

Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners (DRIP) Collaborative

Drought Indicators & Metrics – Workshop #1

Wednesday, April 1st, 2026

Meeting Time: 9:00AM – 12:30PM

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom platform. To participate, please register for the meeting by Friday, March 20th: <https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/KgkscrmeRyKmgDR3DaHBmA>

Recording: This meeting will **not** be recorded. The meeting materials and presentation will be available on the DRIP Collaborative webpage: <https://water.ca.gov/drip>.

Workshop Objectives: Co-create an aligned vision for advancing Drought Indicators & Metrics (DI&M), based on a shared understanding of the current situation, perceived gaps, and potential opportunities.

- Review the history of drought reporting and data collection to ensure a collective vision and path forward can be identified.
- Hear from drought indicator experts on what already exists in California
- Discuss the possible dimensions and considerations for future drought indicators and how that might drive drought resilience
- Brainstorm a proposed approach for 2026 DRIP activities, including the DI&M white paper

Agenda

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

Purpose: Review workshop purpose and overall process to address the Drought Indicators & Metrics 2024 recommendation.

2. DI&M Vision – Discussion and Historical Context

Purpose: Develop a general agreement on the vision we are working toward, along with a list of key questions for the DI&M white paper to address.

3. Spotlight on Existing Programs

Purpose: Create a shared understanding of the current situation, experience, and capacity that already exists on CA drought indicators and metrics.

4. Short Break

5. Working Session – Gap Analysis and Possible Opportunities

Purpose: Identify gaps in existing efforts and opportunities to improve on existing programs.

6. Working Session – Brainstorm Priorities

Purpose: Consider what we think are the most important items to focus on. Define what is the DRIP Collaborative “end game” on DI&M.

7. Closing and Reflections

Purpose: Discuss key messages to report back and identify opportunities to connect the workshop process with discussions of the DRIP Collaborative at the April meeting.