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## **State Water Contract Negotiations Set to Start**

**SACRAMENTO** – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will begin negotiations in a public forum with State Water Project (SWP) contractors to develop contract amendments to extend the term and change certain financial provisions of their water supply contracts. The first negotiation session is scheduled for May 1, 2013. Negotiations are expected to last at least three months. An environmental review process, under the California Environmental Quality Act, will follow with opportunity for additional public participation. A final CEQA document analyzing possible environmental impacts is expected in early 2015.

Water supply contracts were negotiated and signed in the 1960's to provide a water service to the SWP contractors in exchange for payments that provide for SWP financing, capital construction, improvements, and operations and maintenance of SWP facilities. The first of these contracts terminate in the year 2035 and the last terminates in 2042.

The contract negotiations are open to the public with the opportunity to observe each session and to provide both oral and written comments to DWR.

**Negotiation Session Dates:**

***First negotiation session:*** May 1, 2013

***Tentative future dates:***

May 15, May 29, June 12, and June 26, 2013. *(Additional meeting to be scheduled as needed.)*

***Location:***

Tsakopoulos Library Galleria  
828 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

***Time:*** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (estimated).

***Toll free conference phone in number:*** 1-866-228-9900, access code: 474346#.

Meeting materials and contact information to submit comments can be found on the contract extension website at [www.water.ca.gov/swpao/watercontractextension](http://www.water.ca.gov/swpao/watercontractextension) .

If you need special accommodation for these negotiation sessions, please contact Scott Jercich, Program Manager for Contract Extension, at [scott.jercich@water.ca.gov](mailto:scott.jercich@water.ca.gov) or (916) 653-2810.

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