

## California Water Plan 2028 Engagement Venues

*Below is a summary of the California Water Plan 2028 venues for engagement.*

**Advisory Committee (AC)** – The AC is a 38-member advisory body appointed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Director to assist and provide input to DWR and help inform the development of the California Water Plan (CWP) 2028. The AC was established per Senate Bill 72 (SB 72) to represent a broad cross-section of interests in California. The AC will receive updates and recommendations from other engagement forums. AC meetings are open to the public and will be held in-person at rotating locations throughout California.

**State Agency Team (SAT)** – The SAT is a forum to facilitate meaningful engagement and alignment of State agencies and State government water-related plans, policies, regulations and investments for the CWP 2028. The SAT includes 20 state agencies and meetings are only open to state agencies.

**California Water Commission (Water Commission)** – The Water Commission is identified in SB 72 as a key partner for DWR to consult and coordinate with in the development of the CWP and the Water Commission serves as an ex-officio role on the AC. The Water Commission will be briefed at key milestones, and Water Commission meetings are publicly noticed and open for public comment and provide a transparent venue for Californians to hear regular updates and offer input as the CWP 2028 is developed.

**Tribal Advisory Committee (Tribal AC)** – The Tribal AC is a forum for California Tribes and Tribal organizations to provide input and knowledge in developing the content for the CWP 2028. The Tribal AC will support and inform the Tribal seat on the CWP Advisory Committee. Tribal AC meetings are open to Tribal Leadership and Tribally-delegated representatives to represent Tribal governments, Tribal non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and Tribal supported NGOs and their members.

**Technical Working Group (TWG)** – The TWG provides independent technical review and advice to DWR to support development of CWP 2028 and CWP 2033. The TWG plays a critical role in ensuring that technical approaches are credible and defensible, planning methods are transparent and scalable, results are trusted and actionable across sectors. Membership in the TWG is by invitation only, based on the subject matter expertise and alignment with the technical input required to support CWP 2028 and CWP 2033.

**Regional Forums** – Regional forums are open to the public and provide opportunities for local and regional agencies and interested parties to meet with DWR staff to inform local data and modeling and support the identification of regional projects and adaptation strategies. AC members serve may as “co-sponsors” for regional forums and support the design, planning, and outreach for meetings.

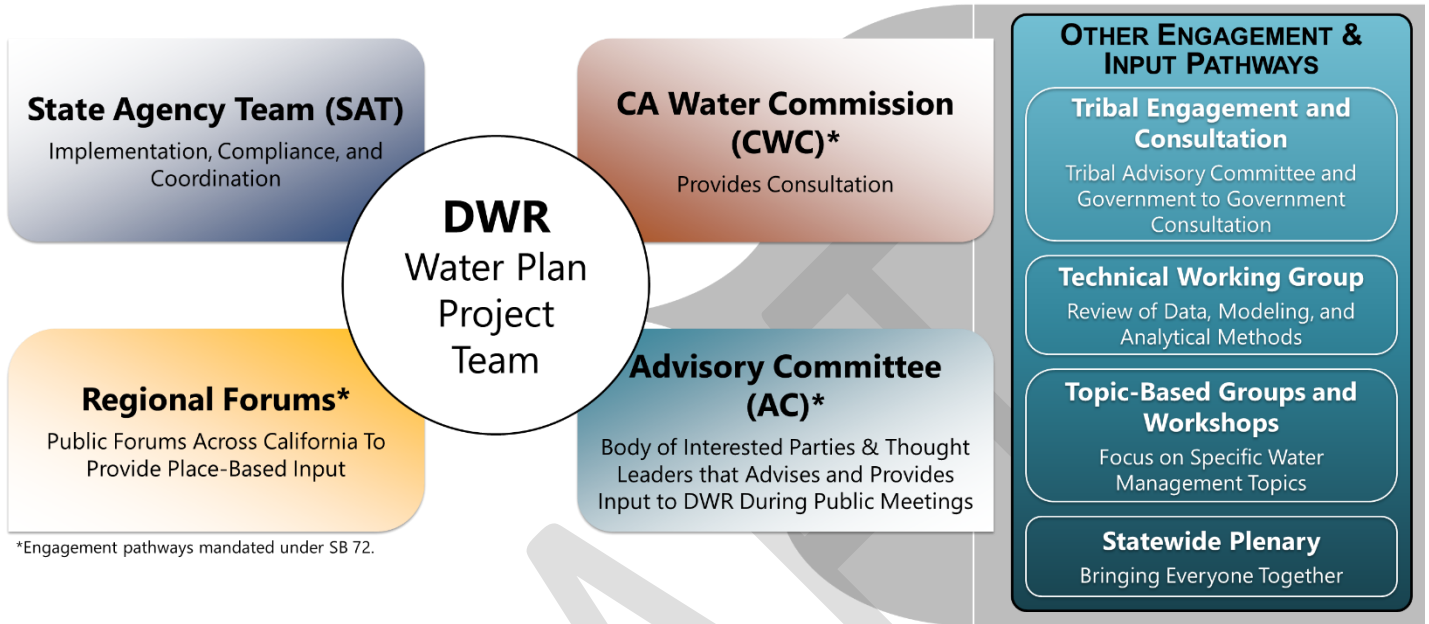
**Groundwater Recharge Working Group** – The Groundwater Recharge Working Group will support development of groundwater recharge recommendations for CWP 2028, as required by Senate Bill 659. The group will identify opportunities and barriers to scaling recharge, inform statewide strategy grounded in local action, and align CWP and SGMA outcomes. Participation in the Groundwater Recharge Working Group is by invitation only, based on subject matter expertise and alignment with the technical input.

**Topic-Based Workshops** – Topic-based workshops may be convened to gather input on specific water management topics as needed by DWR.

**Tribal Water Summit (TWS)** – The TWS is designed to support the highest level of decision-makers, consisting of Tribal leadership and state leadership convening at a quinquennial summit to support the CWP 2028 and discuss Tribal perspectives on water policy and regional and statewide planning through recommendations and strategic actions. The TWS is anticipated to take place in April 2028.

**Statewide Plenary** – The Statewide Plenary is a convening of all DWR’s engagement groups and other statewide interests of California water together to discuss and provide input to DWR on the development of the CWP 2028. The Statewide Plenary is anticipated to take place in 2028.

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