



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

AGENDA

California Water Plan 2028 Advisory Committee Meeting May 13 and 14, 2026

Day One Meeting Information

Date & Time: Day One: Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

In-Person Participation: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Sacramento, CA – The Grand Ballroom
2001 Point W Way, Sacramento, CA 95815
We have moved the meeting room to accommodate greater in-room participation. The meeting will take place in the DoubleTree Grand Ballroom. There will be signage upon entry to the hotel directing participants to the meeting room.
To help us set the room properly and prepare for public comment, we are asking participants to complete this [optional link to RSVP in-person](#).

Parking: Free parking is available in the hotel guest parking areas.

Livestream: The Day 1 meeting will be viewable via YouTube Livestream at:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/0IXA7W0PYcs>

Background: The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is convening the first Advisory Committee meeting for the California Water Plan (CWP) 2028. The Advisory Committee provides recommendations to DWR and informs development of the CWP. The meeting will be held in-person in Sacramento and livestreamed on YouTube, and will take place over two half-days (May 13 and 14, 2026). The Advisory Committee is an appointed body, and in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, all meetings are open to the public.

Public comment will take place at the end of Day Two. For more information on the public comment process, please refer to Page 5.

Day One Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss and confirm the Advisory Committee's purpose, role, requirements, and expectations
- Develop a shared understanding of California water history and reflect on the drivers for change
- Develop a shared understanding of Senate Bill 72, Senate Bill 659, and the CWP Roadmap for 2028 and 2033
- Discuss DWR's approach for achieving the 9 Million Acre-Feet (MAF) interim water supply target, the origins of the target, and how this target will be addressed in CWP 2028 and 2033

- 1:00 PM **Welcome and Review Agenda and Meeting Objectives – Emily Finnegan, Lead Facilitator, Stantec**
- 1:05 PM **Tribal Acknowledgement – Anecita Agustinez, Executive Manager Office of Tribal Affairs, DWR**
- 1:15 PM **Welcome – Karla Nemeth, Director, DWR**
- 1:25 PM **Who We Are: The California Water Plan Team – Joel Metzger, Deputy Director, Statewide Water Resources Planning, DWR**
- 1:35 PM **Finding Common Ground: Advisory Committee Connections – Emily Finnegan, Lead Facilitator, Stantec**
- 2:05 PM **What it Means to be an Advisory Committee Member: Charter Review – Tripp Mizell, Assistant General Counsel, DWR; Emily Finnegan, Lead Facilitator, Stantec**
- 2:25 PM **Break**
- 2:35 PM **State of the State for California Water: Where We've Been – Karla Nemeth, Director, DWR**
- 2:50 PM **California Water: Where We're Going and Reflecting on Drivers for Change – Emily Finnegan, Lead Facilitator, Stantec**
- 3:15 PM **California's Future with Climate Change – Mike Anderson, State Climatologist, DWR**
- 3:30 PM **California Water Plan Roadmap for 2028 and 2033 – Joel Metzger, Deputy Director, Statewide Water Resources Planning, DWR; Eric Tsai, Supervising Engineer, DWR**
- 4:15 PM **Overview of the 9 MAF Interim Water Supply Target – Karandev Singh, Senior Water Resources Engineer, DWR**
- 4:50 PM **Reflections from Day One and Preview of Day Two – Emily Finnegan, Lead Facilitator, Stantec**
- 5:00 PM **Recess – Meeting will resume on Day Two**

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Day Two Meeting Information

Date & Time: Day Two: Wednesday, May 14, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In-Person DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Sacramento, CA – The Grand Ballroom

Participation: 2001 Point W Way, Sacramento, CA 95815

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Day Two Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- Provide a brief overview on the Senate Bill 72 strategies for implementation and reflect on how the CWP 2028 can reinforce opportunities and help address barriers
- Learn more about the CWP 2028 engagement framework, including the role and proposed approach for the Tribal Advisory Committee, State Agency Team, Technical Work Group, and Regional Forums
- Discuss and confirm Advisory Committee member roles in Regional Forums
- Discuss Senate Bill 659 Work Plan and engagement strategy
- Gather Advisory Committee feedback on next steps for planning future meetings

8:30 AM **Day Two Welcome – Cindy Messer, Lead Deputy Director, DWR**

8:35 AM **Lightning Round Presentations: California Water Plan Strategies for Implementation**

- **Surface Water Storage and Operations – Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency**
- **Groundwater Recharge – David Guy, Northern California Water Association**
- **Water Recycling – Lisa Haney, Orange County Water District**
- **Desalination – Juan Guerreiro, City of San Diego**
- **Conveyance – Levi Johnson, Bureau of Reclamation**
- **Water Transfers – Erik Ekdahl, State Water Resources Control Board**
- **Demand Management – Mike Myatt, Environmental Defense Fund**
- **Water Conservation – Tia Fleming, California Water Efficiency Partnership**
- **Stormwater Capture – Karen Cowan, California Stormwater Quality Association**

10:05 AM **Break**

10:10 AM **CWP 2028 Engagement Framework – Emily Finnegan, Lead Facilitator, Stantec; Janet Barbieri, JB Comm, Inc.**

11:05 AM **Senate Bill 659 Work Plan and Engagement Strategy – Jose Alarcon, Supervising Engineer, DWR; Steven Springhorn, Supervising Engineering Geologist, DWR**

11:40 AM **Future Advisory Committee Meetings and Next Steps – Emily Finnegan, Lead Facilitator, Stantec**

11:50 AM **Public Comment – Emily Finnegan, Lead Facilitator, Stantec**

12:25 PM **Closing Remarks – Cindy Messer, Lead Deputy Director, DWR**

12:30 PM **Meeting Adjourns**

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Information for Public Comment in the California Water Plan 2028 Advisory Committee Meetings

The first Advisory Committee meeting will be held **in-person** at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Sacramento, CA (2001 Point W Way, Sacramento, CA 95815)**. The meeting will take place over two half-days on **May 13 and 14, 2026, with public comment occurring at the end of Day 2, at approximately 11:50 a.m.**

In-Person Public Comment Process

Comment cards will be available at the meeting to establish a comment queue. Comment time limits will default to the standard three minutes. If there are more than 10 public comments, comment time will default to two minutes.

Comment Process for California Native American Tribal Leadership

In-person elected Tribal leaders and formally designated representatives who want to comment on any agenda items will have the opportunity at the end of Day 2. Tribal leaders and designated representatives will be invited to provide their comments before the AC takes public comment. Elected Tribal leaders will be invited to speak first, then the invitation will be extended to formally designated Tribal representatives. Unless otherwise requested, Tribal comment time limits will default to the standard three minutes. Once Tribal comment is complete, the facilitator will call for public comment. Tribal citizens are welcome to join the public comment queue.

Written Public Comments

If you would like to provide written comments to be included in the AC meeting record, please email your comments to cwpc@water.ca.gov by Thursday May 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Please note that comments received via email will be reviewed by DWR staff and included in the AC meeting summary for consideration by the AC at the next quarterly meeting.

YouTube Livestream

A YouTube Livestream option has been made available for viewing purposes only. Individuals who use this option will not be able to provide public comment during the meeting.

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Day 1: May 13, 2026, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	https://www.youtube.com/live/0IXA7W0PYcs
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