



# Governor's Executive Order 2024-22 and WaterSC Overview

# Executive Order 2024-22

## Section 1. Establishing “WaterSC” Water Resources Working Group

...I hereby authorize and direct DES to convene, and to coordinate the activities of, the WaterSC Water Resources Working Group (“WaterSC”), which shall undertake the following actions and initiatives:

1. Adopt and publish a Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the development of the updated State Water Plan.
2. On or before January 31, 2025, WaterSC shall provide a report to the Surface Water Study Committee.
3. Advise and assist DES regarding the comprehensive water resources policy for the State such that DES may issue an updated State Water Plan on or before December 31, 2025.
4. DES shall invite members of the Surface Water Study Committee, or their designees, to attend and participate in all WaterSC meetings.
5. DES shall provide staff resources and administrative support to WaterSC as necessary and appropriate. The Chair may form committees or subcommittees of the participants as necessary.
6. WaterSC, or representatives or components thereof, shall proactively engage with, and solicit input from, the public.
7. WaterSC shall advise and assist DES regarding the comprehensive water resources policy for the State such that DES may issue an updated State Water Plan on or before December 31, 2025.

# Tentative RBC Planning Process Schedule for Completion

The SRS tour and potential other field trips may need to be worked in between regular RBC meetings

2024

2025

- Dec Groundwater Demands and Water Management Strategies
- Jan Finish Strategies and Begin Developing Recommendations
- Feb Continue Developing Recommendations
- Mar Finish Recommendations and Begin Implementation Plan
- Apr Finish Implementation Plan
- May Draft Executive Summary and Plan Review
- Jun Final Draft Plan and 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting
- Jul Address Draft Plan Comments
- Aug Finalize Plan and Second Public Meeting

RBC Review of Draft Plan Chapters

Does the RBC Want to meet on Jan 2?