

DRIP Collaborative

Water Infrastructure and Planning Workgroup Meeting #2

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 3:00-4:30PM

California Natural Resources Agency, 715 P St, Sacramento, CA 95814 – Room 06-212

Zoom: https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/jZ18xc5ySxqZC_7jj3mirA

Objectives: Continue vetting and developing recommendation ideas proposed at the May 16th, 2025 DRIP Collaborative meeting related to water infrastructure and understanding drought and water shortage impacts to vulnerable communities. Discuss other recommendation ideas raised during the meeting to decide how to undertake, potentially reconstruct, and develop them into draft recommendations.

Meeting Agenda

3:00pm Welcome, Roll Call

3:05pm Refresher & Proposed Pathways

Based on the DRIP Collaborative discussion the membership agreed there were preliminary ideas for potential development into draft recommendations. This meeting will be used to inform and discuss how those preliminary ideas can develop into potential draft recommendations. The following three preliminary ideas were highlighted along with others to have the potential to be presented at the July 18th meeting.

1. Identifying planning gaps and solutions for vulnerable communities and explore more funding solutions (Recommendation co-leads: Kyle Jones / Carolina Hernandez)
2. Improve water infrastructure and management system and regulatory flexibility (Recommendation co-leads: Laura Ramos / Katie Ruby)
3. GW recharge and NBS be included as new water sources (Recommendation co-leads: Kyle Jones / Emily Rooney)

3:15pm Existing Understanding and Data on Drought and Water Shortage Impacted Vulnerable Communities

Presentation on the Water Board's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program (SAFER Program) and California Drinking Water Needs Assessment on data and information to inform workgroup members as they look to reconstruct preliminary recommendations.

3:35pm Discuss and Refine Scope of Three Primary Ideas for Recommendation

Continue to discuss and refine the three previously highlighted primary ideas for recommendation

4:05pm Discuss and Refine Scope of Other Preliminary Ideas for Recommendations and How to Address Them?

Assess remaining ideas from the May 16th 2025 meeting discussion, including:

- Support regional/local water infrastructure long-term planning
- Develop green infrastructure investment plan intended for more fish and flows while identifying opportunities to remove non-beneficial water supply infrastructure
- Identify partnership opportunities in the San Joaquin Valley
- Improve special districts and planning districts coordination

4:25pm Public Comment

4:30pm Adjourn