Meeting: December 4, 2026

ITEM 10

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Office, Workload Update, and Tentative Agenda Items for the February 2027, April 2027, and June 2027 Meetings (info)

I. Office (info)

A. Analyst II Vacancy and Recruitment

On November 11, 2026, the staff bid farewell to our Procurement Analyst, Steve Garcia, who took a promotional position with Judicial Council. Steve's kindness and dedication to being a team player are very much missed. The staff has now begun preparing for a recruitment to fill the vacant position.

II. Workload[1] (info)

A. Completed Workload Summary

Type of Caseload	Completed in 2025/2026	Completed in 2026/2027
Test Claims	8	3
Parameters & Guidelines	8	1
Parameters & Guidelines Amendments	1	0
Requests for Reconsideration	1	0
Statewide Cost Estimates	6	2
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	2
Appeal of Executive Director Decisions	0	0
Order to Set Aside a Test Claim, Parameters and Guidelines or Incorrect Reduction Claim Decision	0	0

[1] As of November 1, 2026.

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

B. Commission Workload Report

Type of Action	Pending on 7/1/2026	Filed Since 7/1/2026	Completed Since 7/1/2026	Pending on 11/1/2026
Test Claims	36[3]	1	3	34[4]
Parameters and Guidelines	1	3[5]	1	3
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	8	1[6]	2	7
Test Claims to be Reconsidered, Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0[7]	0	0
Parameters and Guidelines to be Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0	0	0

[3] This includes one matter that was filed prior to July 1, 2026, but was deemed incomplete and was not cured and issued for comment until after July 1, 2026.

[4] There are 34 total pending Test Claims: 34 are local agency Test Claims, all but five (25-TC-02, 25-TC-03, 25-TC-04, 25-TC-05, and 26-TC-01) regarding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. There are no school district test claims.

[5] 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.

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

[7] 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.

Type of Action	Pending on 7/1/2026	Filed Since 7/1/2026	Completed Since 7/1/2026	Pending on 11/1/2026
Proposed Amendments to Parameters and Guidelines	1	0[8]	0	1
Requests for Mandate Redetermination[9]	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	6[10]	0	2	4
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	0	0	0
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.

[8] 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.

[9] Requests for Mandate Redetermination require a two-hearing process.

[10] This includes one matter that was filed prior to July 1, 2026, but was deemed incomplete and was not cured and issued for comment until after July 1, 2026.

February 2027, April 2027, and June 2027 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, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2017-0077, Sections A.1, A.3, and A.5*, 17-TC-05
   City of San Juan Capistrano and County of San Diego, Claimants
3. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2021-0105*, 22-TC-01
   County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Claimants
4. *CARE Act County Legal Counsel*, 25-TC-02
   County of Santa Clara, Claimant
5. *Emergency Communications in Non-English Languages*, 25-TC-03
   County of Sonoma, Claimant
6. *Criminal Procedure: Discrimination II*, 25-TC-04
   County of Sacramento, Claimant
7. *Housing*, 25-TC-05
   County of Sacramento, Claimant

B. Parameters and Guidelines

1. *Local Public Employees: Vacant Positions*, 25-TC-01

C. Statewide Cost Estimates

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2012-0175*, 13-TC-01 and 13-TC-02
2. *Stops: Notification by Peace Officers*, 24-TC-03
3. *Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Exams*, 24-TC-05
4. *Emergency Shelters: Persons with Pets*, 24-TC-06

D. Incorrect Reduction Claims

1. *Identity Theft*, 25-0308-I-02
   City of Hesperia, Claimant
2. *Child Abduction and Recovery*, 25-4237-I-06
   County of Ventura, Claimant