

Meeting of the Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative – April 26, 2024

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Join the Department of Water Resources for the first Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative meeting of 2024. 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 221-A/B (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 [Zoom Webinar registration link](#).

The meeting will be viewable via YouTube Livestream [here](#). 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), will serve as a public forum with state and non-state agency members to advance our 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: Ensure we're all clear on the recommendation process and how that structure will help inform 2024 efforts for the DRIP Collaborative.

Objective #2: Listen to DRIP member presentations on proposed recommendations within DRIP Collaborative focus areas and provide input for recommendation development.

Objective #3: Discuss process for DRIP membership extension.

Agenda

10:00am **Welcome Remarks and Setting Intentions**

Recapping insights from the 2023 DRIP meetings. Setting the stage for 2024 DRIP Collaborative work.

10:15 am **Informational Updates**

DWR Staff will provide important informational updates impacting DRIP work for 2024 including:

- *Hydrology update*
- *SB 552 County Task Force implementation*

10:45am **Overview and Discussion of California Water Commission (CWC) White Paper**

CWC will provide an overview of their recent white paper titled “Potential State Strategies for Protecting Communities and Fish and Wildlife in the Event of Drought”.

11:15am **Recap DRIP Collaborative Initial Focus Areas, Inaugural Report, and Recommendation Process**

Staff will present an overview of the initial focus areas for developing recommendations, the 2023 Inaugural Report, and the process of recommendation development.

We will highlight the problem statements related to the three initial focus areas using them as a guide to formulate recommendations aimed at addressing those issues:

- *Drought Relevant Data*
- *Drought Preparedness for Domestic Wells*
- *Drought Definition and Narrative*

11:30am **Presentation and Discussion of DRIP Collaborative Recommendations**

Members will present recommendations developed for consideration by the DRIP Collaborative. Following each presented recommendation, the DRIP Collaborative will provide ideas for development.

12:30pm **LUNCH**

1:30pm **Presentation and Discussion of DRIP Collaborative Recommendations (Part 2)**

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- 3:30pm** **BREAK**
- 3:40pm** **Expectations Moving Forward (in preparation for July 12 and Oct 18 meetings)**
- *Timeline for recommendation refinement*
 - *Workgroup formation and Bagley Keene Requirements*
 - *Present DRIP Collaborative decision making/polling process*
 - *Aligning on our next set of Focus Areas (for 2025 recommendations)*
- 4:10pm** **Discuss DRIP Collaborative Member Extension Process**
- Staff will share how DRIP Collaborative member extension will work.*
- 4:20pm** **Public Comment**
- 4:55pm** **Action Item Review and Closing Comments**
- 5:00pm** **Adjourn**

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 and provide public comments in-person at the meeting location or remotely. Remote participation will be conducted via the web-based videoconferencing service Zoom. Registration is required to provide public comments. 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 10:00 AM. 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.

Start: Friday, April 26, 2024, 10:00 AM

End: Friday, April 26, 2024, 5:00 PM

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*Please note, valid state identification is required. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before the start of the meeting to check in at the security desk located next to the P Street entrance. Desk staff can direct you to the meeting room.