

ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, October 8, 2026
TIME: 4:00 pm
LOCATION: Boardroom
Zone 7 Administration Building
100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore

Director Green
Director Lehrman
Director Narum

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
3. Proposed 2027 Legislative Framework and Platform
4. Legislative Update
5. Adjournment

DATE: October 8, 2026

TO: Legislative Committee

FROM: Carol Mahoney, Government Relations Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed 2027 Legislative Framework and Platform

SUMMARY:

In preparation for the 2027-2028 California legislative two-year cycle, as well as other political and regulatory activities, staff reviewed the 2026 Legislative Framework and Platform (attached), recent legislation, and the Zone 7 Strategic Plan. This effort supports Goal G – Stakeholder Engagement and Goal H – Fiscal Responsibility in the Strategic Plan.

Based on the review of recent legislation and Zone 7's guiding documents, staff do not recommend any changes to the Framework and Platform for the upcoming 2027 legislative session at this time. A review of the Framework and Platform will be conducted at the end of 2027 to ensure that any new circumstances are addressed. Should the Committee agree, staff will bring the recommendation to the Board.

FUNDING:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss and provide direction.

ATTACHMENT:

2026 Legislative Framework and Platform

ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY

Legislative Framework and Platform

January 2026



Water Quality

Water Supply
and Treatment



Stormwater Runoff

Flood
Protection



Water Storage

Groundwater
Management

ZONE 7
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-95

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR PALMER
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR BENSON

Adopt Revised Legislative Framework and Platform

WHEREAS, the Board created a Legislative Committee to review and recommend positions on key legislative actions; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a legislative framework supports Strategic Plan, Goal G – Stakeholder Engagement, and Goal H - Fiscal Responsibility; and

WHEREAS, to provide a roadmap in supporting the goals of the Strategic Plan and to guide the Board, Legislative Committee, and staff on matters pertaining to Agency interests with respect to federal, state, and local government legislative actions, the Legislative Framework and Platform was last adopted in January 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Platform has been updated for the upcoming legislative session to concisely describe under what circumstances positions may be considered by the Agency related to Goals identified in the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, and Agency need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Zone 7 Board of Directors of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District does hereby adopt the attached Legislative Framework and Platform.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DIRECTORS BENSON, BROWN, FIGUERS, GAMBS, NARUM, PALMER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: DIRECTOR GREEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on December 17, 2025.

By: Kathy Narum
President, Board of Directors

PURPOSE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the Legislative Framework (Framework) is to provide the Board, Legislative Committee (Committee), staff, and the public with an understanding of what actions may be taken by Zone 7 Water Agency (Agency) to address legislative concerns. Additionally, this Framework explains the process for engagement and contains guiding principles, goals, focus areas, strategies for engagement, position definitions, and the Legislative Platform – which will be reviewed and updated annually to reflect changing conditions and needs.

The guiding principles for legislative engagement by the Agency, its staff and Board are representative of adopted policies/plans, and frames the legislative interests with respect to the Agency's mission, vision, and values. In addition to these, the other primary guiding document for evaluating legislation is the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, which was updated and approved by the Board on November 20, 2024. Legislative action may also be considered for topics that were not known at the time of adoption provided they fall within the broader goals. Staff routinely review and comment on regulatory matters separately.

GOALS

Advocate the Agency's legislative interests at the:

- State
- Region
- Federal Levels

Inform by providing information to:

- Legislators, Board of Directors, other elected officials and staff on key issues and legislation that could have an impact on the Agency

Serve by actively participating with:

- Other water purveyors and special districts, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) and regional agencies on legislative/regulatory issues that are important to the Agency

STRATEGIES FOR LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

Communication:

Communicate legislative positions on proposed federal, state, county and local legislation, measures, initiatives, and governmental regulations.

- Work with legislative advocates to develop positions on proposed legislative measures.
- Review positions taken and analysis produced by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), and others in formulating Agency's position.
- The Agency will only take positions on proposals that clearly impact our Agency or state water policy.
- Actively track key bills through the legislative process.
- Communicate the Agency's position through correspondence, meetings, and testimony, if necessary.
- Meet with legislators and their representatives to discuss issues, proposed legislation, and educate them on Agency services.
- Develop an Annual Legislative Communications Plan.

Advocate and Seek Funding:

- Seek federal, state, regional, and county funding for Agency projects.
- Advocate and request letters of support for Agency projects and grant applications.

PROCESS

Government Relations Manager will monitor and review legislation in conjunction with membership organizations, the Agency's advocacy consultant, and the General Manager. Bills that clearly fall within the purview of the major legislative reference documents – the Strategic Planning priorities, Agency mission, and Legislative Platform – will be evaluated for Agency positions and actions. Bills that have more tenuous ties to the reference documents or may warrant more extensive political action, will be presented to the Legislative Committee for consideration of a formal recommendation to the Board for positions. If the Agency's position includes a request for bill amendments, the Board approval will include the position that the agency would move to should amendments be adopted. Letter outlining the Agency's position will be signed by either the Board President or in their absence, the General Manager.

Membership organizations often request immediate action to join with them in advocating a position on a specific bill. In these instances, staff will use the Legislative Platform to determine if the Agency's logo should be added to the position letter. Other agencies and membership organizations may have slightly different positions or may include rankings in their positions to indicate the level of effort that will be employed in their advocacy. When joining with membership organizations, staff will review the positions for consistency in spirit with those adopted by the Agency. The following describes positions the Agency make consider and encompasses those most frequently used by membership organizations.

POSITIONS

- **Support (S)** — Agency actively supports the proposed legislation.
- **Support if Amended (S/A)** — Agency will actively support the proposed legislation, if it is amended to address specific shortcomings identified by the Agency.
- **Favor (F)** — Agency will join with other organizations in support but will not engage separately in advocacy for the measure.
- **Favor, if Amended (F/A)** — Agency will join with other organizations in support, if legislation is amended to address specific shortcomings identified by the Agency, but will not engage actively in advocacy for the measure.
- **Watch (W)** — Measures or general issues have not been sufficiently defined for a formal position.
- **Neutral (N)** — Agency determines that a formal position no longer meets the Agency objectives.
- **Not Favor (NF)** — Agency will join with other organizations in opposition, but will not engage actively in advocacy against the measure.
- **Not Favor Unless Amended (NF/A)** — Agency will join with other organizations in opposition, unless the legislation is amended to address shortcomings identified by the Agency, but will not engage actively in advocacy against the measure.
- **Oppose Unless Amended (O/A)** — Agency will actively oppose the proposed legislation unless it is amended to address specific shortcomings.
- **Oppose (O)** — Agency actively opposes the proposed legislation.



Zone 7 Water Agency 2025 Legislative Platform

The purpose of the Legislative Platform (Platform) is to define interests and concerns of the Agency for evaluating legislation. The priorities identified in the Platform mirror the goals of the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. Positions will be evaluated for support or opposition based on alignment with the Agency's Mission, Vision, Values, and priorities of the Strategic Plan.

Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure/Safe Water/Groundwater Management:

- Join membership organizations or separately take positions on legislation that may impact the Agency's ability to provide customers with a reliable, sustainable, or affordable water supply, manage and protect the groundwater basin, meet the goals of the Agency's Water Quality Policy, and provide adequate infrastructure.
- Join membership organizations or separately take positions on legislation that may impact the Agency's ability to operate as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or impacts local control.

Effective Operations/Flood Protection:

- Join membership organizations or separately take positions on legislation that may impact Zone 7's operational functionality – including energy, infrastructure, agency administration, governance, construction, maintenance, permitting, project delivery, safety and security.
- Join membership organizations or separately take positions on legislation that may impact Zone 7's ability to operate as a special district, water supplier, flood protection manager and government organization.

Fiscal Responsibility/Workforce Excellence:

- Join membership organizations or separately take positions on legislation that impacts Zone 7's ability to manage revenue, administer financial accounts, achieve fiscal stability, and maintain a skilled, motivated, professional workforce.
- Joint membership organization or separately take positions on legislation that may impact the affordability of Zone 7's water or flood protection services.

Energy Planning and Investment:

- Join membership organizations or separately take positions on legislation that may impact energy projects and programs, including agreement structures, funding, financing, permitting, construction, maintenance, and accessibility.

DATE: October 8, 2026

TO: Legislative Committee

FROM: Carol Mahoney, Government Relations Manager

SUBJECT: Legislative Update

SUMMARY:

- Zone 7 staff, with the support of Agency consultants, monitors legislation that is being considered in Sacramento, as well as other political and regulatory activities of interest. This effort supports initiatives in the Strategic Plan under Goal G – Stakeholder Engagement, more specifically Initiative #20 - Pursuing opportunities for interagency cooperation. Additionally, staff efforts also support Goal H – Fiscal Responsibility, more specifically Initiative #22 - Track state and federal funding opportunities.
- California’s Assembly, Senate, and Committees began the second year of their two-year legislative cycle on January 5 and ended the legislative hearings on August 31, 2026. The Governor had until September 30 to sign or veto legislation. The next two-year legislative cycle will officially begin in December 2026; however, the legislative houses will not fully convene for hearings until January 2027.
- Over the two-year cycle (2025-2026) a total of 4,243 pieces of legislation were introduced – 2,796 in the Assembly and 1,447 in the Senate. There were 626 bills introduced that were related to the “water” and 206 bills related to “flood” or flood protection districts over the two-year cycle according to the Office of Legislative Counsel’s Legislative Data Center. Specific to the 2026 legislative session, a total of 1,846 bills (1,263 Assembly bills and 583 Senate bills) were introduced. In addition to floor hearings, the bills were reviewed and analyzed by 57 combined standing committees (32 in the Assembly and 25 in the Senate) according to Capitol Weekly, a publication of Open California. The attached list of bills includes legislation that was either signed or vetoed by the Governor. Bills that died during the legislative session have been excluded for brevity.
- Of note, SB 872 (McNerney), which would have created a more permanent “Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund” and which passed the legislature unanimously, was vetoed by the Governor on September 27. His veto letter is attached.

FUNDING: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information Only

ATTACHMENTS:

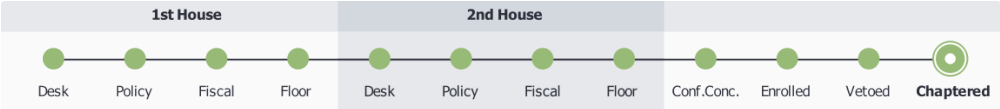
- Zone 7 Water Agency Board Report
- SB 872 Veto Letter

AB 35

(Alvarez, D)

Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria.

Current Text: 07/16/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)
Last Amended: 06/11/2026
Status: 07/16/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 89, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 07/16/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED
Summary: The bill would exempt regulations needed to implement Proposition 4 bond programs from the Administrative Procedure Act and create a faster process for adopting related grant guidelines.

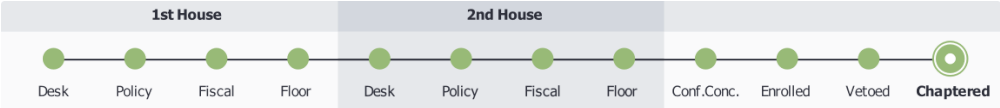
It would require funded state entities to prepare draft solicitation and evaluation guidelines, share them with legislative committees, hold a noticed public meeting, and submit them to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, who would post them online; it would also allow use of certain existing guidelines and make the bill effective immediately as an urgency statute.
Position: Support

AB 1603

(Schultz, D)

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS): Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)
Last Amended: 08/19/2026
Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 531, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/27/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED
Summary: The bill would require California’s Department of Pesticide Regulation to identify pesticides containing PFAS on its website and in its reporting materials, and to publish and regularly update a statewide list of such registered pesticides.

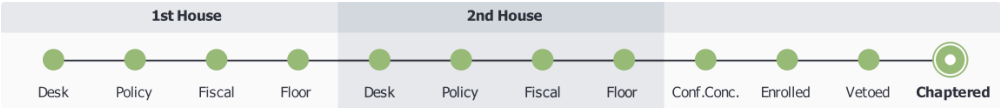
It would also require PFAS to be treated as a category of interest in the pesticide use reporting database, include PFAS use trends in annual reports and related documents, and provide the PFAS pesticide list to each county agricultural commissioner, with updates due within 60 days of any new registration.
Position: Monitor

AB 1838

(Berman, D)

Public contracts: local agencies: responsive bidders.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)
Last Amended: 06/11/2026
Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 551, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/27/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED
Summary: The bill would require contractors bidding on local public works contracts to disclose any prior wage and hour violations with supporting documentation, and it would allow disqualification for failure to comply.

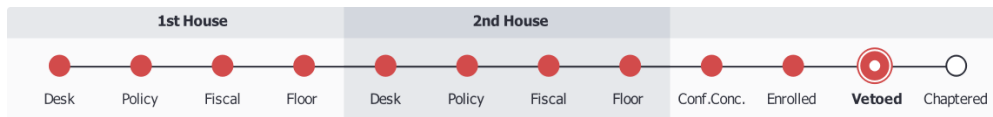
It would also require local agencies to create an appeals process for bid disqualifications, while exempting project labor agreement contracts and prequalified projects. The measure would create a state-mandated local program but would state that no reimbursement is required.
Position: Monitor

AB 1881

(Ramos, D)

California Indian Freedom Act of 2026.

Current Text: 09/30/2026 - Vetoes [HTML](#) [PDF](#)
Last Amended: 08/27/2026
Status: 09/30/2026 - Vetoes by Governor.



Location: 09/30/2026 - Assembly VETOED

Summary: The bill would create the California Indian Freedom Act of 2026, protecting tribal religious exercise on state lands, requiring access to sacred sites and tribal consent for certain land changes, and making related sacred-site information confidential.

It would let California Native American tribes challenge violations in court or administrative proceedings, require state agencies to accommodate tribal practices at the Capitol and other state lands, exempt the law from certain water authority powers, and amend public records law to keep sensitive tribal information from disclosure.

Position: Monitor

Notes:

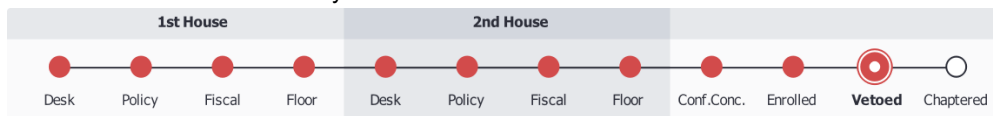
Tribal consultations and decision making, religious resources issues
CMUA Oppose

AB 1894 (Rubio, Blanca, D) Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels: imported water.

Current Text: 09/18/2026 - Vetoed [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 05/28/2026

Status: 09/18/2026 - Vetoed by Governor.



Location: 09/18/2026 - Assembly VETOED

Summary: The bill would bar public agencies from blocking imported water deliveries for groundwater replenishment because of invasive mussels if a required control plan is followed, unless substantial documented evidence shows a proven health or safety risk.

It also states that these rules address a matter of statewide concern, so they would apply to all cities and counties, including charter cities and charter counties, while leaving existing invasive mussel prevention and reporting laws in place.

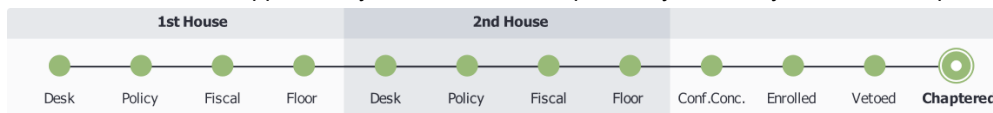
Position: Monitor

AB 1961 (Ahrens, D) Civil actions: protective orders: workplace violence.

Current Text: 09/30/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/21/2026

Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 910, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/30/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would allow an employer to seek a workplace violence restraining order on behalf of all employees at a workplace or primary work location when harassment, unlawful violence, or a credible threat of violence is directed there.

It would remove the need to name individual employees as protected parties in that situation, require the Judicial Council to update forms by January 1, 2028, and include conditional amendments tied to related bills AB 2179 and AB 1753 if those measures are also enacted.

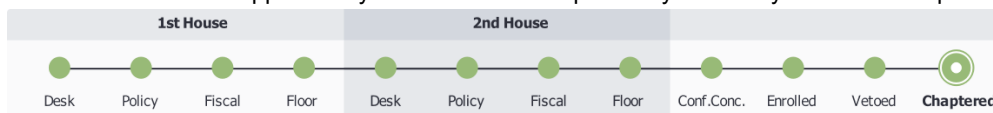
Position: Monitor

AB 2032 (Ransom, D) Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels: golden mussels.

Current Text: 09/29/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/13/2026

Status: 09/29/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 817, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/29/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would ease limited handling of invasive mussels for water supply agencies with approved control plans, require state agencies to create guidance and update infestation maps, and direct water quality regulators to coordinate faster responses to invasive species threats.

It would exempt qualifying public and private water supply agencies from certain restricted species permit requirements for invasive mussels and dead mussels for specified operational and research purposes, while also requiring the Department of Fish and Wildlife to publish guidance by April 1, 2027. In addition, it would call on the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Water Resources Control

Board, and regional boards to identify tools and streamline procedures for rapid responses to threats such as golden mussels, and it would take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

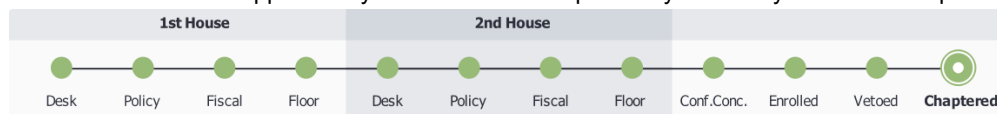
Position: Monitor

AB 2180 **(Ward, D) Local government: Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act: proportional cost of service.**

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 05/22/2026

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 587, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/27/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would expand how local governments may show that property-related fees and charges are proportional to the cost of service, while preserving the rule that fees may not exceed the service cost attributable to a parcel.

It would allow proportional cost to be demonstrated by any reasonable method that allocates ascertainable service costs, and for water or sewer charges it would permit uniform or tiered rates based on parcel or customer classes and reasonable cost allocation within each tier. It would not require exact parcel-by-parcel cost measurements, but it would exclude water and sewer connection fees and capacity charges.

Position: Monitor

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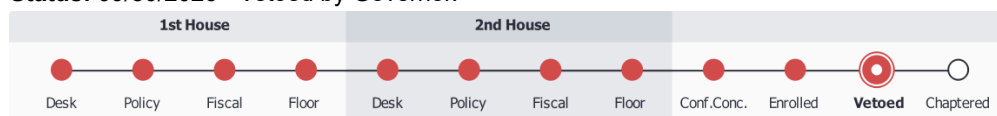
CMUA / ACWA sponsored - Prop 218 proportionality cleanup for retailers

AB 2218 **(Kalra, D) Water policy: California Native American tribes.**

Current Text: 09/30/2026 - Vetoed [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 07/02/2026

Status: 09/30/2026 - Vetoed by Governor.



Location: 09/30/2026 - Assembly VETOED

Summary: The bill would direct state agencies to support California Native American tribes by recognizing tribal inequities, consulting on affected policies, and incorporating tribal knowledge, especially in water-related decisions.

It would require agencies such as the State Water Resources Control Board and the Natural Resources Agency to include these priorities when making rules, permits, or grants, to identify financial assistance for tribes when allowed by law, and to use mediation through the Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs before certain disputes go to court. It would also require the State Water Resources Control Board to consult with tribes during water-rights investigations involving waters in their ancestral territories.

Position: Monitor

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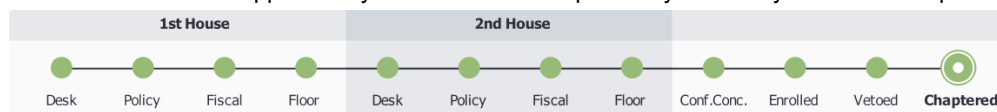
CMUA opposed

AB 2469 **(Papan, D) Data centers: water use disclosures.**

Current Text: 09/21/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/27/2026

Status: 09/21/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 436, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/21/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would restrict cities and counties from approving permits for new or expanded data centers that would increase maximum peak water use unless specified conditions are met, including submission of required water-related information and agreement to pay for necessary water infrastructure costs.

It would add a water scarcity plan and water supply assessment to the required materials, declare the measure severable, and state that it applies to all cities as a matter of statewide concern. The bill would also create a state-mandated local program while specifying that no reimbursement is required for local agencies or school districts.

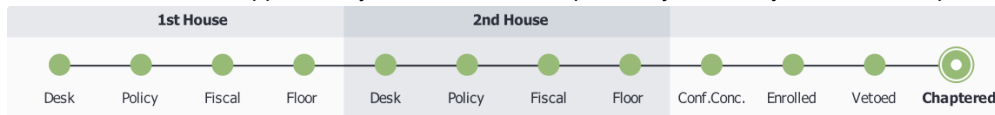
Position: Monitor

AB 2568 **(Johnson, R) Water district directors: compensation.**

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 04/27/2026

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 621, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/27/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would temporarily allow certain large water districts to compensate governing board members for up to 15 days per month instead of 10, if the district has at least 90,000 residents.

The bill applies until January 1, 2032, and requires any district paying for more than 10 days in a month to adopt an annual written policy supported by substantial evidence explaining why the higher level of compensation is necessary for effective district operations.

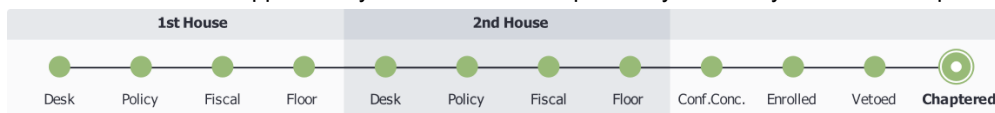
Position: Monitor

AB 2619 (Papan, D) **Water resources: data centers.**

Current Text: 09/21/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/21/2026

Status: 09/21/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 437, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/21/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would require data centers to disclose and estimate water use when applying for or renewing local business licenses and would clarify that data center demand must be included in urban water supply planning.

It would require owners or operators of data centers to report projected and past water use under penalty of perjury, define related terms, and make the provisions apply statewide, including to charter cities. It would also state that no state reimbursement is required for the local costs created by the act.

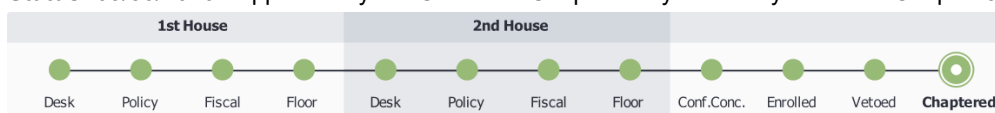
Position: Monitor

AB 2728 (Soria, D) **Groundwater: de minimis extractors: fees: exemption.**

Current Text: 09/30/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 06/11/2026

Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 963, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/30/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would allow a local government, including a groundwater sustainability agency, to exempt de minimis groundwater extractors from certain groundwater monitoring or management fees, levies, charges, or exactions if it makes specified findings.

This would expand existing authority by permitting exemptions for de minimis extractors, including certain regulated users, from payments used to fund groundwater monitoring or management, while current law mainly addresses fees for groundwater sustainability programs and related enforcement activities.

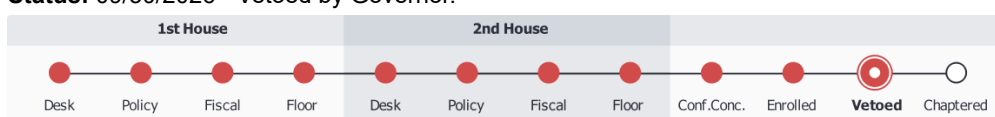
Position: Monitor

AB 2739 (Soria, D) **Water: affordability and system stabilization.**

Current Text: 09/30/2026 - Vetoes [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/21/2026

Status: 09/30/2026 - Vetoes by Governor.



Location: 09/30/2026 - Assembly VETOED

Summary: The bill would create a Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust and related state funds to provide long-term financing for water rate assistance and community water affordability programs.

It would place the trust in the State Treasury under the Treasurer, direct its income to the Water Rate Assistance Fund and a new Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund, and allow limited use for administration and investment. It would also require the

Department of Water Resources to create and run a grant program for community water system infrastructure projects, with applicants generally required to provide at least 25 percent of project funding unless hardship justifies a reduction or waiver.

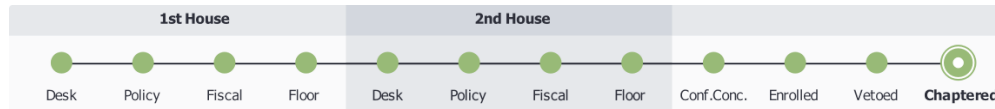
Position: Monitor

AB 2777 **(Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials)** State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund program: loans: outdoor eating areas: water reuse.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/17/2026

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 639, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/27/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would change rules for the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund by allowing fees instead of annual charges, removing several limits on how those charges are set, and requiring loans to be made at below-market interest rates.

It would also revise recycled water rules by allowing incidental runoff into outdoor eating areas of parks and open spaces when disinfected tertiary treated recycled water is used, and by defining incidental runoff as unintended minimal overspray or similar small amounts outside the intended area.

Position: Monitor

Notes:

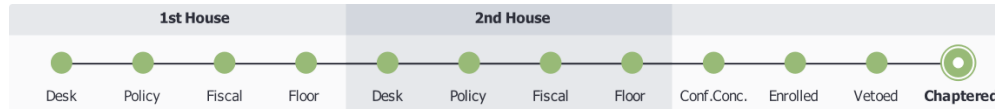
CASA and others bill on SRF

AB 2787 **(Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife)** Water, parks, and wildlife: omnibus bill.

Current Text: 09/15/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/18/2026

Status: 09/15/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 222, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/14/2026 - Assembly CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would exempt certain Nevada-registered vessels with a current Nevada aquatic invasive species decal from California citation requirements on Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake, and would change how the Department of Water Resources reassesses groundwater basin priorities when basin boundaries are updated.

It would also require a statewide review of groundwater basin prioritization by January 1, 2035, and at least every 10 years after that to determine whether reprioritization is needed, while making technical changes and legislative findings supporting a special statute for Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake.

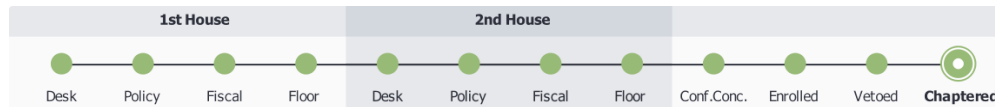
Position: Monitor

SB 239 **(Arreguín, D)** Crimes: criminal threats.

Current Text: 09/20/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 07/02/2026

Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 412, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/20/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would expand sentencing aggravation factors for felony criminal threats to include threats against elections officials and elected local agency officials.

Under existing law, courts may consider as aggravating the fact that a defendant threatened a state constitutional officer, legislator, judge, or court commissioner. This bill would add city, county, city and county, public district, and local elected elections officials to that list when the threat would result in death or great bodily injury.

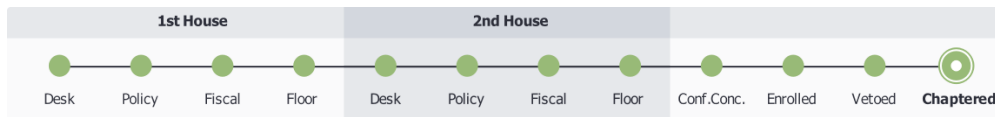
Position: Monitor

SB 599 **(Caballero, D)** Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 04/24/2025

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 650, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/27/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would require the Department of Water Resources to include experimental tools that produce seasonal and subseasonal atmospheric river forecasts in its work under the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program.

It would amend the department's research and forecasting efforts so that, in addition to improving predictions of atmospheric rivers and their effects on water supply, flooding, debris flows, and environmental conditions, the program specifically uses these experimental forecasting tools.

Position: Watch

Notes:

SWC = watch

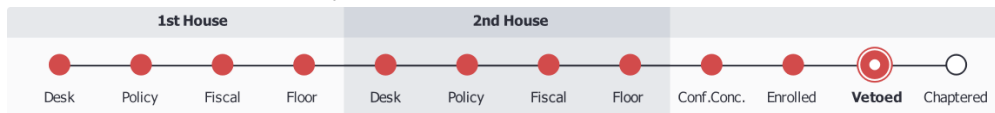
SB 872

(McNerney, D) Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund.

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Last Amended: 08/13/2026

Status: 09/27/2026 - Vetoes by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.



Location: 09/27/2026 - Senate VETOED

Summary: The bill would expand state funding and planning for Delta levees, canal subsidence repairs, and water conveyance improvements by creating a new fund, changing reimbursement rules, and requiring reports to the Legislature.

It would let the Department of Water Resources reimburse up to 100% of certain excess levee costs in cases of economic hardship and would create the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund to support levee projects and capital improvements affected by land subsidence. The bill also requires a public project list developed by a conservancy working group, limits spending on additional Delta conveyance facilities, and adds regular reporting and a five-year spending plan.

Position: Support

Notes:

Subsidence/conveyance funding

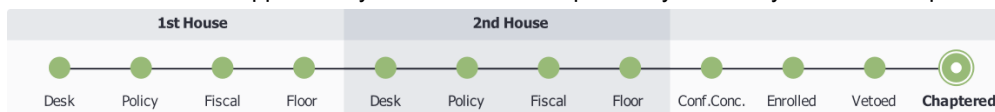
Delta levee repairs

SB 935

(Choi, R) Local agency design-build projects: authorization.

Current Text: 07/16/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 07/16/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 102, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 07/16/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would remove the January 1, 2031 repeal date for local agencies' authority to use design-build contracts for certain public works projects, making that authority permanent.

It would also keep in place the requirement that some procurement information be certified under penalty of perjury, and it states that no state reimbursement is required for the resulting local costs.

Position: Monitor

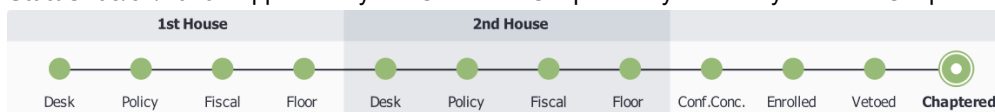
SB 952

(Laird, D) State Water Project: renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources.

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Last Amended: 08/06/2026

Status: 08/31/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 175, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 08/31/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would revise Department of Water Resources electricity procurement rules by adding new planning factors, broadening the contract-deferral authority, and allowing excess clean-energy procurement to count toward later obligations.

Specifically, the department would have to consider portfolio diversity, resource type, location, and typical peak operating hours when

procuring resources. It would also be allowed to defer certain zero-carbon procurement tied to fossil-generation contracts entered into before January 1, 2011, instead of January 1, 2010, and, starting January 1, 2036, surplus eligible renewable and zero-carbon electricity could be carried forward to meet future-year targets.

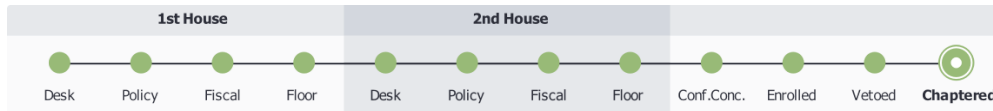
Position: Support

SB 994 **(Cabaldon, D)** Local agencies: nondisclosure agreements.

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Last Amended: 08/13/2026

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 669, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/27/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would restrict local agency officials and employees from using nondisclosure agreements that prevent sharing information about public business with fellow officials or the governing body, and it would void such agreements entered into after January 1, 2027.

It would also require officials who violate these rules to disclose the existence of the agreement, apply these duties to certain preexisting agreements, exempt specified situations, and provide for state reimbursement if mandated local costs are found.

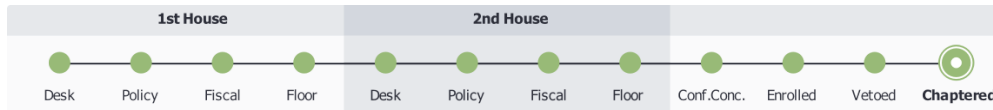
Position: Monitor

SB 1005 **(Caballero, D)** Local agency: payment: rounding amount.

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Last Amended: 07/02/2026

Status: 09/18/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 321, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/18/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would allow a local agency, if approved by majority vote of its governing body, to round cash payments, refunds, and other cash amounts to the nearest five cents.

It would apply only to local agencies that adopt a resolution making the bill effective for them, and it would define relevant terms for this purpose. The bill would also take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

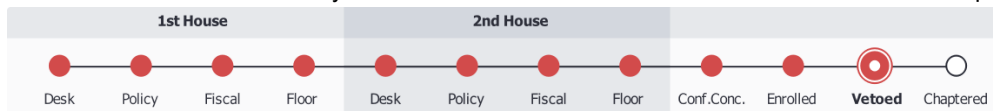
Position: Monitor

SB 1064 **(Dahle, R)** Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program: testing.

Current Text: 09/20/2026 - Vetoes [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/13/2026

Status: 09/20/2026 - Vetoes by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.



Location: 09/20/2026 - Senate VETOED

Summary: The bill would limit emissions testing for certain low-use nongasoline heavy-duty on-road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating above 14,000 pounds and 2012 model year or older engines to no more than once a year.

It would require the State Air Resources Board to adopt rules and regulations to carry out this change. The existing Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program and compliance certificate system would continue to apply, but with this reduced testing frequency for the specified vehicles.

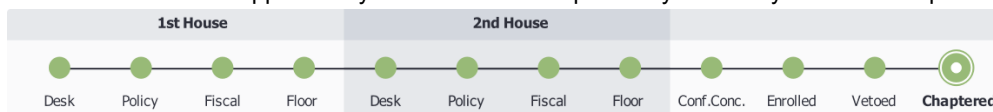
Position: Monitor

SB 1085 **(Durazo, D)** Water supply planning: housing developments.

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Last Amended: 08/19/2026

Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 1004, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/30/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would change California water-supply review procedures for certain housing and development projects by requiring earlier identification of public water systems and faster submission of water supply assessments.

It would require cities and counties to notify the relevant water systems within 15 days of receiving qualifying applications, require those systems to respond within 45 days for certain housing projects, remove the public-meeting approval requirement for those assessments, and allow a city or county to seek a court order if a system does not comply; the bill would also state that no state reimbursement is required.

Position: Monitor

Notes:

EBMUD sponsor

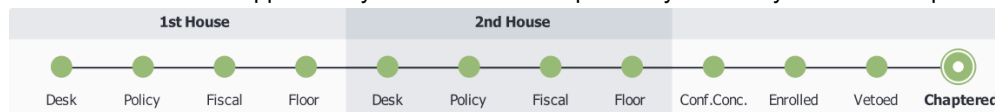
ACWA recommends Favor

SB 1153 **(Caballero, D)** Disaster preparedness: urban retail water suppliers and public water systems: wildfire.

Current Text: 09/29/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/17/2026

Status: 09/29/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 776, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/29/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would require certain urban retail water suppliers in high or very high fire hazard zones to add wildfire-specific response procedures to their disaster preparedness plans starting January 1, 2028, and would make failure to comply a misdemeanor.

It would also bar any law from requiring public water systems to design, build, or maintain systems for wildfire defense or suppression, prevent noncompliance or loss of water pressure from being treated as a substantial cause of wildfire damages, and state that no reimbursement is required for the mandate.

Position: Monitor

Notes:

Potential impacts to retailers

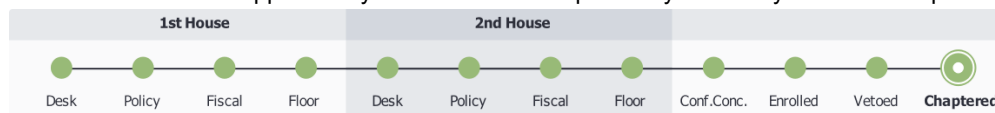
ACWA Sponsored bill - provide clarity in statute to water agency responsibilities to wildfire

SB 1187 **(Durazo, D)** Open meetings.

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Last Amended: 07/06/2026

Status: 09/18/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 324, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/18/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would remove several upcoming requirements for eligible local legislative bodies under the Ralph M. Brown Act, including electronic requests for agendas and documents and certain translation and interpretation duties, while declaring the measure an urgency statute.

It also makes legislative findings required to support limits on public access and to show that the bill furthers California constitutional requirements for open meetings and public records.

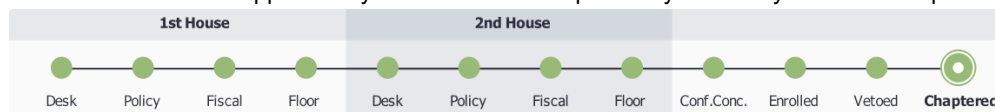
Position: Monitor

SB 1205 **(Valladares, R)** Public contracts: retention: architecture or engineering services.

Current Text: 09/20/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Last Amended: 08/21/2026

Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 424, Statutes of 2026.



Location: 09/20/2026 - Senate CHAPTERED

Summary: The bill would cap retention payments at 5% for certain design-bid-build contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2027, between a public entity and an architect or engineer, unless a specified exception applies.

It would also require any retained amount to be released within 60 days after completion of the contracted services. The bill defines key

terms for these provisions, including “public entity,” and allows a higher retention only for certain substantially complex projects with a required finding.

Position: Monitor

Total Measures: 28

Total Tracking Forms: 28



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 27 2026

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 872 without my signature.

This bill establishes the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund (Fund) to support multi-benefit levee projects and capital improvements to water conveyance systems impacted by subsidence in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and requires the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations for projects to be supported by the Fund.

In this year's budget, in partnership with the Legislature, we allocated \$68 million to mitigate subsidence on the state's aqueducts and canals, \$75 million for projects that repair levees and improve flood protection and climate resiliency in the Delta, \$20.2 million to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to reduce the risks of climate change impacts on communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources, and \$7.9 million to pay for mitigation costs associated with the Delta levee projects.

This bill would establish parameters for spending revenue from a Fund that did not receive resources in this year's budget. While well-intentioned, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom