The Department of Water Resources invites you to apply to become one of the following representative categories: Agriculture or Public Water Agency representative of the Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners (DRIP) Collaborative.

## California Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners Collaborative

A state interagency and public task force on drought planning, response, and management

**Background:** Senate Bill 552 directs the Department of Water Resources (DWR), in collaboration with the State Water Board and other relevant state agencies, to establish a standing interagency drought and water shortage task force for the State. The purpose and scope of this task force is to facilitate proactive state planning and coordination for predrought planning, drought emergency response, and post-drought recovery; to develop strategies to enhance collaboration between various fields; and to develop these plans, responses, and strategies in a way that considers all types of water users.

**Task Force Structure:** The task force membership includes representatives from a wide range of water-relevant interested parties. It includes an appointee from eight different state agencies to participate on the task force, and two appointees from specified groups. **At this time, the DRIP Collaborative is looking for interested applicants for representation of agriculture or public water agency categories.** 

**Eligibility:** Each non-state agency member is expected to serve on the DRIP Collaborative for an initial two-year term. Two members represent each of the following membership categories:

- The public
- Environmental
- Agriculture
- Tribes

- Public water systems (urban and small water suppliers)
- Local Government
- Non-profit technical assistance providers
- Community-based organizations
- Experts in land use planning, water resilience, and water infrastructure



## **CALL FOR TASK FORCE MEMBERS!**

**How to Become a Member:** If you are interested in becoming a member of the DRIP Collaborative, submit the task force member interest form today! **Instructions**: Please address each of the following questions to help us understand your interest in participating as a member in the California Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners Collaborative:

- 1. As a potential representative as a technical assistance provider, what region do you bring expertise and focus?
- 2. Are you able to commit to attending DRIP Collaborative meetings, a minimum of three in-person and various virtual meetings a year (to be scheduled each year), for the initial 2-year term?
- 3. What would you expect to contribute to the DRIP Collaborative in terms of improving coordination to support drought resilience in California?
- 4. Describe a positive experience of effectively collaborating across interested parties and what made it effective.

Drought Collaborative Membership Interest Form



**Format**: Please fill out the <u>form here</u> to submit the answers to the above questions. The form is also available by following the QR Code.

Alternatively, you may use the PDF template available here to submit by email to <a href="mailto:DRIP@water.ca.gov">DRIP@water.ca.gov</a>

When to Submit: Submit your letter of interest by December 12, 2025.

**Questions**: For questions, please send an email to <u>DRIP@water.ca.gov</u> or call Anthony Navasero at (916) 837-6378.

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