

ITEM 6

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Proposed 2026 Hearing Calendar, Workload Update, and Tentative Agenda Items for the December 2025, January 2026, and March 2026 Meetings (info/action)

I. PROPOSED 2026 HEARING CALENDAR (action)

Commission meetings are generally held on the fourth Fridays of odd-numbered months, unless they conflict with a holiday. For 2026, the second Friday of even-numbered months is proposed as an alternate hearing calendar. The time for the hearings will remain the same.

Option A

The Thanksgiving holiday conflicts with the Commission's regular hearing date and so the hearing is moved to the following Friday. The May hearing is proposed for the Friday before the Memorial Day weekend.

COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

2026 HEARING CALENDAR

(The Commission will conduct its hearings at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays)

Friday, January 23, 2026

Friday, March 27, 2026

Friday, April 24, 2026 (Tentative)

Friday, May 22, 2026

Friday, July 24, 2026

Friday, September 25, 2026

Friday, October 23, 2026 (Tentative)

Friday, December 4, 2026

Option B

The February hearing is proposed for the Friday before Presidents' Day. The April hearing is proposed for the Friday after Easter.

COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

2026 HEARING CALENDAR

(The Commission will conduct its hearings at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays)

Friday, February 13, 2026

Friday, April 10, 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026 (Tentative)

Friday, June 12, 2026

Friday, August 14, 2026

Friday, October 9, 2026

Friday, November 13, 2026 (Tentative)

Friday, December 11, 2026

Staff recommends the Commission adopt one of the proposed 2026 hearing calendars.

II. Workload¹ (info)

A. COMPLETED WORKLOAD SUMMARY

Type of Caseload	Completed in 2024/2025	Completed in 2025/2026
Test Claims	7	1
Parameters & Guidelines	7	0
Parameters & Guidelines Amendments	0	0
Requests for Reconsideration	0	0
Statewide Cost Estimates	5	1
Request to Review Claiming Instructions	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination ²	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination to be Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination Reconsideration Based on Court Action	0	0
Incorrect Reduction Claims	1	0
Appeal of Executive Director Decisions	1	0
Order to Set Aside a Test Claim, Parameters and Guidelines or Incorrect Reduction Claim Decision	1	0

B. COMMISSION WORKLOAD REPORT

Type of Action	Pending on 7/1/2025	Filed Since 7/1/2025	Completed Since 7/1/2025	Pending on 9/1/2025
Test Claims	38	1	1	38 ³

¹ As of September 1, 2025.

² Requests for Mandate Redetermination require a two-hearing process.

³ There are 38 total pending Test Claims. 38 are local agency Test Claims, all but six (24-TC-02, 24-TC-03, 24-TC-04, 24-TC-05, 24-TC-06, and 24-TC-07) regarding

Type of Action	Pending on 7/1/2025	Filed Since 7/1/2025	Completed Since 7/1/2025	Pending on 9/1/2025
Parameters and Guidelines	1	1 ⁴	0	2
Joint Reasonable Reimbursement Methodologies	0	0	0	0
Pending Requests To Jointly Develop Legislatively Determined Mandates	0	0	0	0
Requests for Reconsideration	0	0	0	0
Requests to Review Claiming Instructions	0	0	0	0
Statewide Cost Estimates	6	0 ⁵	1	5
Test Claims to be Reconsidered, Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0 ⁶	0	0
Parameters and Guidelines to be Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0	0	0
Proposed Amendments to Parameters and Guidelines	0	0 ⁷	0	0

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. There are no school district test claims.

⁴ A test claimant may file proposed parameters and guidelines, or Commission staff may prepare and issue draft expedited parameters and guidelines upon the adoption of an approved test claim or expiration of a joint reasonable reimbursement methodology.

⁵ Statewide cost estimates are not filed but are issued by the Commission after the initial claims are received by the State Controller's Office.

⁶ Orders to set aside a test claim decision are not filed but are issued by the Commission following receipt from the court or the legislature.

⁷ An affected local or state agency may file proposed parameters and guidelines amendments for any of the reasons specified by section 1183.17 of the Commission's regulations or Commission staff may be issue them upon the adoption of new test claim decision under the mandate redetermination process.

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Requests for Mandate Redetermination ⁸	0	0	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination to be Reconsidered, Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0	0	0
Incorrect Reduction Claims	1	0	0	1
Incorrect Reduction Claims to be Reconsidered Based on Court Action	0	0	0	0
Appeals of Executive Director's Decisions	0	0	0	0
Order to Set Aside a Test Claim, Parameters and Guidelines or Incorrect Reduction Claim Decision	0	0	0	0
Regulatory Actions Pending	0	1	0	1
Applications for Findings of Significant Financial Distress	0	0	0	0

III. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS (info)

The tentative agenda items include those matters on which staff are currently working. According to Commission regulations, no matter is set for hearing until the draft proposed decision issues. Thus, the items listed below are subject to change based on, among other things, Commission workload, staffing, litigation, requests for extensions of time to file comments on draft proposed decisions, hearing postponements, informal conferences, and the complexity of the matters.

December 2025, January 2026, and March 2026 Meetings

A. Test Claims

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, Order No. R8-2010-0036, 10-TC-10*
County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County Flood Control District, and Cities of Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Highland, Montclair, Ontario, and Rancho Cucamonga, Claimants
2. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, Order No. R4-2012-0175, 13-TC-01 and 13-TC-02*

⁸ Requests for Mandate Redetermination require a two-hearing process.

Cities of Agoura Hills, Bellflower, Beverly Hills, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Manhattan Beach, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South El Monte, Vernon, Westlake Village, and Whittier, and County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Claimants

3. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, Order No. R2-2015-0049, 16-TC-03*
City of Union City, Claimant
4. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2021-0105, 22-TC-01*
County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Claimant
5. *Stops: Notification by Peace Officers, 24-TC-03*
County of Los Angeles, Claimant
6. *Internet Websites and Email Addresses, 24-TC-04*
County of Santa Clara, Claimant
7. *Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Exams, 24-TC-05*
County of Santa Clara, Claimant

B. Parameters and Guidelines

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2007-0001, Permit CAS0108758, Parts D.1.d.(7)-(8), D.1.g., D.3.a.(3), D.3.a.(5), D.5, E.2.f, E.2.g, F.1, F.2, F.3, I.1, I.2, I.5, J.3.a.(3)(c)iv-viii & x-xv, and L, 07-TC-09-R*
County of San Diego, Cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, San Diego, and Vista, Claimants
2. *Elections: Ballot Label, 24-TC-01*
County of Los Angeles

C. Statewide Cost Estimates

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, Order No. R2-2009-0074, 10-TC-02, 10-TC-03, and 10-TC-05*
2. *Lead Sampling in Schools: Public Water System No. 3710020, 17-TC-03-R2*
3. *Public School Restrooms: Menstrual Products, 22-TC-04*