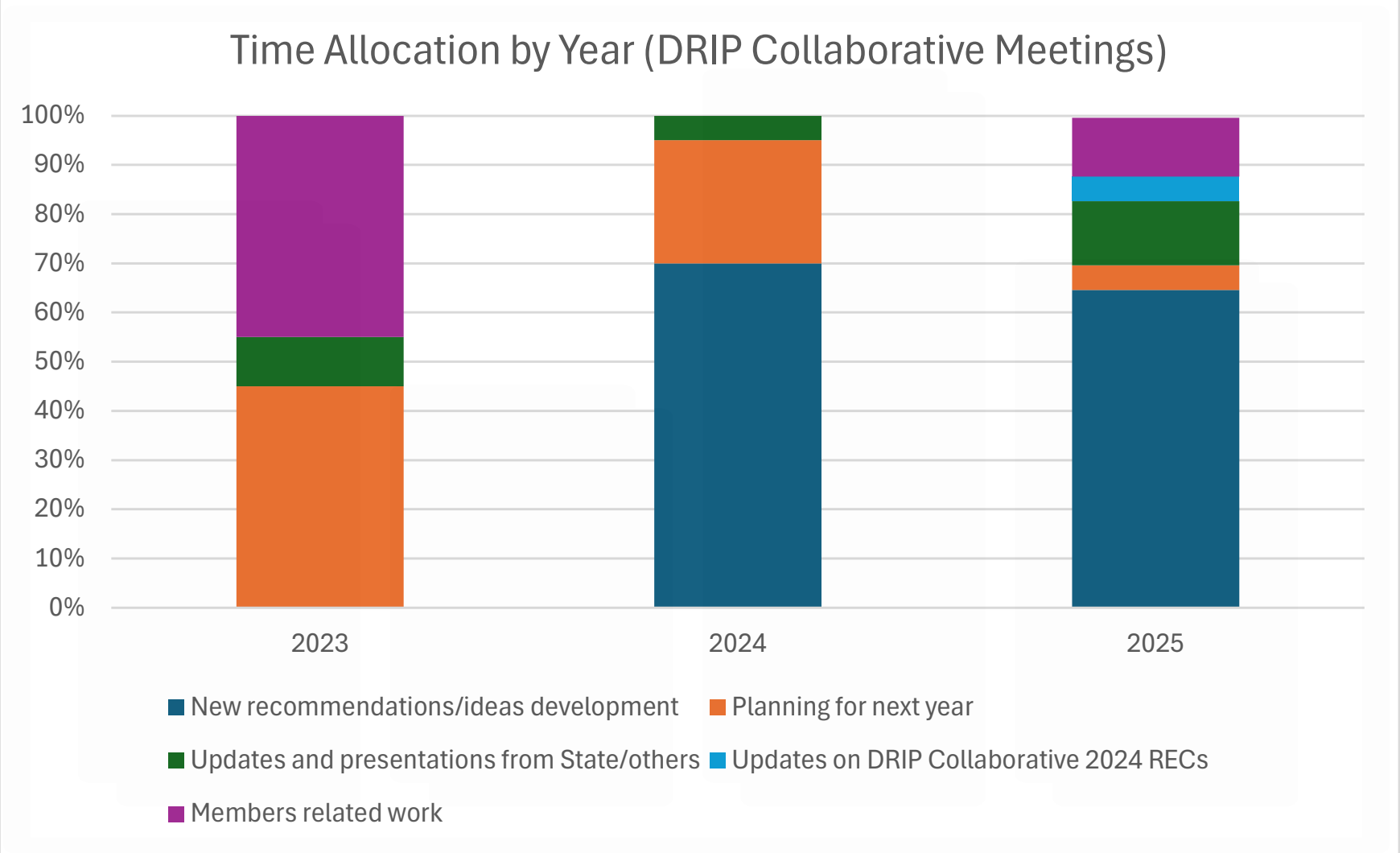
2026 ENGAGEMENT PROCESS – OVERVIEW

Review of DRIP Collaborative Work in 2025



- Three In-Person DRIP Collaborative Meetings
- Two Working Sessions During the May and July DRIP Collaborative Meetings
- Twelve Virtual Workgroup Meetings
- 21 SME Presentations

Review of DRIP Collaborative Work To Date



2026 Proposed Work for the DRIP Collaborative

1. Work on 2024 recommendations to develop 2026 white papers (green)

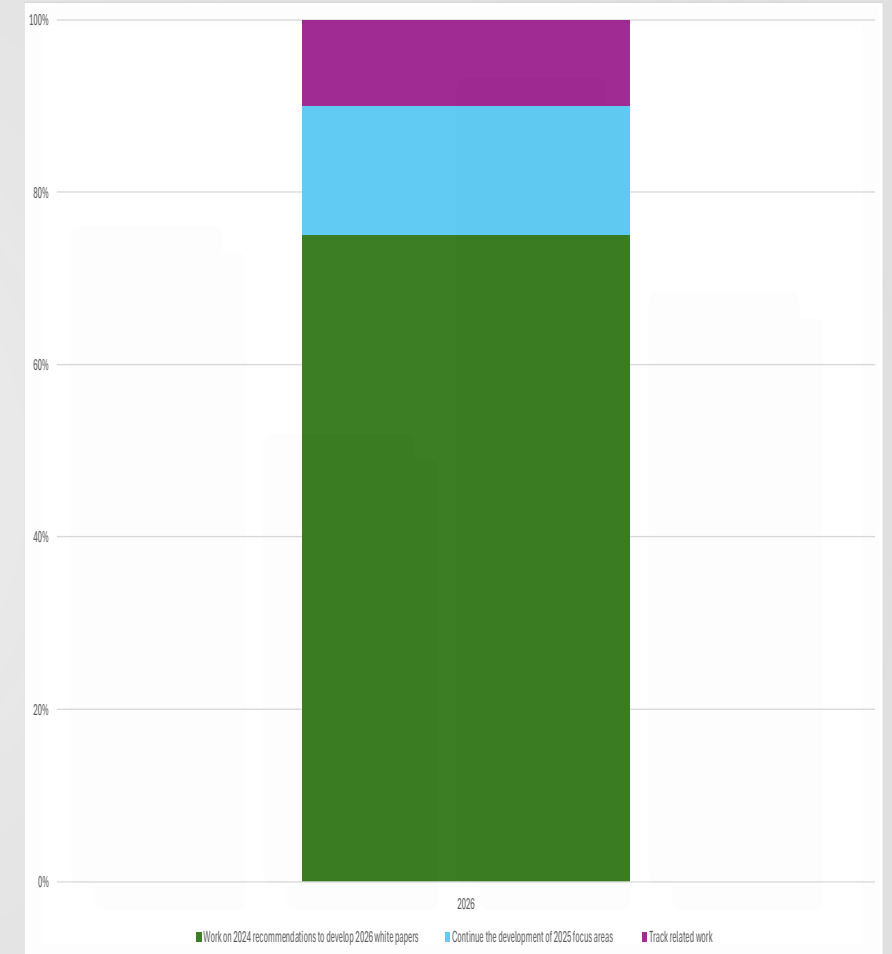
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- Drought Indicators and Metrics (DI&M)

2. Continue the development of 2025 ideas (blue)

- Ideas identified in 2025
- Other emerging topics

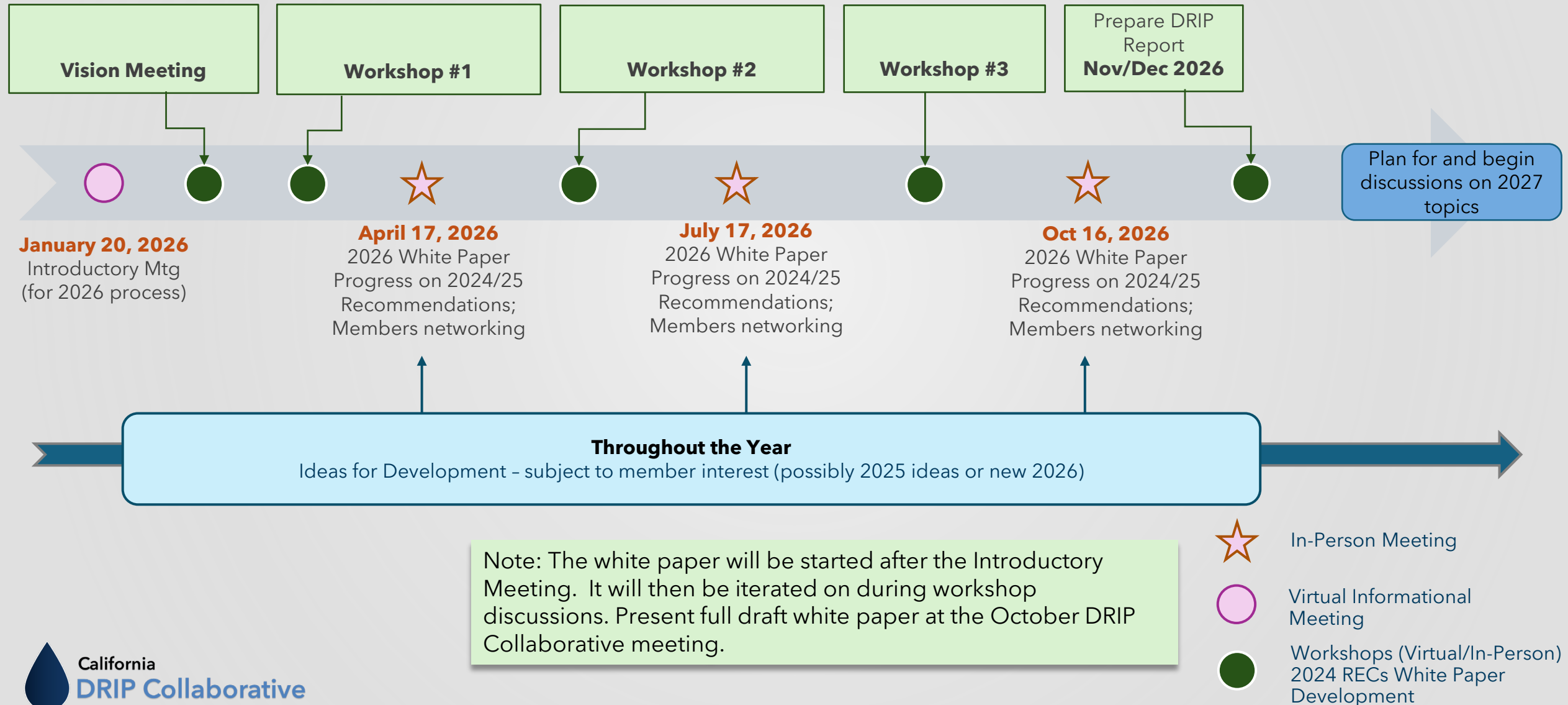
3. Track related work (fuschia)

- 2024 and 2025 recommendations
- Members work and networking



2026 Proposed DRIP Collaborative Timeline

Note: Similar but separate paths for R&R and DI&M



ADDRESSING THE 2024 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Roles and Responsibilities (R&R)
- Drought Indicators and Metrics (DI&M)

White Paper Development Process

PREPLANNING

- Identify individuals, organizations, and information resources to support topic development.
- Develop a draft vision and white paper outline to guide workshops discussions.

I. VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- Define the desired end state and the key questions to be addressed in the white paper.

Framing the Vision - Key Questions to Explore - White Paper Scope and Outline

II. UNDERSTANDING WHERE WE'RE AT

Establish a shared understanding of the current situation, experience, and capacity.

Current Conditions - Experience and Capacity

III. GAP ANALYSIS

Identify discrepancies between the current situation and the desired future vision.

Comparing Vision and Reality - Underlying Causes of Identified Gaps - Prioritizing Gaps

IV. LOOKING AHEAD

Identify practical pathways to move from current conditions toward the desired vision.

Opportunities for Progress - Barriers and Challenges - Proposed Next Steps

V. PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Draft the white paper to document discussions, findings, and suggested next steps.

White Paper Development – A Collaborative Effort

The Lead Team will work with the DWR Development Team:

- Define the desired end state and the key questions to be addressed in the white paper.
- Support topic discussions, provide vision and direction, identify needed information, and support the development of the white paper.

DWR Development Team

- Provide logistical support and facilitation of working meeting discussions
- Work in coordination with the Lead Team to advance the discussion and address topic discussion and questions to inform the vision and white paper
- Draft the white paper to document discussions, findings, and suggested next steps.

DRIP Collaborative Members and SMEs

- Provide input during working meetings and during DRIP Collaborative meetings to advance the work to develop a white paper.
- Review the white paper

White Paper Development – Roles and Responsibilities

2024 DRIP Collaborative Recommendation: Analyze and clarify the roles and responsibilities of State, local, and other entities that manage domestic wells in coordinating drought response to address water supply losses affecting private wells and community service wells.

This analysis should include:

- **Current Roles:** Assess existing responsibilities in managing domestic wells across the drought-risk management cycle.
- **Identified Gaps:** Highlight inefficiencies in authority, funding, and coordination.
- **Gap Prioritization:** Focus on addressing the most critical gaps affecting drought resilience.
- **Proposed Solutions:** Provide recommendations for funding mechanisms and long-term planning to mitigate risks.

Leads: Paul Gosselin, Karen Mogus

White Paper Development – Drought Indicators and Metrics

2024 DRIP Collaborative Recommendation: Develop a practical drought early warning system in the form of an online dashboard or web application. The system will integrate data across surface and groundwater supplies, reflect geographic and sectoral nuances, and provide actionable metrics tailored to State and local needs. This includes:

- **Water Supply Portfolio:** An integrated view of surface water and groundwater, including complex water supply portfolios (e.g., storage, conveyance, and imports), with detailed data on each element, such as expected deliveries.
- **High Spatial Resolution:** Data at finer geographic scales, ideally at the sub-hydrologic region level.
- **User and Sectoral Impacts:** Addressing distinct needs and effects on cities, small communities, irrigated agriculture, and freshwater ecosystems.

Metrics will track resilience, inform policies, and improve communication among interested parties.

Leads: TBD (conversations underway)

Timeline - Upcoming Activities

Lead Team Vision Meeting: Vision for the Future and White Paper Outline – February/March

Workshop #1: Current Conditions and Gaps – March/April – ahead of the DRIP Collaborative meeting

DRIP Collaborative meeting - April 17, 2026: Share Vision and Identified Gaps – Validate and Seek Feedback



ADDITIONAL DRIP COLLABORATIVE MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- 2026 Member-Driven Efforts
- Tracking Progress on Past DRIP Collaborative Recommendations

2026 Proposed Process - Additional DRIP Collaborative Members Engagement Opportunities

PARTICIPATION: Members are encouraged to collaborate with others and provide updates on their work as it relates to building drought and water shortage resilience in California.

CONTENT DEVELOPMENT: DWR staff will continue to track progress on 2024 and 2025 recommendations.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES: The 2026 DRIP Collaborative meetings agendas will include time for members to engage with each other and discuss topical issues.

- Small group discussions with table topics (pre-meeting OR lunch time)



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THANK YOU!

