
COMMUNICATIONS

1. Notes: Weghorst
2. Public Comments
3. Determine the need to discuss and/or take action on item(s) introduced that came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted; and determine which items may be approved without discussion.

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| <p>4. <u>2026 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE – COMPTON</u></p> | |
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Recommendation: Receive and file.

ACTION

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| <p>5. <u>2025-26 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT RESPONSE TO “PFAS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS- A CLOSER LOOK AT ORANGE COUNTY DRINKING WATER” – COMPTON</u></p> | |
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Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to provide the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with the proposed response to Findings F2, F4, F6 and F8 and Recommendations R2, R4 and R5 of the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled “*PFAS and Public Awareness- A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water.*”

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Directors’ Comments
7. Adjourn

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July 2, 2026
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WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2026 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the 2025-2026 legislative session, regulatory issues, and IRWD priorities. As legislation and regulations develop, staff will provide updates and recommendations to the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee and the Board, as appropriate. Staff recommends that the Board receive and file the update.

BACKGROUND:

July 2 marks the final day for policy committees to meet and consider bills and signals the start of the Legislature's month-long Summer Recess. This follows the June 15 constitutional deadline for passing the State Budget and the June 25 cutoff for legislative measures to qualify for the November 3, 2026, general election.

The Legislature will commence its month-long Summer Recess on July 3 and reconvene on August 3. Upon reconvening, the clock will tick rapidly toward the August 14 fiscal committee deadline for reporting bills to the floor with floor session only from August 17 through August 31. Following the final day of session, there will be a 30-day deadline, ending September 30, 2026, for the Governor to sign or veto all bills passed during the session.

A copy of the Legislative Matrix is provided as Exhibit "A". Links to the bills discussed below are included within each discussion unless a separate exhibit is noted.

2026 State Legislative Update:

Water Affordability Legislation:

The two bills introduced this year on water affordability, AB 2739 (Soria, D-Fresno) and the SB 1125 (Menjivar, D-Van Nuys), have continued to move through the process.

AB 2739, sponsored by IRWD and Rancho California Water District, seeks to address system cost constraints and household affordability challenges simultaneously without levying a new tax or fee. The bill establishes a long-term trust in the State Treasury funded over several decades. Annual appropriations to the trust would allocate 45% to a Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program, 45% to a new Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant program to offset local ratepayer funds needed for infrastructure projects, and 10% toward investments to provide a perpetual funding source. *AB 2739* was heard by the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on June 23, where it moved unanimously on the consent calendar. It is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on July 1.

SB 1125 is a reintroduction of SB 350 (Durazo, D-Los Angeles) and is sponsored by Clean Water Action, the Community Water Center, and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. The bill would establish a statewide water rate assistance program administered by the State Board. It requires water suppliers to participate and automatically enroll qualified low-income residential households, providing them with a flat bill credit of \$20.00 per month funded by the State Board. The bill was passed by the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee on June 24 and moved to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Staff will update the Committee on continuing conversations related to these two bills and water affordability.

AB 1413 (Papan) - Groundwater Adjudication:

In February 2025, Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Chair Diane Papan (D, San Mateo) introduced AB 1413. The bill would have modified state law related to groundwater adjudications and would have made certain changes related to the groundwater sustainability plans required under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The bill reflected the author's position that local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) – rather than courts or consultants – are best equipped to determine a basin's safe yield.

The bill faces considerable opposition, including opposition from the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Municipal Utilities Association. At the end of the 2025 legislative year, AB 1413 remained on the Senate Inactive file. IRWD has been monitoring the bill over the past two legislative years, given its interest in various groundwater basins subject to SGMA. Recently, staff was informed that Chair Papan has decided not to move AB 1413 forward and plans to keep the bill on the Senate Inactive file for the remainder of this session.

AB 1436 (Ávila Farias) - State Air Resources Board: Air Pollution Regulations: Private Fleets: Exception:

AB 1436, authored by Assemblymember Ávila Farias (D, Martinez), was gutted and amended on June 11. As amended, the bill attempts to address the unintended regulatory impacts caused by the California Air Resources Board (CARB)'s recent 15-day notice changes to the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation (ACF) that would require public entities to enforce the clean fleets rules on any entity they contract with, essentially requiring that public entities enforce the ACF on privately operated fleets.

To counter these changes, AB 1436 explicitly prohibits CARB from adopting or enforcing regulations that directly or indirectly compel compliance by private fleets, including those operated by contractors or subcontractors working for state or local entities. The bill's prohibition would not apply, however, to any regulation adopted after California successfully obtains a Clean Air Act waiver from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The District has adopted a "support" position on AB 1436, and staff has been actively participating in coalition discussions surrounding the legislation.

Staff will provide an oral update on new developments related to the bill.

AB 1383 (McKinnor) - Public Employees' Retirement Benefits:

AB 1383 (McKinnor, D-Hawthorne) is a bill sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters. While AB 1383 primarily addresses pensions for public safety employees, amendments to the bill broadened its scope to directly affect non-safety (miscellaneous) public employees. Specifically, the bill would:

- Increase the pensionable compensation cap (for all PEPRA employees);
- Reduce the retirement age for public safety from 57 to 55 prospectively;
- Add a 4th safety tier that is 3% @ 55, prospective and subject to bargaining; and
- Allow local agencies to adjust their local formula in a prospective manner.

In changing the PEPRA pension limitations, AB 1383 could greatly impact pension liability and costs for local agencies, like IRWD. The bill, in its amended form, has not been considered by an appropriations committee, and CalPERS has recently issued an analysis of its cost impact. Staff has been discussing the bill with the District's associations and will update the committee on the bill and its status.

SB 1187 (Durazo) - Open Meetings:

SB 1187, authored by Senator Maria Elena Durazo (D, Los Angeles), was amended on June 22. The bill is a follow-up to the Senator's SB 707 from last year. SB 707 substantially amended the Brown Act. Of notable interest to IRWD was SB 707's requirements that eligible legislative bodies have in place a system for electronically accepting and fulfilling requests for meeting agendas and documents and translate their meeting agendas into up to three languages.

SB 1187, as amended, would delete these two provisions from the Brown Act, and would remove these requirements from agencies, like IRWD, that are likely to become eligible legislative bodies in the future.

SB 1187 is scheduled for a policy hearing in the Assembly Committee on Local Government on July 1. Staff will provide an update to the committee on any new developments related to the bill.

Other Legislative Matters of Interest:

Staff will also update the Committee, as needed, on any new developments related to legislative matters of interest to IRWD. Staff will also provide an update to the Committee on any new developments related to the following:

- [SB 601 \(Allen, D-Santa Monica\) - Waste Discharge Requirements](#);
- Data Center related legislation;
- Legislation related to artificial intelligence and workplace surveillance; and
- Other legislative matters of interest to IRWD.

2026 State and Regional Regulatory Update:

The following is a list of state and regional regulations and agency reports staff are monitoring, tracking, or planning to engage in over the next three to 12 months. As the next drafts of the regulations or reports are released for public review and comment, staff will engage, as appropriate. Staff will also provide an oral update to the Committee on any new developments related to these regulations and other regulations of interest to the District.

The pending regulations and reports actively being tracked include:

- CARB Advanced Clean Fleet Regulation;
- California Underground Safety Board Proposed Rulemakings for Potholing Standard;
- Cal OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board's [Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates Regulation](#);
- DWR's SB 1157 Indoor Water Use Studies;
- DWR's Implementation of *SB 72 (Caballero, 2025)*;
- State Board's Climate Change Resolution;
- State Board's Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook revisions;
- State Board implementation of the [Lead and Copper Rule](#);
- State Board's [Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience \(SAFER\) Drinking Water Program](#);
- State Board's [Development of Maximum Contaminant Levels for PFAS](#) and other associated actions on PFAS;
- State Board's Implementation of *SB 31 (McNerney, 2025)*;
- South Coast AQMD's [Cumulative Impacts from Air Toxics for CEQA Projects](#);
- South Coast AQMD's Tier 4 Emergency Generator Testing Policy;
- South Coast AQMD's Proposed Rule 317.1 - Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hour Ozone Standards; and
- South Coast AQMD's [Proposed Rule 1110.4, Emissions from Emergency Generators](#).

2026 Federal Legislative and Regulatory Update:

Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and South Valley Project Outreach:

IRWD's federal advocacy priority in 2026 focuses on seeking federal funding for the South Valley Conveyance and Storage Project and advocating for a reauthorization of the Small Storage Grant Program. Staff will provide an update on those efforts and the District's next steps.

Other Federal Regulatory Updates:

The following is a list of federal regulations and agency reports staff are monitoring, tracking, or planning to engage in over the next three to 12 months. Staff will also provide an oral update to the Committee on any new developments related to these regulations and other regulations of interest to the District. The pending regulations and reports actively being tracked include:

- Revisions to Waters of the United States Definition;
- Endangered Species Act Guidelines Updates;
- EPA's Revised [PFAS Drinking Water Standard](#); and
- Office of Management and Budget's Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – IRWD Legislative Matrix

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EXHIBIT "A"

IRWD 2026 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Updated: June 23, 2026

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 34 (Patterson J (R))	Large Hydroelectric Generation		Provides that under existing law, the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program requires retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities to procure a minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources during certain compliance periods. Provides that the provision related to the procurement of eligible renewable energy resources by local publicly owned electric utilities also applies to the compliance periods established by the Energy Commission.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To 2nd Reading without hearing pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and to Consent.
CA AB 35 (Alvarez (D))	Clean Air Bond Act 2024: Administrative Procedure Act	Support	Exempts the adoption of regulations needed to effectuate or implement programs of the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. Requires a state entity that receives funding to administer a competitive grant program established using the Administrative Procedure Act exemption to do certain things, including, among other things, to develop draft project solicitation and evaluation guidelines.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To 2nd Reading without hearing pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and to Consent.
CA AB 66 (Tangipa (R))	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Egress		Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act egress route projects undertaken by a public agency to improve emergency access to and evacuation from a subdivision without a secondary egress route if the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has recommended the creation of a secondary access to the subdivision and certain conditions are met. Requires the lead agency to hold a public meeting before determining that a project is exempt. Requires Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation notice.	07/16/2025: In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.
CA AB 69 (Calderon (D))	FAIR Plan Policy Notices and Renewals		Authorizes the California FAIR Plan Association to share policyholder information with insurers participating in the clearinghouse program, as specified, to allow a participating insurer to offer policies to a FAIR Plan policyholder simultaneously with the agent or broker of record listed on the policy, if any.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on INSURANCE.
CA AB 259 (Rubio (D))	Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences	Support	Provides that existing law, until the specified date, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative	05/14/2025: To SENATE Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and JUDICIARY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
			teleconferencing under certain conditions. Extends the alternative teleconferencing procedures until the specified date.	
CA AB 261 (Quirk-Silva (D))	Fire Safety: Fire Hazard Severity Zones		Provides that existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the State that are not State responsibility areas as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones. Prohibits the State Fire Marshal's determination of fire hazard severity zones, in both State responsibility areas and lands that are not State responsibility areas, from being based on risk mitigation activities.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 262 (Caloza (D))	California Housing and Homelessness Agency		Requires the agency to create a study on issues impacting pregnant people experiencing homelessness and report the results of the study, as well as recommendations to establish a PINK Alert, to the Legislature by a specified date. Requires the recommendations to include how the PINK Alert can meet specified conditions, including that it be a system that nonprofits can opt in to in order to get notifications if there is a pregnant person in need of emergency housing or prenatal services.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES.
CA AB 272 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program		Provides that existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt and implement a regulation for a Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for non gasoline heavy duty on road motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than a specified number of pounds. Requires, within a specified number of years following the full implementation of the program, but not later than the specified date, the State Board to provide the first of the biennial reports on its internet website.	09/02/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 300 (Lackey (R))	Fire Hazard Severity Zones: State Fire Marshal		Provides that existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the State as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones. Requires the Marshal, at least once every specified number of years, to review areas in the State identified as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones, and to review lands within State responsibility areas classified as fire hazard severity zones. Requires the Marshal, at least once every certain number of years, to re-review certain areas.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 306 (Schultz (D))	Building Standards Commission: Code Interpretations		Expand the reasons for which a person can appeal to the California Building Standards Commission to include, among other things, a request for approval to use an alternate material. Modifies the conditions under which the commission may accept an appeal by requiring that certain issues appealed have both statewide significance and that the person seeking the appeal has exhausted all local appeals procedures before appealing to the commission, subject to a certain exception.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.
CA AB 311 (McKinnor (D))	Consumer Driving Data Protection Act of 2026		Authorizes a consumer to opt to use telematics to establish their driving record. Prohibits the use of telematics data for a purpose other than rating private passenger automobile insurance. Requires a rate application under which telematics would be used to establish an insured's driving record to include specified materials related to the insurer's telematics program.	06/18/2026: To SENATE Committees on INSURANCE and PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA AB 317 (Jackson (D))	California First Time Homeowner Dream Act		Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act the new construction of a single family dwelling that meets certain conditions, including that the project contains one single family dwelling that is a specified size or less with no more than a specified number of bedrooms, the property is intended to be sold to a first time home buyer, and the lead agency determines that the developer of the project or the property owner provided sufficient legal commitments to meet the requirements of the exemption.	06/04/2025: To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and HOUSING.
CA AB 340 (Ahrens (D))	Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communication		Prohibits a public employer from compelling a public employee, a representative of a recognized employee organization, or an exclusive representative to disclose confidential communications to a third party. Provides that this would not apply to a criminal investigation or when a public safety officer is under investigation and certain circumstances exist.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 372 (Bennett (D))	Office of Emergency Services: State Matching Funds		Establishes Water Infrastructure for Wildfire Resilience Program within the OES for the distribution of state matching funds to urban wildland interface communities, as defined, in designated high fire hazard severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones to improve water system infrastructure. Requires the OES	09/03/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
			to work in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and other state entities.	
CA AB 380 (Gonzalez Ma (D))	Price Gouging		Provides that under existing law, upon the proclamation of an emergency, it is a misdemeanor for a person, contractor, business, or other entity to sell or offer to sell certain goods or services for a price of more than a specified percent greater than the price charged by that person immediately prior to the proclamation. Makes that misdemeanor applicable for a period of a specified number of days. Makes that misdemeanor punishable by a specified fine.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 410 (Wilson (D))	Bots: Disclosure		Requires a person who uses a bot to autonomously communicate with another to ensure that the bot discloses to any person with whom the bot communicates when the bot first communicates with the person that the bot is a bot and not a human being. Authorizes the Attorney General, a district attorney, a county counsel, a city attorney, or a city prosecutor to bring a civil action to punish noncompliance.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 426 (Dixon (R))	Impeding Emergency Response with Drone		Prohibits a person from operating or using an unmanned aerial vehicle, remote piloted aircraft, or drone at the scene of an emergency and thereby impeding firefighters, peace officers, medical personnel, military personnel, or other emergency personnel in the performance of their fire suppression, law enforcement, or emergency response duties, unless the person has a federal operational waiver. Authorizes the Attorney General or a county counsel or city attorney to bring civil action.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 441 (Hadwick (R))	Wildfire Prevention: Wildfire Mitigation Program		Requires the Office of Emergency Services to enter into a joint powers agreement with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program. Requires the department to delegate its duties and responsibilities for this program to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Extends the repeal date.	06/10/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 442 (Hadwick (R))	Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973		Provides that under the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, the Legislature finds and declares the policy of the State to encourage prudent and responsible forest management of nonindustrial timberlands by approving working forest management plans in advance. Increases the maximum acreage for nonindustrial tree farmers and nonindustrial management plans to 4,000 acres and for working forest landowners and working forest management plans to 15,000 acres.	06/22/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard.
CA AB 501 (Papan (D))	Lawsuits, Liens, and Other Encumbrances		Provide that a person who files a lawsuit, lien, or other encumbrance against a person or entity in violation of the above-described prohibition is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$15,000. Defines lien, for purposes of the prohibition, to include a financing statement. Prohibits a person from filing, or directing another to file, a financing statement for which no reasonable basis or legal cause exists.	06/16/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
CA AB 502 (Pellerin (D))	Elections: Deceptive Media In Advertisements		Sets forth additional requirements relating to the color and font size of the disclosure's text. Exempts an election communication from the prohibition if the content includes a disclosure stating that the communication has been generated or substantially altered using artificial intelligence. Exempts an advertisement or other election communication from these prohibitions if a reasonable person would understand that the content was satire or parody.	09/08/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 532 (Ransom (D))	Water Rate Assistance Program		Relates to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Authorizes a public urban retail water supplier to provide water rate assistance to its ratepayers. Authorizes the assistance to be provided to certain eligible ratepayers, including residential ratepayers with a certain annual income. Requires an urban retail water supplier to include in a report to State Water Resources Control Board certain information regarding its assistance program. Requires the board to conduct a survey of such suppliers.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 550 (Petrie-Norris (D))	The California Endangered Species Act		Relates to the authorized take of certain species by certain entities. Provides that if an at-risk species becomes listed as an endangered, threatened, or candidate species, further authorization or approval shall not be required for a take of that species, if specified conditions are met, including that the potential listing of the at-risk species was anticipated in a permit previously issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for incidental take caused by a renewable electrical generation facility.	07/16/2025: In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.
CA AB 596 (Ortega (D))	Elections: Ballot Disclosures		Requires the Secretary of State to create an internet website or to use other available technology to consolidate information about each state ballot measure, including a list of the top 10 contributors supporting or opposing a measure. Requires the 3 largest contributors of \$100,000 or more to all committees that paid for the circulation of a statewide initiative or statewide referendum measure to also be printed on the ballot immediately following the names of the measure's supporters and opponents.	09/13/2025: In ASSEMBLY. Ordered to ASSEMBLY Unfinished Business Concurrence in Senate Amendments.
CA AB 599 (Connolly (D))	Short-Line Railroad Improvement Program		Requires the California Transportation Commission to establish a competitive funding program, commonly known as the Short-Line Railroad Improvement Program, to provide funds to the Department of Transportation or regional transportation planning agencies, or both, for short-line railroad projects such as railroad reconstruction, maintenance, upgrade, or replacement. Extends the availability of moneys for expenditure.	06/15/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 609 (Wicks (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act a housing development project that meets certain conditions relating to, for example, size, density, and location, including specific requirements for any housing on the project site located within a certain number of feet of a freeway. Requires a local government, as a condition of approval for the development, to require the development proponent to complete a certain environmental assessment regarding hazardous substance releases.	05/19/2025: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 638 (Rodriguez Ce (D))	Stormwater: Uses: Irrigation		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, by the specified date, to develop recommendations for stormwater capture and use for the irrigation of urban public lands. Requires the recommendations to address, but not be limited to, opportunities for the use of captured stormwater for irrigation to offset the use of potable water and recommendations for, among other things, pathogens and pathogen indicators and total suspended solids. Requires the board to solicit and receive written public comment.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 643 (Wilson (D))	Climate Change: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants		Authorizes a local jurisdiction to count towards its procurement target compost produced and procured from certain composting operations, including the composting of green material, agricultural material, food material, and vegetative food material if the total amount of feedstock and compost onsite at any one time does not exceed either 200 cubic yards or, for a composting activity owned by a public agency, as defined, 500 cubic yards, amounts that may be increased by regulation.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 660 (Wilson (D))	Planning and Zoning Law: Postentitlement Phase Permits		Relates to the Planning and Zoning Law, which requires a local agency to compile lists that specify in detail the information required from any applicant for a postentitlement phase permit. Requires, if federal or State law requires review of the application by another public agency that is independent of the local agency before the agency is authorized to act on the application, certain time limits to be tolled for the application until the agency completes the review and returns the application.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 672 (Caloza (D))	Real Property Tax: Welfare Exemption		Provides, until a specified date, that property is within the welfare exemption if that property is owned by a community land trust, otherwise qualifying for the welfare exemption, and specified conditions are met, including that the property is being or will be developed or rehabilitated as housing. Extends the operation. Makes various conforming changes, including with respect to the lien dates for which the exemption applies.	06/22/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.
CA AB 706 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Forest Organic Residue, Energy, and Safety		Provides that upon appropriation by the Legislature, make moneys from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund or from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund available to the state board to establish the Forest Organic Residue Energy and Safety Transformation (FOREST) program in order to maintain and expand biomass power generation in the state, to revitalize idle facilities for biomass power generation, and to support biomass power generation facilities.	06/18/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 710 (Irwin (D))	Electrical Corporations: Microgrid Projects		Requires a large electrical corporation, upon request, to collaborate with local governments, tribal governments, or community choice aggregators within its service area to identify critical circuits and microgrid projects. require large electrical corporations to provide local governments, tribal governments, and community choice aggregators with electrical distribution equipment data, transmission and distribution circuit data, grid hardening plans, and other information requested by those entities.	06/15/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA AB 748 (Harabedian (D))	Single-Family and Multifamily Housing Units		Requires each local agency, to develop a program for the preapproval of single-family and multifamily residential housing plans, whereby the local agency accepts single-family and multifamily plan submissions for preapproval and approves or denies the preapproval applications. Requires a local agency to either approve or deny ministerially an application for a single-family or multifamily residential housing unit within 30 days if the lot meets certain conditions.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on HOUSING.

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CA AB 758 (DeMaio (R))	Wildfire: Vegetation Management		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or a local entity to conduct an assessment of all undeveloped public lands for which it is primarily responsible for preventing and suppressing fires to ensure that the public land is not a severe fire hazard. Requires this assessment to be posted on the department's and local entity's internet website. Requires all of these lands, on or before the specified date, to have firebreaks of a specified size on all borders with private property.	04/21/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Failed passage.
CA AB 775 (Fong M (D))	Behested Payments: Reporting		Provides that existing law requires certain behested payment reports to be filed by the behesting officer or member of the Public Utilities Commission with the officer's or member's agency. Requires these reports to be filed using the commission's electronic filing system for behested payment reports. Requires the filing system to issue an electronic confirmation to the filer immediately upon receipt of the report.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
CA AB 846 (Connolly (D))	Endangered Species: Incidental Take: Wildfire		Authorizes a city, county, city and county, special district, or other local agency to submit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife a wildfire preparedness plan to conduct wildfire preparedness activities on land designated as a fire hazard severity zone that minimizes impacts to wildlife and habitat for candidate, threatened, and endangered species. Requires the department to impose a fee on a local agency for the cost of reviewing a wildfire preparedness plan submitted by that local agency.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 859 (Macedo (R))	Civil Procedure: Recovery of Defense Costs		Relates to existing law whereby if the court determines that the proceeding was not brought in good faith or with reasonable cause, existing law requires the court to decide the reasonable and necessary defense costs incurred by party opposing the proceeding and to render judgment in favor of that party. Expands this provision to apply to a demurrer brought by a defendant or cross-defendant.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 883 (Lowenthal (D))	Data Brokers: Accessible Deletion Mechanism		Provides that existing law requires, beginning August 1, 2026, a data broker to access that deletion mechanism at least once every 45 days and, among other things, process all deletion requests and delete all personal information related to the consumers making the requests. Changes the 45-day period to a 30-day period and make conforming changes.	06/17/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 897 (DeMaio (R))	Trespassing: Removal of Trespassers		Provides for the Remove Illegal Squatters from Private Property Act. Makes a person guilty of unlawful squatting when they enter upon the land or premises of another and reside on that land or premises for any period of time, knowingly acting without the knowledge or consent of the owner, rightful occupant, or an authorized representative of the owner. Requires a law enforcement agency that receives a complaint of a violation to issue a citation. Provides a means for the person to show lawful entry.	04/22/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY: Failed passage.
CA AB 929 (Connolly (D))	Sustainable Groundwater Management: Managed Wetlands		Prohibits a groundwater sustainability agency from imposing a fee upon a small community water system serving a disadvantaged community or imposing a fee for managed wetland purposes, provided the water use for each user does not increase above what was historically required. Authorizes, if a small community water system or a managed wetland extractor increases its extraction of groundwater above what was historically required, an agency to impose a fee for the usage above the historical amount.	09/10/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 942 (Calderon (D))	Electricity: Climate Credits		Excludes residential customers from receiving the California Climate Credit if they are not enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program or the Family Electric Rate Assistance Program and their total electricity bills for the previous year were less than a specified amount.	08/29/2025: From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass to Committee on RULES.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 946 (Bryan (D))	Natural Resources: Urban Nature-based Projects		Provides that, to advance and promote environmental, conservation, and public access policies and budget actions, the Governor's office, state agencies, and the Legislature, when distributing resources, shall recognize the coequal goals and benefits of the 30x30 goal and the Outdoors for All initiative, and, to the extent practical, maximize investment in historically underserved urban communities consistent with those initiatives.	06/22/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.
CA AB 950 (Solache (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Advertisements		Establishes the Billboard DISCLOSE Act. Relates to political advertisements. Provides that for certain video, print, electronic media or text message advertisements, existing law permits the name of the committee that paid for the advertisement to be shortened. Clarifies that a print advertisement includes a yard sign or a billboard and an electronic media advertisement means a graphic, image, animated graphic or animated image that an online platform allows to link to a website paid for by the committee.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 956 (Quirk-Silva (D))	Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling		Requires a local agency to ministerially approve a building permit application within a residential or mixed-use zone to create certain accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units, or any combination of those units, if specified conditions are met, including, among other things, requiring the ministerial approval of one detached, new construction, accessory dwelling unit that does not exceed 4-foot side and rear yard setbacks for a lot with a proposed or existing single-family dwelling.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 990 (Hadwick (R))	Public Water Systems: Emergency Notification Plan		Authorizes and encourages a public water system to provide notification to water users in their preferred language when updating the emergency notification plan, if resources are available.	06/30/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 1018 (Bauer-Kahan (D))	Automated Decision Systems		Requires a deployer of a covered automated decision system to take certain actions, including conduct impact assessments of the covered ADS and provide deployers to whom the developer transfers the covered ADS with certain information, including a high-level summary of the results of those impact assessments.	09/13/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1033 (Lackey (R))	Eminent Domain: Appraisals: Compensation		Provides that the Eminent Domain Law authorizes a public entity to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property for a public use. Provides that existing law requires a public entity to pay reasonable costs, not to exceed a specified amount, of an independent appraisal ordered by the owner of a property that the public entity offers to purchase under the threat of eminent domain. Increases the limitation on the reasonable costs of an independent appraisal to a specified amount.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1048 (Chen (R))	Workers Compensation		Requires a payor to, among other things, provide an explanation of benefits or explanation of review that identifies the name of the network that the payor has an agreement with that entitles them to pay a preferred rate for the services rendered. Requires the explanation of review or explanation of benefits to include the state assigned medical provider network identification number and an email address that the rendering medical provider may use to request a copy of the underlying contract.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1054 (Gipson (D))	Public Employees Retirement: Deferred Retirement Option		Establishes the Deferred Retirement Option Program as a voluntary program within the Public Employees Retirement System for employees of State Bargaining Units 5 (Highway Patrol) and 8 (Firefighters). Requires certain actions to occur, including completion of an actuarial analysis to determine the proposed program will be cost neutral, before the program becomes effective and applicable. Requires members who elect to participate in the program to meet certain requirements.	05/06/2026: To SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
CA AB 1070 (Ward (D))	Residential Developments: Building Standards: Review		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to initiate a study no later than January 31, 2027, evaluating the conditions under which residential developments of between 3 and 10 units may be designed and constructed under the requirements of the California Residential Code. Requires the department to contract with external experts or an independent third party for this purpose.	06/11/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1109 (Kalra (D))	Evidentiary Privileges: Union Agent-Represented		Establishes a privilege between a union agent and a represented employee or represented former employee to refuse to disclose any confidential communication between the employee or former employee and the union agent made while the union agent was acting in the union agent's representative capacity, except as specified. Permits a represented employee or represented former employee to prevent another person from disclosing a privileged communication.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1146 (Papan (D))	Water Infrastructure: Dams and Reservoirs		Prohibits the release of stored water from a reservoir owned and operated by the U.S. in the State if the release is done under false pretenses, defined as a release of water from a reservoir owned and operated by the U.S. in a manner that is knowingly, designedly, and intentionally under any false or fraudulent representation as to the purpose and intended use of the water. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board or the Attorney General to bring an action for injunctive relief for a violation.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1164 (Ransom (D))	Elections: Voter Bill of Rights		Provides that existing law requires a Voter Bill of Rights to be printed in the State Voter Information Guide and to be included on posters provided to each precinct. Requires the Voter Bill of Rights to inform voters that they have the right to receive a new ballot if they do not have a ballot or their ballot has been damaged.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1198 (Haney (D))	Public Works: Prevailing Wages		Provides that existing law requires that, except as specified, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, determined by the Director of Industrial Relations, be paid to workers employed on public works projects. Exempts certain housing projects from certain provisions, including, among others, projects that are restricted by deed or subject to regulatory restrictions contained in an agreement with a governmental agency or other recorded document.	06/22/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1206 (Harabedian (D))	Single Family and Multifamily Housing Units		Provides that existing law requires the planning agency of a city or county to provide an annual report to, among other entities, the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation. Provides that existing law requires the annual report to include, among other things, the city's or county's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs. Requires, for large and small jurisdictions, the agency to include the number of units of residential housing that are approved using a preapproved housing plan.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1227 (Ellis (R))	Wildfire Safety: Fuels Reduction Projects		Requires the lead agency to hold a noticed public meeting to hear and respond to public comments before determining that a project is exempt and would require the lead agency to provide notice of the public meeting on its internet website at least 30 days before the public meeting. Requires the lead agency, if it determines that a project is not subject to CEQA and approves or carries out that project, to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1234 (Ortega (D))	Employment: Nonpayment of Wages: Complaints		Provides that existing law authorizes the Labor Commissioner to investigate employee complaints and to provide for a hearing in any action to recover wages, penalties, and other demands for compensation. Authorizes the Labor Commissioner, in an order, decision, or award granted pursuant to specified provisions, to impose an administrative fee of up to a specified percent of the award. Requires the administrative fee to be deposited into the Wage Recovery Fund.	09/03/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 1240 (Lee (D))	Single Family Residential Real Property: Corporate		Prohibits a business entity that has an interest in more than a specified number of single family residential properties from purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise obtaining an ownership interest in another single family residential property and subsequently leasing the property. Authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action for a violation of these provisions. Requires a court in a civil action in which the Attorney General prevails to order specified relief, including civil penalties.	06/19/2025: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1242 (Nguyen (D))	Language Access		Relates to the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act. Revises the definition of substantial number of non-English-speaking people to include the higher of either the people served by or eligible to be served by a State agency. Requires the State Health and Human Services Agency to designate a Language Access Director to ensure individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing have meaningful access to government programs and services.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
CA AB 1276 (Carrillo J (D))	Housing Developments: Ordinances		Relates to the Permit Streamlining Act. Provides that a housing development project or emergency shelter shall be deemed consistent, compliant, and in conformity with an applicable plan, program, policy, ordinance, standard, requirement, or other similar provision adopted or implemented by a public agency if there is substantial evidence that would allow a reasonable person to conclude that the project or emergency shelter is consistent, compliant, or in conformity, with specified exceptions.	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1294 (Haney (D))	Real Property Tax: Welfare Exemption		Provides a partial welfare exemption in the case of certain residential rental property used for low- and moderate-income households. Provides that with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. Provides that, notwithstanding those provisions, no appropriation is made and the state shall not reimburse local agencies for property tax revenues lost by them pursuant to the bill.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 1331 (Elhawary (D))	Workplace Surveillance		Limits the use of workplace surveillance tools by employers, including by prohibiting an employer from monitoring or surveilling workers in employee-only, employer-designated areas. Provides workers with the right to leave behind workplace surveillance tools that are on their person or in their possession during off-duty hours. Prohibits a worker from removing or physically tampering with any component of a workplace surveillance tool that is part of or embedded in employer equipment or vehicles.	09/13/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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CA AB 1337 (Ward (D))	Information Practices Act of 1977		Provides that the Information Practices Act of 1977 prescribes a set of requirements, prohibitions, and remedies applicable to agencies with regard to their collection, storage, and disclosure of personal information. Prohibits an agency from using records containing personal information for any purpose or purposes other than the purpose or purposes for which that personal information was collected, except as required or authorized by State or local law.	06/22/2026: In SENATE Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Not heard.
CA AB 1413 (Papan (D))	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Groundwater		Provides that existing law requires a groundwater sustainability agency to evaluate its groundwater sustainability plan periodically. Requires a groundwater sustainability agency to, at least once every 7 years, review, and update if appropriate, its sustainable yield to ensure that the sustainable yield is based on the best available information and best available science, as defined, and will achieve sustainable groundwater management.	09/09/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 1421 (Wilson (D))	Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory		Requires the commission, in consultation with the Transportation Agency, to consolidate and prepare research and recommendations related to a road user charge or a mileage-based fee system. Requires the commission to submit a report, as specified, on the research and recommendations described above to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature by no later than January 1, 2027.	01/29/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 1436 (Avila Farias (D))	Air Pollution Regulations: Private Fleets: Exception	Support	Prohibits any state or any political subdivision thereof from adopting or attempting to enforce any standard relating to the control of emissions from new motor vehicles or new motor vehicle engines, except through a waiver. Prohibits the State Air Resources Board from adopting or enforcing any regulation that directly or indirectly compels compliance by private fleets, as provided, unless the state has obtained a required waiver or authorization under the federal Clean Air Act.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1439 (Garcia Ro (D))	Public Retirement Systems: Labor Standards		Requests the University of California, Berkeley, Labor Center to conduct an independent study to analyze the extent of labor standards protections in state real estate and infrastructure development projects funded through the real asset portfolios of PERS and STRS. Requests that the study and a report of its findings to be completed and provided to the Legislature and the Department of Finance by a specified date.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.
CA AB 1447 (Gipson (D))	Unclaimed Property: Notice		Relates to the Unclaimed Property Law. Provides that existing law requires the Controller to mail a notice to each person who appears to be entitled to property valued at a specified dollar amount or more and whose address is listed in a specified report or is obtained from the Franchise Tax Board. Specifies that if the address listed in the report is not a valid deliverable address, but the Controller identifies a corrected valid address, the Controller must mail the notice to the corrected address.	08/18/2025: In ASSEMBLY. Ordered returned to SENATE. *****To SENATE.
CA AB 1457 (Bryan (D))	Disadvantaged Communities		Requires a city, county, or city and county to meaningfully involve disadvantaged communities in the development, adoption, and implementation of the environmental justice element, or the related goals, policies, and objectives integrated in other elements, using methods that are designed to effectively involve disadvantaged communities based on local conditions and circumstances. Requires a city, county, or city and county subject to these provisions to adopt or review the environmental justice element.	06/16/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 1538 (Krell (D))	Crimes: Corruption		Makes it a crime for an elected or appointed official, under color of authority, to retaliate or exert political retribution against a person for exercising a constitutionally protected right. Makes a violation of this crime punishable by forfeiture of office. Specifies that these provisions do not apply to the hiring or personnel decisions of elected or appointed officials that are relative to an employee or prospective employee of that elected or appointed official.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1542 (Ward (D))	Sensitive Personal Information		Prohibits under the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA), a business, service provider, or contractor from selling or sharing sensitive personal information to a third party.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1553 (Connolly (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Notice: Direct		Provides that the California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency that is preparing an environmental impact report, a negative declaration, or making other determinations, to provide public notice of that fact within a reasonable period of time. Authorizes a lead agency to satisfy specified direct mailing requirements by electronic mail if the recipient affirmatively requested to receive notice by electronic mail.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 1554 (Calderon (D))	Disasters Data		Provides that existing law establishes the California Earthquake Authority (CEA), administered under the authority of the Insurance Commissioner, to transact insurance in this state as necessary to sell policies of basic residential earthquake insurance. Requires the CEA to provide the annual report to the Senate Committee on Insurance and the Assembly Committee on Insurance. Specifies that the certified examination and verification report be posted on the CEA's internet website.	06/03/2026: To SENATE Committee on INSURANCE.
CA AB 1560 (Tangipa (R))	Lobbyist Certification		Prohibit a person who has been convicted of a crime of public corruption, from serving as a lobbyist for 12 years following the date of the conviction. Prohibits the Secretary of State from accepting a lobbying certification from such a person, and it would also void an existing lobbying certification in the event of such a conviction. Requires a lobbying certification to include a statement that the applicant has not been convicted of a crime of public corruption within the previous 12 years.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
CA AB 1563 (Gabriel (D))	Budget Act of 2026		Relates to appropriations for the support of state government for the 2026-27 fiscal year.	04/06/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on BUDGET.

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CA AB 1564 (Ahrens (D))	Employer-employee relations: Confidential Communication		Relates to law that governs the labor relations of public employees and employers, including, among others, the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, the Ralph C. Dills Act, provisions relating to public schools, and provisions relating to higher education prohibits employers from taking certain actions relating to employee organization, including imposing or threatening to impose reprisals on employees, discriminating or threatening to discriminate against employees.	06/22/2026: To SENATE Committees on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT and JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1573 (Bryan (D))	Land Use: Housing Elements: Target Population		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development that includes, among other things, a housing element containing certain information, including an analysis of its special housing, emergency shelter, and supportive housing needs. Provides that the definition of the term target population for the purposes of requirements applicable to the housing element may include victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
CA AB 1576 (Ortega (D))	Workers' Compensation: Subsequent Injuries Payments		Establishes a workers' compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment. Provides certain methods for determining workers' compensation benefits payable to a worker or the worker's dependents for purposes of permanent total disability or permanent partial disability that include a determination of the percentage of permanent disability incurred.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan (D))	Data Centers: Reporting		Requires the owner or developer of a data center, upon applying for a discretionary permit, entitlement, or land use authorization required for the construction or operation of the data center, to submit to the applicable local agency, as defined, specified information, including the expected annual energy and water consumption, as specified, and the expected sound levels attributable to the operation of the data center. Repeals certain provision.	06/11/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1578 (Jackson (D))	State and Local Officials: Sexual Harassment Training		Requires, for an employer that is a State agency or local agency, that certain training and education include, as a component of the training and education for elected officials, anti hate speech training. Specifies that a State official or local official who serves more than one State agency or local agency only be required to receive the specified training once every specified number of years without regard to the number of State agencies or local agencies the official serves.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA AB 1609 (Zbur (D))	Customer Service Chatbots		Requires a large private business to provide a customer service feature allowing consumers to contact a customer service agent for at least 10 hours per day during its regular business hours and to make a good faith effort to connect a customer to an agent within 15 minutes after a request for human customer service is made.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1610 (Ransom (D))	Elections: Notice		Requires a county elections official to take the specified steps to provide notice to a voter when U.S. Postal Service data indicates a voter has a mailing address that is different from the voters residence address and the mailing address is no longer valid. Provides that if a new mailing address is available via change of address data, the elections official would be required to update the voters registration record with the new mailing address and send a forwardable notice to the new address to confirm.	06/03/2026: To SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
CA AB 1617 (Alanis (R))	Reporting of Household Hazardous Waste		Relates to household hazardous waste reporting.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1621 (Wilson (D))	Planning and Zoning Law: Postentitlement Phase Permits		Prohibits a local agency or state agency from requiring or requesting more than 2 plan check and specification reviews in connection with an application for a building permit, as part of its review. Authorizes a local agency or state agency to deny an application that is not compliant with the permit standards following 2 plan check and specification reviews.	06/10/2026: From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on HOUSING.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1624 (Zbur (D))	Public Lands Protection Act		Enacts the Public Lands Protection Act, upon transfer to any private or nonfederal entity of a parcel of land located within the state that is owned by the United States government on or after January 1, 2025, and that has been designated in an adopted general plan or zoning ordinance as open space, public land, resource conservation, or an equivalent conservation-oriented designation, immediately subject that parcel to the zoning designation and associated state and local restrictions.	04/15/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Not heard.
CA AB 1630 (Caloza (D))	Meet and Confer: Observation		Provides for negotiations between a higher education employer and an exclusive representative. Authorizes an exclusive representative, in their discretion, to invite one or more members of a bargaining unit to remotely observe a session held for the purpose of a meet and confer on a memorandum of understanding. Provides that the bill would not prevent the parties from agreeing to allow in-person observers or greater participation by observers in a meet and confer session.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1632 (Johnson N (R))	Trespass		Remove the requirement that the submitted form be notarized, and would instead require the request to include a written declaration, signed under penalty of perjury, that the requestor is the owner of the property and has legal authority to request the assistance, that the information provided in the request is true and correct, that the requestor acknowledges that law enforcement may rely on the declaration in taking enforcement action, and that the requestor is required to notify law enforcement.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To second reading without further hearing pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.
CA AB 1642 (Harabedian (D))	Wildfires: Contamination Standards		Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, to adopt regulations by July 1, 2028, specifying science-informed, health-based standards for hazardous chemicals following a wildfire, and would require those standards to be established at chemical levels to ensure safe reoccupancy and prevent new cancer cases attributable to such fires.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1652 (Patterson J (R))	State Agencies: Regulations and Legislation		Prohibits an elective or appointive officer of a state agency acting in their official capacity from entering into, or requesting that another party enter into, a nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of a proposed regulation or legislation.	06/16/2026: From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA AB 1664 (Jackson (D))	Law Enforcement Investigations of Elections or Voting		Requires a local agency, political subdivision, or elections official to provide notice to the Secretary of State and the Attorney General immediately, but no later than one calendar day, after becoming aware of any warrant, subpoena, or active law enforcement investigation pertaining to any election records or certified voting technology under their custody or control.	06/17/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
CA AB 1677 (Boerner (D))	Public Utilities: Electrical and Gas Corporations		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to require an electrical corporation or gas corporation proposing to change a rate, or to alter a classification, contract, practice, or rule so as to result in a new rate based on its request for return on invested capital, to include in its proposal certain studies. Prohibits the commission from establishing an authorized return on equity for an electrical corporation or gas corporation that exceeds the rate on federally issued long term debt by a certain amount.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
CA AB 1680 (Calderon (D))	California FAIR Plan Association		Requires the CA FAIR Plan Association to take corrective actions, as specified by the commissioner or their designee, to rectify violations of applicable statutes, regulations, accounting principles, or other applicable rules and guidelines prescribed by the commissioner or their designee and identified in a report of examination or other operational report. Subjects the association to a penalty for failing to take the specified corrective action within a timeframe agreed upon.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on INSURANCE.
CA AB 1710 (Carrillo J (D))	Housing Developments: Ordinances, Policies, Standards		Includes in the definition of ordinances, policies, and standards under the Housing Accountability Act materials requirements, post-entitlement permit standards, and any rules, regulations, determinations, and other requirements adopted or implemented by other public agencies.	06/18/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1712 (Pacheco (D))	City of Santa Fe Springs: Sale of Water Utility		Authorizes the City of Santa Fe Springs to sell its public utility for furnishing water service for the purpose of consolidating its public water system with another public water system pursuant to specified procedures if certain requirements are met. Requires the city to consider oral and written protests and prohibits the city from selling the public utility for a certain period if a specified percent of interested persons protest the sale. Makes legislative findings and declarations.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1722 (Hadwick (R))	California Endangered Species Act: Take Prohibition		Requires a person who committed a take, or an attempted take, of a species listed pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act under certain circumstances to notify the Department of Fish and Wildlife within a specified number of hours after the take.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1727 (Ta (R))	Crimes: Theft of DNA		Requires all local law enforcement agencies in the state to report to the Attorney General starting July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the number of reports filed in the past year on the theft of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and the current status of those cases. Requires the Attorney General to, on or before January 1, 2028, report to the Legislature, and post on its internet website, the number of police reports filed on the theft of DNA and the current status of those cases.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1732 (Alvarez (D))	Affordable Housing Projects		Extends the operation of the affordable housing exemption to January 1, 2037, and would expand the exemption to also include a public university or public college housing project, that meets specified requirements.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and HOUSING.
CA AB 1736 (Pellerin (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Lobbyist Employers		Relates to existing law which prohibits a lobbyist or lobbying firm from attempting to create a fictitious appearance of public favor or disfavor of any proposed legislative or administrative action or to cause any communication to be sent to any elected state officer, legislative official, agency official, or state candidate in the name of any fictitious person or in the name of any real person, except with the consent of the real person. Extends this prohibition to lobbyist employers.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To 2nd Reading without hearing pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and to Consent.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1772 (Papan (D))	Fish and Wildlife: Invasive Species		Enacts a comprehensive inspection and decontamination program to be administered by the department under which the department would license inspection and decontamination stations with qualified inspectors to inspect and decontaminate conveyances for aquatic invasive species and issue certificates of compliance or notices of noncompliance, as prescribed by standards adopted by the department.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 1777 (Garcia Ro (D))	Air Pollution: Indirect Sources		Authorizes the State Air Resources Board, if necessary to carry out their duty to achieve ambient air quality standards, to adopt regulations to reduce or mitigate emissions from indirect sources of pollution.	05/18/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.
CA AB 1786 (Harabedian (D))	Public Contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting		Provides that existing law establishes a program to allow counties to select a bidder on the basis of best value for construction projects in excess of a specified amount. Authorizes a county, city, or the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to select a bidder on the basis of best value for construction projects in excess of a specified amount. Expands the crime of perjury by extending the operation of the program and expanding the program to cities and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.	06/18/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1821 (Pacheco (D))	California Public Records Act		Requires an agency to designate a physical office location and a specified email address for the submission of requests, and authorize an agency to designate other reasonable methods for the submission of requests, including submission to a physical mailing address, subject to certain requirements, including that the agency accept upon receipt any request that is submitted at the designated physical office location or through the designated email address during the agency's normal business hours.	06/10/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1823 (Jackson (D))	State Government: State Government Strategic Planning		Requires every State agency or department subject to the Governors authority to take specified actions in regard to any strategic plan to more effectively advance racial equity and to undertake a racial equity analysis before implementing any budget or before any regulation takes effect by the agencies or departments diversity, equity, and inclusion officer or comparable position.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1834 (Patel (D))	Subdivisions: Tentative and Final Map: Exceptions		Provides that the Subdivision Map Act requires a tentative and final map for specified subdivisions, including subdivisions of 5 or more parcels or condominiums, with certain exceptions. Expands an exception to include land that comprises part of a tract of land zoned for mixed use development, inclusive of mixed use developments containing residential uses, and that satisfies certain requirements.	06/22/2026: Enrolled.
CA AB 1838 (Berman (D))	Public Contracts: Local Agencies: Bidders		Requires a local agency to establish a process for a contractor to appeal their bid disqualification, as specified. Provides that by requiring local agencies to establish a bid disqualification appeal process, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Exempts public works contracts covered by a project labor agreement, and projects where local agencies require contractors to prequalify as a condition of bidding. Makes technical changes.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 1840 (Sanchez (R))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Prediction Market		Prohibits specified officials, employees, and lobbyists from engaging in transactions involving prediction market contracts, as defined, if before or at the time of the transaction, the specified individual possesses, or it is reasonably foreseeable the specified individual may obtain in the course of their official duties, material nonpublic information relating to the transaction.	02/23/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 1849 (Papan (D))	Decarbonized Gaseous Fuels		Requires the State Air Resources Board to conduct an assessment of the amount of decarbonized gaseous fuels that will be needed to decarbonize hard to electrify end uses and maintain reliability in the electricity sector and to post the assessment on its internet website. Requires the assessment to include an assessment of the need for decarbonized gaseous fuels for each hard to electrify end use.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1853 (Pellerin (D))	Voter Information Guide: Candidate Statements		Limits a candidate statement to a recitation of the candidate's own education, professional experience, public service, community involvement, and qualifications. Requires the Secretary of State and county elections officials to omit from the voter information guide any portion of a candidate statement that does not comply with the bill, and it would require them to print the remainder of the statement if it can stand independently and does not mislead voters.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1859 (Ortega (D))	Public Works		Authorizes an awarding body, owner, contractor, or subcontractor to deny or revoke access to the committee's representative if the representative fails or refuses to comply with job site safety requirements. Authorizes the court to award a civil penalty, not to exceed a specified amount. Requires the court to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT and JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1862 (Boerner (D))	Health Care Districts: Transfers of Assets		Prohibits a health care district from entering into a transfer agreement that allows a private party to the agreement to prohibit, restrict, or otherwise place conditions upon the health care districts expenditure of taxpayer funds.	04/08/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 1866 (Rogers (D))	California Disaster Assistance Act: Minimum Damages		Provides that the California Disaster Assistance Act requires the Director of Emergency Services to provide financial assistance to local agencies for costs incurred as a result of a state of emergency. Provides that the act limits the State share for any eligible project to no more than a specified percent of total State eligible costs unless the local agency is located in a city or county that has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan. Specifies costs that may be included in the local agency cost share.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1873 (Bennett (D))	County of Ventura: Fire Suppression: Backup Energy		Requires a water supplier that uses a backup energy source that is not permanent and stationary to notify the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services as soon as practically possible, but no later than a specified number of hours after a loss of power, if that backup energy source does not provide power within a specified number of minutes of a loss of power.	06/16/2026: From SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1881 (Ramos (D))	California Indian Freedom Act of 2026	Seek Amendments	Establishes various protections for State Native American tribes, including prohibiting a public agency or private party using or occupying public property or operating on public property from interfering with the free expression or exercise of Native American religion as provided in the United States Constitution and the State Constitution. Provides that the application of the act is strictly limited to a governmental agency's management actions that involve only state lands.	06/22/2026: To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 1883 (Bryan (D))	Workplace Surveillance Tools		Prohibits an employer from using a workplace surveillance tool on workers for various purposes, including preventing compliance with laws or regulations, inferring information about workers engaging in a protected activity, making inferences about an individual's emotional state or based on their gait, or collecting neural data; prohibits an employer from using facial recognition technology, unless it is used strictly to open a locked device or grant access to locked or secure areas.	06/22/2026: To SENATE Committees on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION and LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT & RETIREMENT.
CA AB 1894 (Rubio (D))	Fish and Wildlife: Invasive Mussels: Imported Water		Prohibits a public agency from prohibiting imported water deliveries for groundwater replenishment due to invasive mussels if the importation complies with a specified invasive mussel control plan and unless there is substantial, documented evidence of a proven health and safety risk as a result of the invasive mussels.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To second reading without further hearing pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.
CA AB 1895 (Hadwick (R))	Surplus Land Act: Exemptions: Land Unsuitable		Broadens the definition of exempt surplus land to include land that is unsuitable for housing development due to the presence of one or more specified characteristics, including land with slope instability that increases risk of mudslides, landslides, subsidence, liquefaction, and other seismic hazards.	03/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1898 (Schultz (D))	Workplace Artificial Intelligence Tools		Requires an employer to provide a written notice to a worker that a workplace artificial intelligence tool was used to assist the employer in making employment related decisions or to surveil workers in the workplace. Requires the notice to be given to a worker within a specified time and requires the notice to contain specified information, including the specific employment related decisions likely to be affected by the use of the workplace AI tool. Provides for civil actions for damages.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1934 (Bennett (D))	State Fire Marshal: Home Hardening Certification		Requires the State Fire Marshals Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee to develop an implementation plan for a home hardening certification program that identifies home hardening measures, including defensible space, that can be voluntarily implemented during renovation or property improvement projects, or both, to substantially reduce the risk of loss during a fire. Requires the committee to provide a report to specified legislative committees.	06/16/2026: From SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Do pass to SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 1947 (Ta (R))	Surplus Land		Provides that existing law requires each state agency, each year, to make a review of all proprietary state lands, except, among other categories of land, land held for highway purposes, over which it has jurisdiction to determine what land is in excess of its foreseeable needs and report thereon to the Department of General Services, including, among other things, land that is not currently being utilized, or is currently being underutilized, by the state agency for any ongoing state program.	06/08/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
CA AB 1960 (Bennett (D))	Wildfire Prevention Grants Program: Identified Cohesive		Authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to disburse funds appropriated for the Wildfire Prevention Grants Program to identified cohesive fire communities that partner with fire safe councils to use for activities related to hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education, among other activities. Requires the department to prioritize disadvantaged identified cohesive fire communities in its evaluation of applicants for the program.	06/03/2026: To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1964 (Bennett (D))	State Fire Marshal: County Recorder: Home Hardening		Requires a county recorder to maintain construction records related to home hardening and to share, upon request, construction records related to home hardening in a state or local responsibility area with the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Imposes additional duties on county recorders, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal, on or before a specified date, to develop home hardening standards, as provided.	06/03/2026: To SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 1971 (Bennett (D))	Property Tax: Exclusion from Reassessment: Home		Requires the State Board of Equalization to clarify that a home hardening retrofitting improvement to an existing structure is considered nonassessable repair and maintenance, provided that the improvement does not add square footage, change the property's use, include structural reconfigurations, or include substantial rehabilitation.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1972 (Patterson J (R))	Water Right Permits and Licenses: Annual Fee: Exemption		Provides that existing law requires each person or entity who holds a permit or license to appropriate water, leases water pursuant to specified provisions of law, or files a specified application, registration, or petition to pay a fee according to a fee schedule established by the State Water Resources Control Board. Requires the board to exempt a person who holds a water right permit or license from paying the annual fee pursuant to a specified regulation for a pond with a specified amount of water.	04/20/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.
CA AB 1987 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Department Managed Lands: Wildlife Areas: Hunting		Authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to enter into contracts or other agreements for the management and operation of the department managed lands for the purposes of administering hunting or other public use programs. Creates the Waterfowl Management Areas Operations and Maintenance Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. Requires the department to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, expend certain revenues. Require the department to prepare and submit a report.	06/22/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 1993 (DeMaio (R))	Voting by Mail: Identification Envelopes		Requires any perforation, hole, window, or other opening in an identification envelope to be located not less than one-half inch from any fillable field on the ballot, as measured when the ballot is fully inserted into the envelope according to instructions provided to the voter. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations implementing the section.	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Failed passage.
CA AB 1997 (Lee (D))	Land Use: Housing Development Approvals: Timelines		Requires approval or disapproval of a housing development project within specified days from the date of certification by the lead agency of the EIR, if the EIR is prepared pursuant to specified provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) if certain other conditions are met. Imposes additional duties on local agencies. Imposes a state-mandated local program.	06/18/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.
CA AB 2013 (Bennett (D))	High and Very High Fire Risk Areas: Community Water	Oppose Unless Amended	Requires a community water system that services more than a specified number of customers that are located in a high or very high fire risk area to include an annex to its disaster preparedness plans that includes information regarding system preparedness and resiliency during a wildfire. Requires the community water system to review the annex at least once every specified number of years and to update the annex as necessary.	04/13/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Do pass to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
CA AB 2016 (Gonzalez Je (R))	State Water Resources Control Board: Drinking Water		Appropriates a specified amount from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of removing hexavalent chromium from drinking water. Requires the board to make specified grants to specified entities to undertake construction or planning and design of facilities to remove hexavalent chromium from drinking water.	04/20/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
CA AB 2026 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Water Diversion: Groundwater Recharge: Permit		Revises and recasts the conditions required for the appropriative water right exemption for a diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge. Applies certain requirements to a diversion commenced before the specified date and exempts those diversions from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and requirements relating to lake or streambed alteration agreements, subject to conducting tribal consultations. Expands the definition of floodflow.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2027 (Ward (D))	Worker Data: Prohibitions: Artificial Intelligence		Prohibits an employer from using a workers personal information to train an artificial intelligence system to replicate, automate, or replace a workers job, and prohibits an employer from selling, disclosing, or otherwise providing access to a workers personal information to a third party for the purpose of training an AI system to replicate, automate, or replace a job. Authorizes a worker who suffered a violation to bring a civil action for damages, injunctive relief, punitive damages, and attorneys fees.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2032 (Ransom (D))	Fish and Wildlife: Golden Mussels		Requires, in response to an invasive species threat, including, but not limited to, the threat of golden mussels, the department, state board, and regional boards to work with state and local agencies in order to quickly and efficiently respond to the threat. Requires the department and state board to identify any tools available to assist a state or local agency in rapidly responding to the invasive species threat and to help identify any existing processes. Makes technical changes.	06/11/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2044 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Building Standards: Approval or Adoption: Cost		Prohibits the California Building Standards Commission from approving or adopting the proposed or adopted building standard, if the commission finds that the initial statement of reasons is submitted without a completed statement of estimated cost of compliance, as specified.	06/16/2026: To SENATE Committee on HOUSING.
CA AB 2045 (Connolly (D))	Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act		Relates to the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act. Extends the operation of the act until the specified date. Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to submit a report on the implementation of the act to the Legislature no later than the specified date.	06/03/2026: To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2051 (Wicks (D))	Public Resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting		Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to convene a Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group for the purpose of developing a Coastal Resilience Permitting Roadmap for coastal resilience projects proposed in specified areas. Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with, among others, the State Coastal Commission and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to convene a Coastal Resilience Permit Advisory Group.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2063 (Wallis (R))	Legislative Information System: Bill Position Letters		Adds all letters submitted through the Legislature's internet portal in connection with each bill, commencing with bills introduced during the 2027-28 Regular Session, to the information the Legislative Counsel is required to make publicly available in electronic form.	02/18/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2075 (Bennett (D))	Forestry: Safety Requirements: Fire Equipment		Requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt emergency regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act that, as applied to timber operations on timberland conducted by a timber operator, define the terms operating area and point accessible in the event of a fire and the necessary number and types of tools needed in the fire toolbox.	06/03/2026: To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2094 (Harabedian (D))	Social Housing Strategy and Implementation Program		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a dedicated social housing coordinator to lead social housing strategy and implementation. Requires, in leading social housing strategy and implementation, the dedicated social housing coordinator to, among other things, inventory and prioritize surplus public land suitable for social housing development.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2098 (Kalra (D))	Workers Compensation: Medical Treatment		Relates to workers compensation. Provides that existing law makes it a misdemeanor for an employer to discharge, threaten to discharge, or discriminate against, or for an insurer to advise, direct, or threaten an insured to discharge, an employee because they have filed or made known their intention to file a claim for compensation. Requires the employee, if the timing of a medical treatment is foreseeable, to provide an employer notice if treatment occurs during work hours.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2100 (Connolly (D))	Organic Waste: Manure Management: Interagency		Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to convene an interagency task force to evaluate the role of alternative manure management practices in achieving certain goals and to make specified findings and recommendations based on its evaluation. Requires the task force to, among other things, assess how alternative manure management practices can help the State meet groundwater sustainability plans, water quality plans, and nature based climate solutions.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2102 (DeMaio (R))	Wildfire: Vegetation Management: Fuel Reduction		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or a local entity to conduct an assessment of all undeveloped public lands for which it is primarily responsible for preventing and suppressing fires to ensure that the public land is not a severe fire hazard. Requires this assessment to be posted on the department's and local entity's internet website and would require a local entity conducting the assessment to submit its assessment to the department.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 2105 (Macedo (R))	Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots		Requires the Secretary of State to identify geographic areas where a vote by mail ballot deposited with the United States Postal Service on election day may not receive a postmark until the following day because of mail collection and processing practices in that region. Requires that the Secretary publish the list of identified geographic areas on its internet website and provide it to local elections officials.	03/02/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA AB 2106 (Patel (D))	Malpractice Actions: Architects, Engineers, or Surveyor		Expands the malpractice complaints covered by the provision to include those against landscape architects and geologists or geophysicists. Limits the practitioners that may be consulted to those who are licensed in this state.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA AB 2110 (Johnson N (R))	Workforce Housing Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Act		Establishes the Workforce Housing Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Act, which would authorize a city or county to establish a workforce housing enhanced infrastructure financing district if certain requirements are met, including the adoption of an infrastructure financing plan. Authorizes the governing board to issue bonds, subject to approval by 2/3 of the voters voting on the proposition. Prescribes requirements for the issuance of the bond pursuant to its provisions.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2118 (Hoover (R))	Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022		Authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a mixed-income housing development along a commercial corridor that satisfies specified site criteria, affordability criteria, and objective development standards, and deems a housing development that meets those requirements a use by right and subject to streamlined, ministerial review. Prohibits the objective standards from prohibiting or otherwise limiting mixed-use development in a housing development project. Makes nonsubstantive changes.	06/16/2026: From SENATE Committee on HOUSING: Do pass to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2125 (Bennett (D))	Groundwater Basin Adjudication: Notice		Provides that existing law permits a court to authorize procedures it finds appropriate and necessary to provide notice to persons who may hold groundwater rights in basin. Clarifies that the court may authorize additional procedures necessary to provide notice to persons who may hold groundwater rights in basin, including, but not limited to, requiring the plaintiff to utilize restricted delivery of all mailed notices.	06/09/2026: From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2132 (Macedo (R))	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act a groundwater recharge project if the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency determines the project would address subsidence.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.
CA AB 2139 (Garcia Ro (D))	Surplus Lands: Exempt Surplus Land: City of Ontario		Expands the definition of exempt surplus land to include certain land owned by the City of Ontario that satisfies specified requirements. Requires that these requirements be contained in a covenant or restriction recorded against the surplus land at the time of disposition. Requires that the city meet specified requirements to declare exempt surplus land pursuant to these provisions, including depositing funds from the deposition into a local housing specific set aside account.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2143 (Irwin (D))	Invasive Species: Noxious Weeds: Online Marketplaces		Provides that existing law prohibits a person from selling, distributing, or transporting into, or within, a weed free area any seed of a noxious weed that the secretary has declared the area to be practically free from. Prohibits an online marketplace from accepting payment for a noxious weed for delivery to an address located in the State. Authorizes the secretary to, in lieu of prosecution, levy an administrative penalty against an online marketplace that violates the prohibition.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 2166 (Carrillo J (D))	Multifamily Housing Development: Offsite Housing		Creates to the Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank and requires it to administer the act, which, among other things, provides for the financing of certain economic development projects.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS & ECON. DEVELOPMENT: Do pass to Committee on HOUSING.
CA AB 2170 (Boerner (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Overburdened		Relates to determinations by a lead agency, would require an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration, as determined by the lead agency, for any project, except as provided, that includes the development, intensification, or substantial expansion of an industrial use if the project is located in or within 1/2 mile of an overburdened community.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2180 (Ward (D))	Local Government: Proposition 218 Omnibus	Support	Relates to assessments and property related fees. Relates to the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act. Provides that the proportional cost of service in each tier of water service may be substantiated by using any reasonable basis for allocating costs attributed to the tier. Provides a local government discretion to determine the costs allocated to each tier as long as the rate for each tier does not exceed the proportional cost of service reasonably allocated to parcels subject to that tier.	06/11/2026: In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2184 (Wilson (D))	Cap and Invest Program: Nature Based Climate Solutions		Appropriates funds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to achieve nature based climate solutions on natural, working, and urban lands, including a specified amount to be allocated to the Natural Resources Agency to fund nature based climate solutions, and a specified amount to be allocated for nature based climate solutions at the discretion of the Legislature. Appropriates funds to the Department of Food and Agriculture to fund sustainable agricultural practices and nature based climate solutions.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2185 (Quirk-Silva (D))	Housing: Multifamily Affordable Housing Programs		Requires the State Housing and Homelessness Agency, the State Housing Finance Agency, the State Debt Limit Allocation Committee, and the State Tax Credit Allocation Committee, no later than the specified date, when administering a multifamily affordable housing program, to, among other things, review, analyze, and make any changes necessary to their guidelines and regulations to facilitate the production and use of factory built housing.	06/03/2026: To SENATE Committee on HOUSING.
CA AB 2190 (Wallis (R))	Internet Website Accessibility		Provides that existing law imposes liability upon a person who denies, aids, or incites a denial of, or makes any discrimination or distinction contrary to, rights afforded by law for actual damages suffered, exemplary damages, a civil penalty, and attorney's fees, as specified, to any person who was denied the specified rights. Prohibits a resource service provider from, in exchange for money or any other form.	05/21/2026: In ASSEMBLY. From third reading. To Inactive File.
CA AB 2215 (Calderon (D))	Water Rights: Permits: State Water Project	Support	Provides that existing law requires that construction work for a project that will put appropriated water to beneficial use be commenced, prosecuted with due diligence, and completed within the time period specified in the water right permit. Specifies the time periods for the application of water to beneficial use and for the completion of construction work for specific water right permits held by the Department of Water Resources for the operation of the State Water Project.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2216 (Aguiar-Curry (D))	Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Conservancy		Expands the area covered by the conservancy to include the Valley and Lake. Renames the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Fund the Delta Conservancy Fund and create the Valley and Lake Conservancy Fund in the State Treasury, moneys in which would be available upon appropriation by the Legislature for purposes of the conservancy in the Valley and Lake.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2218 (Kalra (D))	Water Policy: State Native American Tribes	Seek Amendments	Declares that it is the established policy of the State to recognize and address inequities inflicted upon all State Native American tribes through financial assistance, protection of tribal water uses, consultation on water projects, plans, and policies, and incorporation of Indigenous knowledge to restore and protect ecosystems. Requires specified agencies, including the Water Resources Control Board, regional water quality control boards, and the Natural Resources Agency, to incorporate this policy.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA AB 2252 (Lee (D))	Building Standards: Residential Buildings		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to research, develop, and propose building standards for single exit, single stairway multiunit residential buildings of up to a specified number of stories in height for inclusion in the next triennial edition of the State Building Standards Code. Requires, in developing these standards, the department to consult with the State Fire Marshal.	04/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Heard, remains in Committee.
CA AB 2254 (Addis (D))	Coastal Resources: Local Coastal Program: Monarch		Requires, on or before January 1, 2028, the department, in coordination with the commission, to identify monarch butterfly overwintering habitat sites in the coastal zone and current local government monarch butterfly overwintering habitat management plans or policies.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2255 (Pellerin (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Candidate Controlled		Requires a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate to report additional information on its campaign statement if the candidate will not appear on the ballot at the next election and the committee makes expenditures to a single person exceeding a specified amount in the aggregate during the reporting period.	06/18/2026: To SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2260 (Connolly (D))	Water: Restoration Management: Small Restoration Use		Relates to the Water Rights Permitting Reform Act. Provides that existing law requires the renewal of registration of a small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use pursuant to a specified process prior to the expiration of each specified period following completed registration. Applies such provisions to a small restoration use.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2265 (Garcia Ro (D))	Emergency Services: Law Enforcement and Intelligence		States that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the State Threat Assessment Center to develop an intelligence sharing plan that respects individual's privacy and civil rights.	02/19/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2296 (Papan (D))	Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Regional Housing		Provides that the Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a general plan which includes a housing element. Requires, if the Department of Housing and Community Development finds that a draft element or amendment does not substantially comply with housing element law, the department to provide a written communication to the planning agency containing certain information, including the specific analysis or text that the department expects the planning agency to include in the draft.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on HOUSING.
CA AB 2322 (Papan (D))	Water Discharge: Commercial, Industrial, or Institution		Provides that under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 regional water quality control boards issue permits for the discharge of stormwater from municipal separate storm sewer systems. Defines, for purposes of issuing permits for the discharge of stormwater from MS4s, commercial, industrial, or institutional site or CII site as a privately owned parcel or contiguous parcels of land that are commercial, industrial, or institutional based on county tax assessor land use codes.	06/22/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2334 (Bennett (D))	Solid Waste: Methane Reduction: Working Group		Provides that existing law establishes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, which is administered under the control the Director of Resources Recycling and Recovery. Requires the Director of Resources Recycling and Recovery to establish a working group to study the need for and value of alternative methods of methane reduction. Requires the working group to submit its findings and recommendations to the director on or before the specified date.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2341 (Fong M (D))	Local Government: Emergency Response Services		Determines whether a language meets the criteria for translation, would require a local agency to calculate the total population of those within its jurisdiction that speaks English less than very well, and, for each language included in the American Community Survey data, or data from an equally reliable source, determine whether speakers of any language who speak English less than very well comprise at least 5% of the total population of that jurisdiction that speaks English less than very well.	06/16/2026: From SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Do pass to SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2349 (Solache (D))	State Air Resources Board: Regional Air Quality		Requires the State Air Resources Board to expand its incident air monitoring program, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature for those purposes, to provide support for a regional network of air quality incident response centers, including at least one air quality incident response and evaluation center located at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, in order to facilitate emergency air monitoring response at the local and regional level.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA AB 2366 (Avila Farias (D))	Administrative Procedure Act: Proposed Regulations		Includes requirement under the Administrative Procedure Act requirements for assessing the potential for adverse economic impact the consideration of the proposal's cost-of-living impacts on residents of the state, as defined.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2373 (Dixon (R))	The State Coastal Act: Local Coastal Program		Authorizes local governments lying, in whole or in part, within the coastal zone to include a neighborhood-scale adaptation approach, as defined, when including land use policies and implementation measures in their local coastal program or sea level rise plan.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2381 (Johnson N (R))	Local Agency Public Construction Act: Water Districts		Relates to existing law under which a municipal water district and a sanitation district, when letting a contract for a specified amount or more, is required to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Increases that threshold dollar amount.	03/09/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2383 (Zbur (D))	Electricity: Large Energy Use Facilities		Requires the commission, on or before January 1, 2028, in a new or existing proceeding, to provide for a classification of retail electricity consumers that are large energy use facilities that is separate and distinct from classifications of service for other commercial or industrial retail electricity consumers and has its own tariff.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
CA AB 2385 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Local Reconstruction Agencies		Requires a city or county that prepares a disaster recovery plan to amend its general plan to ensure consistency between both plans. Authorizes a city, county, or city and county that takes certain actions pursuant to the bill to adopt an ordinance establishing a local reconstruction agency to coordinate disaster recovery efforts in the areas impacted by a disaster. Requires the ordinance to state that incremental property tax revenue from the city or county and all affected taxing entities, as defined.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 2410 (Ellis (R))	Wildfire Safety: Fuels Reduction Projects		Requires each local government lying in whole or in part within the coastal zone to prepare a local coastal program for that portion of the coastal zone within its jurisdiction and prescribes procedures for the preparation, approval, and certification of local coastal programs. Prohibits, after certification of a local coastal program and all implementing actions within the affected area, the commission from exercising its coastal development permit review authority over any new development within the area.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2412 (Ta (R))	State Agencies or Departments: Public Communications		Requires that disclaimer when a state agency or department uses GenAI to directly communicate with the public and would define directly communicate to mean to use GenAI, instead of a natural person, to communicate directly with a specific member of the public or to communicate a general public announcement.	06/16/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES & CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2413 (Ransom (D))	Large Format Public Advertisements: Public Expense		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing and activities. Defines large format public advertisement as a billboard, wrap on a bus or other public transportation vehicle, advertisement affixed to a bus stop, and other public advertisements that are a specified size or larger. Prohibits a large format public advertisement from being published or displayed at public expense under certain conditions.	06/22/2026: To SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
CA AB 2418 (Gonzalez Ma (D))	Local Building Permits: Nonresidential Private Permits		Requires the applicant to enter into an agreement to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the local agency and its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding brought against the local agency or its agents, officers, or employees relating to any property damage or personal injury arising from construction in accordance with the plans checked by a private professional provider under the bill's provisions.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and JUDICIARY.
CA AB 2421 (Valencia (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Committee Termination		Provides that if the Secretary of State determines that certain conditions are present, the Secretary of State must provide notice to committees that receive contributions totaling a specified amount or more per year that the committee may be terminated a certain number of days after the notice is sent. Specifies those conditions, including if the committee failed to submit a campaign report for a certain period and had a specified ending cash balance or less on its last campaign statement.	06/22/2026: From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To 2nd Reading without hearing pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and to Consent.
CA AB 2423 (Patterson J (R))	Agriculture: Cotton Pests Abatement Districts		Provides that existing law provides procedures for the formation of pest abatement districts for the purpose of pest control or abatement. Provides that the Cotton Pests Abatement District Act authorizes the organization and establishment of cotton pests abatement districts by the boards of supervisors of the Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura. Removes the authority to establish these districts in the Counties of Orange, San Diego, and Ventura.	05/06/2026: To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2432 (Ellis (R))	State Air Resources Board: Regulations: Analysis		Provides that existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution. Requires the State Air Resources Board, when it revises, adopts, or establishes any policy, standard, rule, or regulation that would have a direct financial impact on drivers in the State, to consider the financial burden on drivers, and to prepare a thorough analysis and evaluation of the financial impact of the proposed action on drivers to ensure full transparency.	03/23/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2433 (Alvarez (D))	Housing Development: Density Bonus		Provides that existing law defines density bonus for the purposes of the Density Bonus Law to mean a density increase over the otherwise base density. Provides that existing law requires the density bonus to be permitted in geographic areas of a housing development other than the areas where units for lower income households are located. Requires a density bonus, incentive, or concession, or waiver or reduction, on sites that are the subject of the same housing development.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on LqCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA AB 2447 (Bauer-Kahan (D))	Water: Nitrogen Pollution Reduction Act		Provides that under the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the State Water Resources Control Board and the State regional water quality control boards are the principal State agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to require the regional boards to update the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program in order to reduce nitrogen waste discharges from commercial irrigated agricultural areas.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2469 (Papan (D))	Data Centers: Water Use Disclosures		Provides that Planning and Zoning Law authorize the legislative body of any county or city to adopt ordinances that, among other things, regulate the use of buildings, structures, and land as between industry, businesses, residences, and open space. Prohibits a city, county, or city and county from approving a discretionary or ministerial permit or other entitlement that would result in the construction, or an expansion that increases the maximum peak water use, of a data center.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2473 (Assembly Emergency Management Committee)	Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration		Requires the Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center to create a written report that contains specified information analyzing forecasted extreme, life threatening fire weather conditions and disseminate it to the California State Warning Center. Requires the California State Warning Center to proactively disseminate the report and related information to operational area duty officers and public safety answering points within the geography of an impacted area.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 2475 (Assembly Emergency Management Committee)	Standardized Emergency Management System		Requires the Office of Emergency Services to complete a specified number of after action reports, the first within the first specified number of days of a declaration of a state of emergency and the second no later than a specified number of days after a declared state of emergency ends. Requires a city, county, or city and county to complete an after action report within a certain period and to make the report available to the Office of Emergency Services.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA AB 2480 (Avila Farias (D))	Housing Development: Density Bonus: Student Housing		Revises, for the purposes of a student housing development being eligible for a density bonus, the rent requirements for the applicable units of the development for lower income students. Requires a city or county to provide an additional density bonus for a student housing development that meets the requirements for being eligible for the density bonus and meets other specified criteria, including that the applicant agrees to include additional rental units affordable to moderate income students.	06/18/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 2494 (Rogers (D))	State Forests: Forest Management		Redefines management for purposes of state forests as the handling of forest vegetation and soils within state forests for biodiversity conservation and wildfire resilience while supporting durable onsite carbon storage and sequestration, climate mitigation and resiliency goals, equitable forest access, wildlife and fish habitat, recreation opportunities, and compatible research efforts.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2498 (Chen (R))	Exempt Surplus Land: Surplus Land		Relates to the disposal of surplus land by a local agency. Provides that under existing law, exempt surplus land includes surplus land that is subject to a valid legal restriction. Provides that existing law specifies that valid legal restrictions for these purposes include existing leases, or other contractual obligations or restrictions, if the terms were agreed to prior to the specified date. Specifies that the requirements of an option agreement are among the contractual obligations or restrictions.	03/19/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA AB 2501 (Lackey (R))	Local Government		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the withdrawal provision in law authorizing the legislative bodies of local agencies to enter into associations.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2513 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Wildfire: Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program		Provides that existing law establishes a Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program to support regional leadership to build local and regional capacity and develop, prioritize and implement strategies and projects that create fire adapted communities and landscapes. Provides that existing law authorizes the Department of Conservation to authorize advance grant payments. Authorizes the Director of the department to directly award regional landscape grants to regional entities to implement priority strategies.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2517 (Calderon (D))	Fire Safety: Fire Hazard Severity Zones		Requires the State Fire Marshal to, before finalizing the designation of local responsibility areas as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones, post specified information on its public internet website, provide at least one workshop on the draft maps for stakeholder participation, host a public comment period, respond to all written comments by local agencies regarding land use and zoning matters, and coordinate with other State agencies to help educate their constituencies.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2543 (Ransom (D))	Emergency Preparedness: Direct Current Fast Charging		Requires, on or before July 1, 2027, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, to identify and evaluate emergency types during which operators of fast charging station sites should be required to maintain operations, determine direct current fast charging station sites that are important to maintain during each emergency type based on specified factors.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committees on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT and ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
CA AB 2568 (Johnson N (R))	Water District Directors: Compensation		Authorizes a water district that has at least 90,000 residents within its jurisdiction to adopt an ordinance that compensates members of the governing board for up to a total of 15 days in any calendar month, but would require the members of the governing board of a water district that compensates its members for more than 10 days in a calendar month to annually adopt a written policy describing, based on a finding supported by substantial evidence.	06/18/2026: In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
CA AB 2569 (Hart (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Natural Hazards		Expand the definitions of "environment" and "significant effect on the environment" under CEQA to include impacts on people. The bill would additionally require the lead agency to include in the EIR a detailed statement on any significant effects that may result from locating the proposed project near, or attracting people to, existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2573 (Sharp-Collins (D))	Voter Registration Information: Elected Officials		Provides that under existing law, the residence address, telephone number, and email address of a registered voter is confidential, except that under certain circumstances a county elections official must disclose that information to any candidate for federal, state, or local office, to any committee for or against any initiative or referendum measure, and to any person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes.	06/11/2026: To SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2576 (Harabedian (D))	Transit Oriented Development: Exclusions Historic Sites		Provides that existing law specifies that a local government that denies a housing development project meeting certain requirements located in a high resource area is liable for certain penalties. Excludes from such provisions a contributing site within a historic district included on the State Historic Resources Inventory designated before the specified date and a parcel individually listed as a historical resource included on the State Historic Resources Inventory before the specified date.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred Committee on HOUSING.
CA AB 2577 (Connolly (D))	Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986		Requires the court to find that the award of attorney's fees is appropriate under state law and that the settlement is in the public interest and provides a public benefit. Requires, under a specified circumstance, the court to find that the settlement would require the defendant to reduce the exposure to the listed chemical from the level that existed before the settlement or provide a warning that complies with the act if that warning was not provided previously.	06/16/2026: From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 2586 (Rodriguez Ce (D))	Fire Prevention: Air Quality and Smoke Monitoring		Makes a nonsubstantive change to the provision requiring the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the State Air Resources Board to develop and fund a program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and to provide a public awareness campaign regarding prescribed burns.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2590 (Gonzalez Je (R))	Resource Conservation: Sentinel Landscapes		Authorizes the Department of Conservation and the Strategic Growth Council, in evaluating applications for grants pursuant to the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program, the State Coastal Conservancy, and Sierra Nevada Conservancy, in evaluating applications for grants, to give priority consideration to projects within a federally designated sentinel landscape. Appropriates funds.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2592 (Pacheco (D))	Lobbyist Training		Requires the Fair Political Practices Commission to develop, maintain, and offer an orientation course for registered lobbyists on the relevant ethical issues and laws relating to lobbying, and on each house of the legislatures policies against harassment, including sexual harassment, in connection with lobbying activities. Requires the course be developed with the legislative ethics committees and gives the committees final approval over the content of the course that relates to harassment policies.	06/16/2026: From SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA AB 2603 (Lowenthal (D))	Hiring of Real Property: Dwellings: Untenantability		Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions requiring that any building with a dwelling unit maintain certain characteristics in order to be tenantable, to include describing floors, stairways, and railings.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2604 (Berman (D))	Elections: Ballot Curing		Requires the Secretary of State to either implement and make available to county registrars a system that allows voters to access text-message-based signature curing. Requires the Secretary of State to make available on its internet website specified data regarding voters' use of the system.	06/22/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
CA AB 2619 (Papan (D))	Water Resources: Data Centers		Requires a person who owns or operates a data center, prior to applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, to provide its water supplier, under penalty of perjury, an estimate of the expected water use, the anticipated source of water, and the data centers projected water use volume for the maximum day, maximum month, and average year. Requires a person who owns or operates a data center to report the data centers annual water use.	06/15/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2623 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Public Utilities: Rate Changes: Notifications		Provides that existing law prohibits a public utility from making a change in a rate or classification unless the public utility provides 30 days notice to the Public Utilities Commission and the public. Extends the notice requirement to a specified number of days.	03/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2630 (Bennett (D))	Water Diversion and Use: Adoption of Regulations		Provides that existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations requiring measurement and reporting of water diversion and use by persons, including those authorized to appropriate water under a registration for small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use. Requires, until the specified date, that further regulations adopted pursuant to these provisions be adopted as emergency regulations and exempts them from the California Environmental Quality Act.	03/26/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 2653 (Lee (D))	State Contracts: Report: Modern Foundation Models		Requires the Department of Industrial Relations, in consultation with the Department of Technology, to convene a Foundation Model Labor and Procurement Working Group consisting of 9 members, assess labor practices underlying the development of modern foundation models and associated artificial intelligence systems and develop recommendations regarding whether and how the state should incorporate labor standards into procurement decisions for foundation models and associated artificial intelligence systems.	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2655 (Valencia (D))	Campaign Funds: Security Expenses: Security Personnel		Limits the use of campaign funds to pay for security personnel to only those instances where the security personnel hold the appropriate license issued by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.	06/17/2026: In SENATE. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.
CA AB 2656 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Public Employees: Notice: Artificial Intelligence		Relates to the deployment of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tools by the State. Requires certain State and local public employers to provide written notice to a recognized employee organization at least a specified number of days before taking an action to develop, purchase, implement, or utilize GenAI to perform a service that is within the scope of work of the job classification represented by the recognized employee organization.	06/22/2026: In SENATE Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Not heard.
CA AB 2691 (Addis (D))	Elections: Elective Office: Felony Conviction		Prohibits the consideration of a person as a candidate for, and provides that the person is not eligible to be elected to, any State or local elective office if they have been convicted of a felony involving sexual assault or human trafficking.	05/06/2026: To SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2728 (Soria (D))	Groundwater: De Minimis Extractors: Fees: Exemption		Authorizes a local government, including, but not limited to, a groundwater sustainability agency, that imposes a fee, levy, charge, or exaction for groundwater monitoring or management, upon making specified findings, to exempt de minimis extractors, including the regulated users, from the payment of the fee, levy, charge, or exaction.	06/16/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2736 (Johnson N (R))	California Environmental Quality Act		Makes nonsubstantive changes to findings and declarations regarding the maintenance of a quality environment for the people of this state and to the statement of intent of the California Environmental Quality Act.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2739 (Soria (D))	Water: Affordability and System Stabilization	Sponsor / Support	Establishes the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Fund for holding the principal and income of the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust. Requires the trustee of the trust to, among other things, hold, manage, and invest the principal of the trust with the obligation of providing a growing perpetual source of annual funding to the Water Rate Assistance Fund and the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund. Appropriates funds.	06/11/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
CA AB 2752 (Avila Farias (D))	Bay Area Air Quality Management District		Provides that existing law establishes the South Coast Air Quality Management District as the local agency with the responsibility for comprehensive air pollution control within the South Coast Air Basin. Requires the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the South Coast Air Quality Management District, on or before the specified date, to analyze specified policies to determine, among other things, impacts on State and local tax revenue, refinery employment, and statewide gasoline supply.	04/20/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Failed passage.
CA AB 2755 (Elhawary (D))	Unlawful Detainer Defined		Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions relative to unlawful detainers definitions.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA AB 2777 (Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee)	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program	Support	Relates to the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program, where certain funds are continuously appropriated from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for loans and other financial assistance for purposes related to the federal Clean Water Act. Relates to the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Administration Fund. Authorizes the board to assess fees in place of an annual charge for financial assistance.	06/17/2026: From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA ACA 1 (Valencia (D))	Public Finance		Relates to public finance. Changes the 1.5% required transfer to an undetermined percentage of the estimated amount of General Fund revenues for that fiscal year. Changes the 10% limit on the balance in the Budget Stabilization Account to 20% of the amount of the General Fund proceeds of taxes for the fiscal year estimate, as specified. Specifies that funds transferred under these provisions to the Budget Stabilization Account do not constitute appropriations subject to a specified appropriations limit.	12/02/2024: INTRODUCED.
CA ACA 7 (Jackson (D))	Government Preferences		Limits the specified prohibition to the operation of public employment, higher education admissions and enrollment, and public contracting. Requires that it appear on the ballot at the specified date, statewide general election.	06/15/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.
CA ACA 16 (Ellis (R))	Budget Bill: Balanced Budget: Members of Legislature		Authorizes the Controller, no later than 30 days after the date of the budget bill's passage, to determine that the budget bill violates the balanced budget provision. If the Controller makes that determination, the Members of the Legislature and the Governor would forfeit their salary and reimbursement for travel or living expenses from the day immediately following the date on which the Controller makes the determination until the date on which a budget bill is enacted.	01/07/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA ACR 161 (Addis (D))	Special Districts Week	Support	Proclaims the specified week to be Special Districts Week.	05/12/2026: Resolution Chapter No. 2026-062

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 33 (Cortese (D))	Public Contracts: Claim Resolution		Provides that existing law prescribes various requirements regarding the formation, content, and enforcement of state and local public contracts. Provides that existing law establishes, until January 1, 2027, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2017, a claim resolution process applicable to any claim by a contractor in connection with a public works project against a public entity. Repeals January 1, 2027, repeal date, thereby extending the operation of these provisions indefinitely.	06/10/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 52 (Perez S (D))	Housing Rental Terms: Algorithmic Devices		Makes it unlawful for any person to sell, license, or provide to a certain number or more persons a rental pricing algorithm with the intent or reasonable expectation that it be used by a specified number or more persons to set rental terms for residential premises. Makes it unlawful for a person to set or adopt rental terms based on the recommendation of a rental pricing algorithm if the person knows or should know that the rental pricing algorithm processes nonpublic competitor data for certain purposes.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 58 (Padilla (D))	Air Quality: Standard: Hydrogen Sulfide		Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt standards of ambient air quality for each air basin in consideration of the public health, safety, and welfare, including, but not limited to, health, illness, irritation to the senses, aesthetic value, interference with visibility, and effects on the economy. Requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to develop health-based threshold levels for hydrogen sulfide.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 73 (Cervantes (D))	Elections		Prohibit a peace officer from interfering with the administration of an election. Authorizes certain persons to enforce those prohibitions by filing a civil action. Prohibits any individual from permitting an agent of a law enforcement agency to access, disrupt, modify, or take possession of rosters, combined rosters, or voter lists unless authorized by a court order or to investigate certain types of voting fraud.	05/27/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-010

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 74 (Seyarto (R))	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation		Requires the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to establish the Infrastructure Gap Fund Program to provide grants to local agencies for the development and construction of infrastructure projects facing unforeseen costs after starting construction. Authorizes the office to provide funding for up to a specified percent of a project's additional projected cost after the project has started construction, subject to specified conditions. Relates to the allocation of existing local tax revenue.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 234 (Niello (R))	Wildfires: Workgroup: Toxic Heavy Metals		Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control to form a workgroup related to exposure to toxic heavy metals after a wildfire. Requires the workgroup to establish best practices and recommendations for wildfire impacted communities. Requires the departments to report their findings to the Legislature not more than a specified number of years after the convening of the first meeting of the workgroup.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 238 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	Workplace Surveillance Tools		Requires a business to annually provide a notice to the department of all the workplace surveillance tools the employer is using in the workplace. Requires the notice to include, among other information, a list of the workplace surveillance tools being used that surveil employees and the categories of information being collected on employees by the workplace surveillance.	06/11/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA SB 239 (Arreguin (D))	Crimes: Criminal Threats		Authorizes the court to consider, as a factor in aggravation, that the defendant willfully threatened to commit a crime that would result in the death or great bodily injury of an elections official of a city, county, city and county, or public district, or a local agency official.	06/17/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
CA SB 247 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	State Agency Contracts: Bid Preference: Equity Metrics		Relates to bid preferences and participation goals in public contracting for certain types of bidders. Relates to the Small Business Procurement and Contract Act and the State Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program. Requires an awarding department, defined to include a State agency or department, to provide a bid preference of a prescribed percentage in the award of contracts to contractors that set equity metrics.	05/18/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH AND HOUSEHOLD IMPACT.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 256 (Perez S (D))	Electricity: Electrical Infrastructure: Wildfire		Requires certain electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities, in cooperation with the Office of Emergency Services and other emergency service agencies, to establish procedures for the coordination of efforts between electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities and their representatives and emergency response agencies. Requires these corporations and electric utilities to assign liaison representatives to work in each local operations center.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 288 (Seyarto (R))	Property Taxation: Change In Ownership: Family Homes		Provides that the one-year periods described above shall be deemed to end one year after the effective date of the order. Provides that certain court orders resolving the disposition of the property if the eligible transferee files specified documents with the assessor, including a copy of a court order indicating that a probate matter prohibited the eligible transferee from establishing the property as their principal place of residence within the one-year period.	06/08/2026: In SENATE Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION: To Suspend File.
CA SB 401 (Hurtado (D))	Political Reform Act: Filing Deadlines		Authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to extend any filing deadline established by the act, by no more than 60 days, for individuals that live in an area impacted by an emergency situation if the emergency situation is reasonably likely to affect the individual's ability to timely file.	06/17/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 420 (Padilla (D))	Property Tax: Welfare Exemption: Detention Facilities		Authorizes the Legislature to exempt from taxation, in whole or in part, property that is used exclusively for religious, hospital, or charitable purposes, and is owned or held in trust by a nonprofit entity. Specifies that pursuant to that authority, existing law provides for a welfare exemption under which property used exclusively for an exempt purpose and owned and operated by specified entities, including foundations, limited liability companies, or corporations meeting certain statutory requirements.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION: To Suspend File.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 431 (Arreguin (D))	Assault and Battery: Utility Workers		Makes an assault or battery committed against a utility worker who is engaged in the performance of their duties punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding a specified term, by a fine not exceeding a specified amount, or by both that fine and imprisonment.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 436 (Wahab (D))	Unlawful Detainer: Notice to Terminate Tenancy		Provides that existing law prescribes summary procedures for actions to obtain possession of real property. Provides that existing law authorizes a landlord to serve a notice of termination of tenancy on a tenant who is in default in the payment of rent. Extends the notice period to terminate a tenancy on a tenant who is in default in the payment of rent to permit the tenant at least a specified number of days, excluding weekends and judicial holidays, to pay the amount that is in default and due.	06/24/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Reconsideration granted.
CA SB 445 (Wiener (D))	High-Speed Rail: Third-Party Permits and Approvals		Requires the authority, on or before July 1, 2026, to develop and adopt internal rules, as defined, setting forth standards and timelines for the authority to engage utilities to ensure coordination and cooperation in relocating utility infrastructure or otherwise resolving utility conflicts affecting the delivery of the high-speed rail project.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 457 (Becker (D))	Housing Element Compliance: Committed Assistance		Requires, on or before January 1, 2028, the Department of Housing and Community Development to promulgate or approve formulas and associated user interfaces or other tools that allow for the determination of specified information, including, among other things, the realistic capacity of housing element inventory sites.	06/11/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 473 (Padilla (D))	Water Corporations: Demand Elasticity: Rates		Relates to rates for water service. Requires that any changes to rates or implementation of surcharges on the Public Utilities Commission to ensure errors in estimates of demand elasticity or sales do not result in material overcollections or undercollections of water corporations do not result in revenues above those approved by the commission.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 522 (Wahab (D))	Housing: Tenant Protections		Provides that the Tenant Protection Act of 2019 prohibits an owner of residential real property from terminating the tenancy of certain tenants without just cause. Excludes housing built to replace a previous housing unit that was subject to the Tenant Protection Act, was substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster, and was issued a certificate of occupancy before that housing unit was substantially damaged or destroyed, from the exemption from the just cause requirements.	09/10/2025: In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
CA SB 526 (Menjivar (D))	Health Facilities: Affiliate Clinic Licensing		Authorizes a clinic corporation on behalf of at least one primary care clinic to file an affiliate clinic application pursuant to the above-described provisions for any of its primary care clinic locations to establish a new primary care clinic at an additional site of a mobile health care unit. Authorizes a primary care clinic that meets the conditions for licensure as an affiliate clinic described above to file a change of location or file a change of ownership.	06/15/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
CA SB 555 (Caballero (D))	Workers' Compensation: Average Annual Earnings		Relates to the workers' compensation system. Provides that existing law requires, for computing average annual earnings for purposes of permanent partial disability indemnity, that average weekly earnings be taken at various amounts, including between the specified amounts for injuries occurring on or after the specified date. Requires that for computing average annual earnings for purposes of permanent partial disability indemnity, average weekly earnings be taken occurring on or after January 1, 2027.	06/01/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on INSURANCE.
CA SB 556 (Hurtado (D))	Habitat Enhancement and Restoration: Floodplains		Provides that under existing law, the Wildlife Conservation Board administers various habitat conservation and restoration programs. Requires, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the specified sum to be allocated to the Wildlife Conservation Board for floodplain acquisition, habitat restoration, and associated conservation projects on floodplains in the Counties of Kern, Kings, and Tulare.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 599 (Caballero (D))	Atmospheric Rivers: Research: Forecasting Methods	Support	Relates to the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program: Enabling Climate Adaptation Through Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations and Hazard Resiliency Program in the Department of Water Resources. Provides that existing law requires the department to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection. Requires, for certain novel forecasting methods, the department to include the use of experimental tools that produce seasonal and subseasonal atmospheric river forecasts.	09/10/2025: In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
CA SB 601 (Allen (D))	Water: Waste Discharge		Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt water quality control plans for nexus waters. Requires any water quality standard that was submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the State Board that applied to nexus waters as of the specified date to remain in effect. Requires certain discharge requirements to, in the case of discharges from any point source to nexus waters, implement certain requirements for implementing the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
CA SB 677 (Wiener (D))	Land Use: Housing Development Approvals		Provides that existing law, the Housing Accountability Act, among other things, prohibits a local agency from disapproving, or conditioning approval in a manner that renders infeasible, a housing development project for very low, low-, or moderate-income households unless the local agency makes written findings as to one of certain sets of cond. Specifies that these provisions do not require a local agency to take any action that would result in it incurring any financial liability, debt, or obligation.	06/08/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA SB 715 (Allen (D))	Elections: Notice of Candidates		Provides that existing law requires the Secretary of State to transmit a certified list of candidates for partisan and voter-nominated offices eligible to be voted on within each county to the county elections official at least 68 days before a primary or general election. Moves the deadline to notify candidates of the other candidates for the same office to at least 78 days before the election.	06/15/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 722 (Wahab (D))	Transit-oriented Housing Development		Prohibits a housing development from being located on an existing parcel of land or site governed under the Mobilehome Residency Law, the Recreational Vehicle Park Occupancy Law, the Mobilehome Parks Act, or the Special Occupancy Parks Act.	06/17/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 724 (Richardson (D))	Public Housing: Lead Testing		Requires the owner of a public housing unit that is owned or managed by a city, county, city and county, or city, county, or city and county housing authority, to provide information to the residents of the public housing unit regarding any applicable existing program that offers free testing of the water for lead.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 741 (Blakespear (D))	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.		Provides that existing law creates the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and improve mobility. Repeals the requirement for the department to adopt guidelines. Provides that existing law continuously appropriates a specified amount of money from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the program and requires the Controller to allocate those moneys according to the requirements of the program.	06/11/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
CA SB 742 (Perez S (D))	Electricity: Electrical Infrastructure		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to update a general order to require each electrical corporation to remove all permanently abandoned transmission facilities. Requires that an electrical corporation's wildfire mitigation plan also include an accounting of all transmission facilities, including permanently abandoned transmission facilities, and include a plan for how and when each permanently abandoned transmission facility will be removed.	06/15/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 747 (Wiener (D))	Civil Rights		Provides that every natural person, as defined, who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, as defined, subjects or causes to be subjected any citizen of this state or any person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the United States Constitution, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress, except as specified.	06/10/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 833 (McNerney (D))	Critical Infrastructure: Automated Decision Systems		Provides that existing law requires the Technology Recovery Plan element of the State Administrative Manual to ensure the inclusion of cybersecurity strategy incident response standards. Requires an operator responsible for operating, managing, overseeing, or controlling access to critical infrastructure, that deploys a covered artificial intelligence (AI) system to establish a human oversight mechanism that ensures a human monitors the system's operations in real time.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
CA SB 842 (Stern (D))	Energy: Firm Zero Carbon Resources		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to produce a report identifying opportunities and needs to provide for local and system reliability with firm zero-carbon resources over the short term, midterm, and long term. Requires the report to include, among other things, characterization of the resource attributes vital for local and system reliability and identification of barriers, including market barriers, to deploying firm zero-carbon resources to enhance local reliability.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 872 (McNerney (D))	Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund	Support	Establishes the Delta Stewardship Council, and requires the council to develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive long-term management plan for the Delta, known as the Delta Plan, as provided. Requires the conservancy, in conjunction with the council and the department, to develop a 5-year spending plan to improve existing levees in the Delta and would require the conservancy to publish the plan on its internet website. Requires the department to provide a report to the budget committees of the Assembly.	05/26/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA SB 875 (Wiener (D))	Public Utilities: Eminent Domain: Just Compensation		Provides that existing law provides procedures for the acquisition under eminent domain proceedings of lands, property, and rights of a public utility by a political subdivision. Requires the owner of a public utility, within a specified number of days of a subdivision submitting an amount for just compensation or a plan for the separation of the utility's assets, to submit an amount for just compensation or provide a response to the separation plan.	04/21/2026: In SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Failed passage.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 879 (Laird (D))	Budget Act of 2026		Makes appropriations for the support of state government for the 2026-27 fiscal year.	01/09/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA SB 880 (Wahab (D))	Transfers: Institutional Investors		Provides that for sales of residential real property containing 1 to 4 residential dwelling units by an institutional investor, it requires the institutional investor to, among other things, only accept offers from prospective owner-occupants, including any tenant in possession, during the first 30 days after the property is listed for sale. Authorizes the Attorney General, district attorney, city attorney, and tenant to bring an action in the superior court to enforce the bill's provisions.	06/11/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA SB 884 (Umberg (D))	Elections in 2026 through 2029		Requires law enforcement officers to notify the Secretary of State and Attorney General of a suspected, planned, or actual violation of the prohibitions on arrests or electioneering activities near polling places. Authorizes the state and local governments to place reasonable restrictions on polling places located on their property.	06/22/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
CA SB 885 (Strickland (R))	Restoring Accountability Act: Major Regulations		Provides for the Restoring Accountability Act. Prohibits a State agency from taking final action to adopt a major regulation until certain requirements are met. Authorizes a State agency to adopt an emergency regulation that is a major regulation if the State agency complies with specified requirements governing the adoption of emergency regulations.	04/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Reconsideration granted.
CA SB 886 (Padilla (D))	Technology Innovation and Ratepayer Protection Act		Vests the Public Utilities Commission with regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Authorizes the commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility and requires that those rates and charges be just and reasonable.	06/01/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
CA SB 887 (Padilla (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Environmental		Authorizes the Governor to certify a geothermal powerplant that meets certain criteria as an environmental leadership development project. Requires the quantification and mitigation of impacts for emissions of greenhouse gases of a data center project in the same manner as certain environmental leadership projects.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 894 (Allen (D))	Wildfire Resiliency: Financial Assistance		Establishes the State Wildfire Resilience Loan Program and would require the authority, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to administer the program to provide financial assistance for projects and activities to reduce wildfire-related risks and losses, including home hardening and defensible space improvements, as provided, and would make related changes.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA SB 898 (Weber (D))	Connected Consumer Products		Requires a manufacturer to provide a notice of a connected consumer product's end of life to the public and to any owner of the product, including, among other notice requirements, that the notice be delivered on specified dates and by specified means. Requires a manufacturer to provide a consumer the means to opt in to the product's end-of-life notifications and would authorize a manufacturer to request a product owner's contact information for the sole purpose of the product's end-of-life notification.	06/15/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA SB 899 (Grove (R))	Fire Prevention: Wildfire and Forest Resilience		Requires the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to develop a comprehensive implementation strategy to track and ensure the achievement of the goals and key actions identified in the state's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. Requires the task force and in cooperation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the State Air Resources Board, and the State Department of Public Health, to assess the health costs and impacts of wildfire smoke.	06/08/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 900 (McNerney (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Top Contributors		Permits the name of the committee that paid for certain video, print, electronic media, or text message advertisements to be shortened. Clarifies that a print advertisement includes a yard sign or a billboard, and an electronic media advertisement means a graphic, image, animated graphic, or animated image that the online platform hosting the advertisement allows to link to an internet website paid for by the committee. Permits the names of top contributors to be shortened by using approved abbreviations.	06/04/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.

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CA SB 904 (Seyarto (R))	Disaster Recovery		Imposes specific duties on the Department of Housing and Community Development if the Office of Emergency Services makes a written determination, within specified days after the date that the Governor declared a state of emergency relating to a wildfire, that the wildfire caused substantial structural damage requiring significant rebuilding efforts, as defined. Requires the department, under this condition, to consult with other specified state entities and local governments.	06/17/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA SB 909 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	Public Works		Requires the Labor Commissioner to issue civil wage and penalty assessments to a contractor or subcontractor, or both, if, after an investigation, the commissioner determines there has been a violation of the laws regulating public works contractors, including the payment of prevailing wages. Provides that existing law sets a penalty schedule for subcontractors and contractors for, among other things, failing to pay the prevailing wage rate or failing to keep accurate payroll records.	06/10/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 910 (Seyarto (R))	Municipal Water Districts: Water Service: Indian Lands		Extends provisions of the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, regarding the application to the applicable local agency formation commission concerning Indian Lands to January 1, 2032.	03/18/2026: In SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Not heard.
CA SB 911 (Becker (D))	Transfer of Real Property: Fire Hazard Severity Zones		Provides that existing law requires each county assessor and recorder to make available, without charge and upon request, a form entitled Preliminary Change of Ownership Report, which transferees of real property are required complete and authorized to file with the recorder concurrent with the recordation of any document effecting a change in ownership. Requires the buyer to disclose certain information.	06/16/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Do pass to Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 919 (Grayson (D))	Biomethane Projects: Investment Costs		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to extend the Biomethane Monetary Incentive Program. Authorizes the commission to authorize additional funding for the program, of which no more than \$10,000,000 would be authorized for dairy biomethane projects, using the revenues, including any accrued interest, received by a gas corporation as a result of the direct allocation of greenhouse gas allowances provided to gas corporations as part of the above-described market-based compliance mechanism.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 922 (Laird (D))	Vehicles: Local Agency Charges: Use of Streets		Provides that existing law prohibits a local agency from imposing a tax, permit fee, or other charge for the privilege of using its streets or highways, other than a permit fee for an extralegal load unless the local agency had imposed the fee prior to the specified date. Limits this prohibition to charges based on weight. Provides that nothing in the Vehicle Code prohibits a local agency from imposing or collecting this fee, charge, or surcharge.	06/17/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 923 (Becker (D))	Consumer Privacy Requests: Deletion Request Records		Provides that the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 grants to a consumer the right to request that a business delete personal information that the business has collected from the consumer. Expands that right to include requesting the deletion of any personal information that the business has collected about the consumer. Allows, if the business did not obtain the personal information from the consumer, the business to retain a record of the deletion request and certain data.	06/11/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA SB 924 (Hurtado (D))	Low Income Energy Assistance		Amends specified section of Public Utilities Code, relating to energy. Requires the commission to take into consideration the cost-effectiveness of the services as a whole. Authorizes the commission to consider nonenergy benefits when establishing priorities for program design. Requires the commission to ensure that weatherization program costs do not result in undue cost burdens for ratepayers. Ensures that diverse contracting requirements are consistent with specified plans submitted to the commission.	06/01/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 935 (Choi (R))	Local Agency Design-Build Projects: Authorization		Repeals the repeal date of local agency design-build projects, authorization, thereby extending the operations of those provisions indefinitely.	06/03/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 943 (Becker (D))	Public Utilities: Electricity: Transmission Charge		Prohibit an eligible industrial transition customer that pays a reduced surcharge from receiving an incentive funded by that surcharge in an amount that exceeds the amount of the surcharge paid by the eligible industrial transition customer. Requires the commission, on or before January 1, 2032, and every 5 years thereafter, to evaluate and report to the Legislature on the adjustment factor.	06/15/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 947 (McNerney (D))	Employment: Automated Decision Systems		Prohibits an employer from discharging, threatening to discharge, demoting, suspending, or in any manner discriminating or retaliating against any worker for taking certain actions asserting their rights. Sets forth specified types of relief that a plaintiff may seek and specified penalties that an employer that violates these provisions is subject to, including a specified amount civil penalty per violation.	06/16/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA SB 951 (Reyes (D))	Employment: Technological Displacement: Notice		Establishes the State Worker Technological Displacement Act. Requires an employer to provide at least a 60-day advanced written notice, before any technological displacement affecting 25 or more workers during any 30-day period. Requires an employer to provide that notice to affected workers, the EDD local entities. Requires an employer to provide a written technology hiring disruption notice to the EDD when it executes a technological cessation in hiring caused in whole by the adoption of AI.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA SB 952 (Laird (D))	State Water Project: Renewable Energy Resources		Provides that existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to procure eligible renewable energy resources and zero carbon resources to satisfy specified obligations imposed on the State Water Resources Development System, commonly known as the State Water Project. Requires the department, in conducting that procurement, to consider portfolio diversity, resource type, location, and hours of typical peak operation.	06/10/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 954 (Blakespear (D))	California Environmental Quality Act		Revises the exemption for advanced manufacturing facility projects to require those projects to be used exclusively for final tier manufacturing and for the Governor to certify the project. Provides that CEQA generally does not apply to a rezoning that implements the schedule of actions contained in an approved housing element, unless the rezoning would allow for the construction of certain facilities, including oil and gas infrastructure.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
CA SB 962 (Archuleta (D))	Emergency Vehicles: Blue Warning Lights		Relates to the Agent Joshua Byrd Memorial Act. Authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to, upon an appropriation from the Legislature, install a blue warning light on an emergency vehicle operated by a parole officer.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Do pass to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
CA SB 963 (Laird (D))	California Coastal Act of 1976: Coastal Development		Requires an appeal of an action by a local government on a coastal development permit application to be considered properly submitted if the appealing party or parties submit a completed, signed copy of the appeal form provided by the State Coastal Commission within the applicable timeline. Requires the commission to provide for de novo review and a public hearing on the coastal development permit application if the commission determines that a substantial issue exists.	06/08/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 978 (Perez S (D))	Data Centers: Labor: Electricity Rates		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a special rate structure for data centers taking transmission level electrical service with an estimated peak demand of at least a specified number of megawatts of electricity to, among other things, protect other customers of electrical corporations, prohibit cost shifts to those other customers, and require data centers to pay for the electrical corporations upfront costs of transmission or necessary distribution infrastructure upgrades.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 979 (Strickland (R))	Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Regional Housing		Provides that the final determination by the council of governments or the delegate subregion is subject to judicial review, as specified. Relates to the housing element, a regional housing needs allocation and judicial reviews.	04/07/2026: In SENATE Committee on HOUSING: Not heard.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 981 (Niello (R))	Administrative Regulations: Standardized Regulatory		Provides that existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the agency responsible for the preparation of the State implementation plan required by the Clean Air Act. Requires a standardized regulatory impact analysis prepared by the board to address cost of living impacts on residents of the State, including, but not limited to, retail gasoline and transportation costs, consumer electric bills, consumer goods and food costs, housing and building construction costs, and costs to businesses.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 986 (Seyarto (R))	Major Regulations		Relates to the Administrative Procedure Act. Prohibits a major regulation from taking effect until submission to, and expiration of a specified review period by, the Legislature, except for emergency regulations. Requires, prior to the expiration of the review period, the Legislature to hold an informational hearing on the major regulation. Authorizes the Legislature to reject a major regulation during the review period by adoption of a concurrent resolution.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 994 (Cabaldon (D))	Local Agencies: Nondisclosure Agreements		Requires a local agency official in violation of a prescribed provision to, among other things, disclose the existence of the nondisclosure agreement, as specified, and would provide that these requirements imposed on a local agency official also apply to a local agency official acting in their official capacity who entered into, or requested that another individual enter into, a nondisclosure agreement described above before a specified date.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 1001 (Archuleta (D))	Local Agency, Public Utility, or Mutual Water Company:	Watch	Requires the Office of Emergency Services, upon request, to issue a local agency, public utility, or mutual water company responsible for public works and critical infrastructure with specified credentialing to facilitate personnel access to an area during or following a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other manmade disaster. Specifies that the credentialing, a Personal Identity Verification Interoperable, would conform with the federal Personal Identity Verification standards.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1014 (Grayson (D))	Development Projects: Preliminary Estimate		Authorizes for improvements required by a public agency, as specified, the applicant to request, within 30 days of submission, a list of the types of improvements that may be required. Specifies that its provisions do not relieve a city, county, or city and county of its obligation to comply with certain requirements before subjecting a housing development project to an improvement that was not in effect when a preliminary application was submitted.	06/17/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA SB 1036 (Grayson (D))	Mitigation Fee Act		Relates to development project fees. Provides that when a change in the capacity of an existing water or sewer connection is proposed, a local agency, in calculating the estimated reasonable cost of a capacity charge, shall only calculate an amount attributable to the change in the capacity. Prohibits, if the existing capacity exceeds the proposed capacity, any amount from being refunded, credited, transferred, assigned, or otherwise applied to offset any other charge or fee.	06/22/2026: Enrolled.
CA SB 1064 (Dahle M (R))	Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program		Limits specified testing of all non-gasoline heavy-duty on road motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds that are considered low use, as defined too not more frequently than annually. Requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to implement this provision.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 1068 (Alvarado-Gil (R))	Water Appropriations		Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law which requires the State Water Resources Control Board to consider and act upon all applications for permits to appropriate water.	02/26/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1075 (Reyes (D))	Air Resources: Toxic Air Contaminants: Criteria Air		Requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare a statewide strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden that includes an assessment and identification of those communities. Requires the statewide strategy to be updated at least once every 5 years. Requires the state board, based on the assessment and identification, to select locations around the state for preparation of community emissions reduction.	05/27/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1081 (Laird (D))	Waste Discharge Requirements: Minimum Penalties		Provides that the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act requires mandatory minimum penalties to be assessed for serious violations relating to waste discharge requirements. Expands the authorization for the State Water Resources Control Board or regional board to require funding of a compliance project in lieu of the otherwise mandatory penalty to apply to a publicly owned treatment works serving a population of a certain number of persons or fewer within a certain number of years preceding the penalty.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1085 (Durazo (D))	Water Supply Planning: Housing Developments	Support	Requires, among other things, a city or county, upon receipt of a preliminary application for a housing development project that meets certain conditions, or upon a development application for certain projects complete, being determined as complete or deemed complete, to make that identification of public water systems.	06/17/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 1117 (Cervantes (D))	Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Unit		Requires a charge under the Planning and Zoning Law to be based only on the area in excess of 750 square feet of interior livable space.	06/10/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Do pass to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 1121 (Seyarto (R))	Vehicles: Commercial Electric Vehicle Safety		Requires the Office of Emergency Services, on or before January 1, 2028, to develop and post on its internet website an action plan for responding to electric commercial motor vehicle battery fires that covers specified topics, including best practices for reducing wildfire risk and mitigating the risk of battery reignition.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
CA SB 1123 (Wiener (D))	Administrative Procedure Act: Major Regulations		Requires an agency, in estimating the economic impact of adopting, amending, or repealing a regulation, to identify and calculate any offsetting benefits, impacts, or savings that might result directly or indirectly from that adoption, amendment, or repeal and factor those benefits, impacts, or savings into its economic impact estimate.	06/04/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH AND HOUSEHOLD IMPACT and JUDICIARY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1125 (Menjivar (D))	Water Rate Assistance Program	Support	Establishes the Water Rate Assistance Program. Establishes the Water Rate Assistance Fund to provide water affordability assistance for residential water services to low income residential ratepayers. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to take various actions in administering the fund, including, among other things, tracking and managing revenue in the fund separately from all other revenue. Requires the board to adopt guidelines for implementation of the program.	06/16/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass to Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
CA SB 1132 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	Workforce Development: Workplace Rights Training		Requires the California Workforce Development Board to develop a workplace rights curriculum in partnership with subject matter experts and would require the local boards to ensure provision of a workplace rights training consistent with that curriculum to individuals receiving services through the California workforce system.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1135 (Blakespear (D))	State Wildlife Coexistence Act		Establishes the Wildlife Coexistence Program to manage and promote wildlife coexistence by conducting specified activities, including maintaining a statewide wildlife incident reporting tool. Renames the Wolf-Livestock Compensation Pilot Program to the Wolf-Livestock Coexistence and Compensation Program. Requires the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish the program to provide resources to eligible participants for purposes relating to wolves and livestock.	06/03/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
CA SB 1139 (Laird (D))	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District		Provides that existing law prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties. Requires a person or entity to be subject to civil liability or penalties imposed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District pursuant to a locally adopted ordinance or policy. Authorizes the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to enforce the provisions relating to the prohibition.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. To enrollment.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1145 (Grayson (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Surplus Land		Exempts land that was or will be conveyed by the federal government to a local reuse authority in accordance with a military base closure and realignment from these requirements if certain conditions are met. Requires a local reuse authority, if it is a city or county, to include specified information relating to the development of residential units on conveyed land as part of their annual report relating to their general plan.	05/26/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA SB 1149 (Durazo (D))	Employees: Bereavement Leave		Relates to bereavement leave. Provides that existing law makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to refuse to grant a request by any employee to take up to a specified number of days of bereavement leave upon the death of a family member. Includes a designated person identified by the employee in the definition of family member and authorizes an employer to limit an employee to one designated person per specified period for purposes of these provisions relating to bereavement leave.	06/11/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Coauthors revised.
CA SB 1153 (Caballero (D))	Disaster Preparedness: Urban Retail Water Suppliers	Support	Requires all urban retail water suppliers serving a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to include incident specific response procedures for wildfires as part of their disaster preparedness plans, including any applicable emergency response plan required by federal law. Requires these plans to include, among other things, mitigation actions, including actions, procedures, and equipment, that can obviate or significantly lessen the impact of a wildfire on the water system and drinking water supply.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
CA SB 1161 (Valladares (R))	Administrative Regulations: Economic Impact Analysis		Requires the State Air Resources Board, in proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation, to include an economic impact assessment or the standardized regulatory impact assessment, a distributional analysis of the costs, benefits, and net impacts on personal income across income levels, and an informative digest.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1175 (Rubio (D))	Lobbyist Registration and Termination		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 requires individual lobbyists to prepare certifications for filing with the Secretary of State. Require the lobbyist to submit the amended certification or notice of termination directly to the Secretary of State. Makes conforming changes to the filing requirements for lobbyist employers and other persons that will become operative when the Secretary of State certifies that the online filing and disclosure system is functional.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.
CA SB 1180 (Allen (D))	Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer		Relates to the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. Requires each expenditure made upon appropriation from the State Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund to comply with specified requirements, including, among others, prioritizing programs, projects, and initiatives that benefit communities most burdened by the impacts of plastic pollution and that provide multiple benefits. Requires each of those expenditures to achieve one or more of the specified purposes.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 1184 (McGuire (D))	State Environmental Quality Act		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation relating to environmental quality.	02/26/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1187 (Durazo (D))	Open Meetings: Majority		Defines majority for purposes of the Ralph M. Brown Act to mean the number of members of the legislative body equaling more than half of the total number of seats on the legislative body. Specifies that if a seat on the legislative body is vacant, that seat is to still be counted as a seat on the legislative body.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 1196 (McNerney (D))	Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwellings		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to determine the criteria for timely service for electrical customers to be energized, including, among other things, categories of timely electric service through energization, as specified. Requires the commission, by September 30, 2027, in a new or existing proceeding, to establish timelines for electrical corporations to respond to and process requests to energize accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units.	06/01/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1205 (Valladares (R))	Public Contracts: Retention: Architecture		Relates to public works contracts. Provides that existing law requires that retention proceeds withheld from payment by a public entity be released within a specified number of days after the date of completion of the work of improvement. Prohibits retention payments from exceeding a certain percent of the payment for contracts under design bid build entered into on or after the specified date between a public entity and an individual or legal entity permitted to practice architecture or engineering.	06/10/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 1229 (Allen (D))	Coastal Resources: Coastal Development Permits		Provides that the California Coastal Act provides that a coastal development permit is not required for the replacement of any structure, other than a public works facility, destroyed by a disaster. Prohibits that exemption from applying to the replacement of a structure by an applicant who was not listed as the property owner of record immediately preceding the disaster if replacement would encroach upon an open space easement or deed restriction that has been recorded or offered for dedication.	06/08/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 1239 (Jones (R))	State Air Resources Board: Regulations		Requires the State Air Resources Board to also prepare and publish a supplemental standardized regulatory impact analysis if the proposed regulation is materially changed after release of the initial standardized regulatory impact analysis, as described, and before adoption, that updates the consumer cost analysis to reflect amendments made during the rulemaking process.	04/08/2026: In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Reconsideration granted.
CA SB 1243 (Durazo (D))	Unlawful Detainer: Tenant Protections		Provides for the Tenant Protections for Immigrant Families Act. Prohibits an owner of residential real property from initiating or continuing an unlawful detainer action to evict a tenant whose income, ability to obtain income, or financial support is impacted by immigration enforcement activities until no sooner than 90 days after the tenant or household member's detention-related hardship ends.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1248 (Cabaldon (D))	State Agencies: Automated Decision Systems		Imposes certain restrictions on the use of an automated decision system by a state agency to confer services, defined as, among other things, the issuance of professional licenses and provision of public benefits.	05/04/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1258 (Wiener (D))	Hazardous Waste: Site Remediation: Residential		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, working jointly with the Department of Toxic Substances Control and in consultation with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, to develop guidelines for developers and for agencies overseeing development specific site remediations and making determinations of site suitability.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1260 (Jones (R))	State Environmental Quality Act		Makes nonsubstantive changes to findings and declarations and to the statement of intent of the State Environmental Quality Act.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1291 (Gonzalez (D))	Mutual Water Companies		Provides that the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act requires a board of directors of a mutual water company that operates a public water system to allow an eligible person to personally attend a meeting of the board, under certain conditions. Authorizes a board of directors of a mutual water company with less than a specified number of connections to use teleconferencing to provide any eligible person access to the meeting.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1313 (McNerney (D))	Drinking Water: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl		Provides that moneys in the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and its special accounts may be considered eligible and expended for projects that address perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water. Makes an appropriation.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1318 (Allen (D))	Coastal Resources: Local Coastal Program		Requires the State Coastal Commission to approve a coastal development permit or a local coastal program amendment restricting or prohibiting non owner occupied short term rentals, regardless of the availability of other visitor serving accommodations, if the local agency made findings that it was necessary to address significant local housing needs and the commission determines that the permit or amendment strikes a reasonable balance between local housing needs and public access to the coast.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1326 (Wahab (D))	Environmental Quality Act: Tribal Resources	Seek Amendments	Modifies the definition of tribal cultural resource to, among other things, include a site, feature, place, cultural landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe that is identified by the Native American Heritage Commission as a sacred place, as provided, or included in a local tribal register and provided to the lead agency by a consulting California Native American tribe.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 1330 (Arreguin (D))	Assault and Battery: Utility Workers		Defines an assault as an unlawful attempt, coupled with present ability, to commit a violent injury upon the person of another. Defines a battery as any willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another. Provides that an assault or battery committed against specified professionals engaged in the performance of their duties, including peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year.	06/08/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
CA SB 1335 (Strickland (R))	Tenancy: Disposition of Personal Property Abandoned		Provides that existing law provides optional procedures for a landlord to dispose of personal property that remains on the premises, including common areas, after a tenancy has terminated and the premises has been vacated by the tenant. Establishes similar optional disposition of personal property that remains in a common area during a tenancy. Requires the landlord to give written notice to the tenant or any other person the landlord reasonably believes is the owner of the personal property.	04/21/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.
CA SB 1346 (McGuire (D))	California Coastal Commission: Powers and Duties		Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions relative to the California Coastal Commission.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1350 (McNerney (D))	Energy: Renewable Electrical Generation Facilities		Expands the definition of renewable electrical generation facility to include a facility that converts hydrogen gas to electricity in a turbine and meets specified criteria, including that the hydrogen used in the turbine is solely derived from a non-fossil-based feedstock or through the electrolysis of water using electricity generated from another renewable electrical generation facility and the manufacturing of the hydrogen does not result in resource shuffling or use unbundled renewable energy credits.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1357 (Ochoa Bogh (R))	Recall Elections: Notice of Intention		Relates to Recall elections. Requires the proponents' signatures and the street numbers and street names of their residence to be redacted or otherwise excluded from the notice of intention before it is made available to the public.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1361 (Durazo (D))	Transit Oriented Housing Developments		Provides that existing law prohibits a local government from adopting any requirement that applies to a project solely or partially on the basis that the project is seeking approval as a transit-oriented housing development. Prohibits a local government with an existing or planned transit-oriented development stop from taking specified actions with respect to transit providers and transit projects.	06/10/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Coauthors revised.
CA SB 1369 (Reyes (D))	Recall Petitions		Provides that existing law requires a State or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition that is required to be signed by voters to contain specified notices, including a notice that the petition may be circulated by a paid signature gatherer or volunteer. Requires the paid signature gatherer to orally disclose to each person, before providing the petition for the persons signature, that they are being paid to circulate the petition.	06/17/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Not heard.
CA SB 1370 (Stern (D))	Covered Wildfire Mitigation Projects		Requires that, notwithstanding any other law, any state-level environmental and resource permits, approvals, consultations, and reviews required for a covered wildfire mitigation project be consolidated into a single coordinated review administered jointly by the consolidated review agencies, defined as the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency.	06/15/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA SB 1383 (Arreguin (D))	Housing Development: Density Bonus: Incentives		Provides that existing law requires a city or county to grant incentives or concessions requested by an applicant for a density bonus except under prescribed circumstances. Excludes a reduction in site development standards, a modification of zoning code or architectural design requirements, and other regulatory incentives or concessions that include or relate to a labor standard from the definition of incentives or concessions.	06/08/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

IRWD 2026 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Updated: *June 23, 2026*

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1388 (Durazo (D))	Affordable Housing Risk Reduction Program		Establishes the Affordable Housing Risk Reduction Program, administered by the department, to provide technical assistance and supportive resources to affordable housing providers to help them mitigate risk in their portfolio and secure more affordable insurance options. Requires the department, in carrying out the functions of the program, to consult with the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee and the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee.	06/22/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
CA SB 1389 (Dahle M (R))	The Political Reform Act of 1974: Late Filing of Report		Establishes a limit on liability of \$100 for the late filing of an original statement of economic interest. Provides that for any other original statement or report, limits liability for a late filing at an amount equal to the aggregate amount of any contributions, expenditures, and other amounts reported on the statement or report, or \$100, whichever is greater.	06/17/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 1404 (Stern (D))	Wildfire Prevention: State Responsibility Areas: Fire		Deletes the repeal date of the above-described provisions, thereby extending the operation of those provisions indefinitely. Reinstates the fire prevention fee ensures dedicated, sustainable funding for fire prevention in state responsibility areas, reducing risk to residents. Provides that funding sustains fire prevention education programs for residents and supports fire-related law enforcement activities.	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1409 (Rubio (D))	Horse Racing: Charity Days		Requires each licensed racing association that conducts a specified number of weeks or less of racing to designate a specified number of racing days, and each licensed racing association that conducts more than a specified number of weeks of racing to designate a specified number of racing days during any one meeting, to be conducted as charity days for the purpose of distributing the net proceeds to beneficiaries.	04/09/2026: In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
CA SB 1413 (Richardson (D))	State Vehicle Fleet: Zero-Emission Vehicles		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the State vehicle fleet ensuring that at least a specified percentage of the light-duty vehicles purchased for the state vehicle fleet each fiscal year are zero-emission vehicles, except as provided.	03/04/2026: To SENATE Committee on RULES.

IRWD 2026 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Updated: *June 23, 2026*

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
CA SB 1417 (Padilla (D))	Mutual Water Companies: Assessments and Water Charges		Prohibits a mutual water company from charging, issuing a bill, or otherwise seeking to hold tenants of shareholders responsible for the costs of water or its delivery, except for specified tenants, and would require all notices of charges for water to be sent to the last known address of the shareholder or tenant.	06/08/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND ENERGY and PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
CA SB 1420 (Richardson (D))	Vote by Mail Ballots and Early Voting		Requires the Secretary of State to promulgate, and post on its internet website, regulations setting forth specified procedures that would allow a voter to vote their vote by mail ballot in person, including procedures to check in a voter, procedures to verify that the voters vote by mail ballot is the correct ballot, procedures to ensure the secrecy of the voters ballot, and procedures to ensure that a voter does not submit more than one vote by mail ballot without the identification envelope.	06/18/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
CA SB 1423 (Stern (D))	Regional Planning: Standardized Spatial Planning		Requires the office, on or before July 1, 2027, to compile, standardize, maintain, and make publicly available through a centralized online platform a core set of statewide standardized spatial planning datasets. Requires the datasets to include specified categories of information, including hazardous risk data, natural resource sensitivity data, and agricultural value data.	06/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 1425 (Cortese (D))	High Speed Rail Authority: Property: Right of Way		Provides that the California High Speed Rail Act creates the High Speed Rail Authority to develop and implement a high speed rail system in the State. Establishes a permit program, administered by the authority, for encroachments on the authoritys rights of way. Makes any person who installs or performs an encroachment within the authoritys right of way, without a permit, guilty of a misdemeanor. Relates to the High Speed Rail Property Fund.	06/22/2026: From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
US H 231 (Hageman (R))	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies		Amends the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program.	02/12/2025: In HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Ordered to be reported as amended.
US H 331 (Fulcher (R))	Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Clarification Act		Amends the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes.	05/14/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

IRWD 2026 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Updated: June 23, 2026

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
US H 337 (Costa (D))	Groundwater Recharge and Water Supply Support Act		Provides technical and financial assistance for groundwater recharge, aquifer storage, and water source substitution projects.	01/13/2025: To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
US H 338 (Costa (D))	Enhanced Surface and Groundwater Storage Act	Support	Amends the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to increase surface water and groundwater storage.	11/12/2025: In HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Referred to Subcmt on WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES.
US H 471 (Westerman (R))	Fix Our Forests Act		Expedites the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; improves forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire prone forested lands, and for other purposes.	01/23/2025: In HOUSE. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.
US H 1267 (Perez (D))	CERCLA Liability Exemption for PFAS Releases	Support	Exempts certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	02/12/2025: To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
US H 2093 (Calvert (R))	Federal Water Pollution Control Act	Support	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms.	03/14/2025: To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
US H 2269 (McClain (R))	Labeling of Products With Do Not Flush Warning	Support	Requires certain products to be labeled with "Do Not Flush" labeling.	06/23/2025: In HOUSE. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.
US H 2344 (Schakowsky (D))	Drinking Water and Wastewater Threat Preparedness		Establishes a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience.	03/25/2025: To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
US H 2940 (LaHood D (R))	Internal Revenue Code		Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an investment credit for certain water reuse projects.	04/17/2025: To HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.

IRWD 2026 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Updated: June 23, 2026

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
US H 3845 (Gray (D))	Endangered Species Act		Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to expand the exemption process under section 7 of that Act with respect to national security and significant adverse national or regional economic impacts.	06/09/2025: To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
US H 3898 (Collins M (R))	Federal Water Pollution Control Act		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make targeted reforms with respect to Waters of the United States and other matters.	12/15/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US H 4168 (Fitzpatrick B (R))	National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for PFAS		Codifies a national primary drinking water regulation for PFAS.	06/26/2025: To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
US H 4733 (Sorensen (D))	Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program		Authorizes the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.	12/01/2025: In HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
US H 5414 (Van Drew (R))	National Dam Safety Program Act		Amends the National Dam Safety Program Act to reauthorize certain assistance to States.	09/16/2025: To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
US H 5566 (Carbajal (D))	Federal Water Pollution Control Act		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize certain programs for water infrastructure resilience and sustainability.	12/01/2025: In HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: Referred to Subcommittee on WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
US HJR 18 (Palmer (R))	National Primary Drinking Water Regulations		Provides for congressional disapproval under a specified chapter and title, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Improvements (LCRI)".	01/13/2025: To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.

IRWD 2026 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Updated: *June 23, 2026*

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
US S 322 (Padilla (D))	Forecasts of Atmospheric Rivers		Improves the lead time, accuracy, and dissemination of forecasts of atmospheric rivers throughout the United States.	01/29/2025: To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.
US S 1092 (Merkley (D))	Labeling of Products With Do Not Flush Warning	Support	Requires certain products to be labeled with Do Not Flush labeling.	03/22/2026: In SENATE. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE.
US S 1118 (Markey (D))	Drinking Water and Wastewater Threat Preparedness		Establishes a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience.	03/25/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US S 1549 (Gallego (D))	Safe Drinking Water Act		Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants under the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resilience Program for training programs relating to protecting public water systems from and responding to cyberattacks.	05/01/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US S 2388 (Gallego (D))	Federal Water Pollution Control Act		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the pilot program for alternative water source projects.	07/23/2025: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US S 3609 (Padilla (D))	Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Grants		Establishes a community protection and wildfire resilience grant program.	01/08/2026: To SENATE Committee on HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.
US S 3737 (Padilla (D))	Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act		Amends the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible entities for the conduct of innovative approaches to voluntary water partnership agreements among multiple water users and projects conducted by individual agricultural entities.	03/17/2026: Subcommittee on WATER AND POWER hearings held.
US S 3738 (Padilla (D))	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act		Amends the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the large-scale water recycling and reuse program, to establish a Water Conveyance Improvement Program.	03/17/2026: Subcommittee on WATER AND POWER hearings held.

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WATER RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

2025-2026 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT RESPONSE TO “PFAS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS- A CLOSER LOOK AT ORANGE COUNTY DRINKING WATER”

SUMMARY:

During its 2025-2026 session, the Orange County Grand Jury (Grand Jury or OCGJ) examined Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Orange County drinking water. On June 9, 2026, the Grand Jury released its findings and recommendations on the subject in a report entitled “*PFAS and Public Awareness- A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water*”. The report identified eight findings and six recommendations to which IRWD is required to respond to four findings and three recommendations.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to respond to the Presiding Judge, as required by the California Penal Code, and the Grand Jury.

BACKGROUND:

During its 2025-2026 session, the Grand Jury examined how the identification, regulation and treatment of PFAS have impacted Orange County drinking water agencies. The Grand Jury’s stated reason for this examination was that:

“This study is necessary to provide a clear, up-to-date understanding of how Orange County drinking water agencies are responding to these new requirements. Evaluating the status of PFAS treatment planning and installation helps illustrate the extent of infrastructure readiness, the pace of implementation, and the challenges agencies encounter as they work to bring new systems online. At the same time, assessing the development and delivery of PFAS-related education programs offers insight into how effectively agencies are communicating risks, regulatory changes, and water quality information to the public.

By documenting current conditions and identifying gaps or emerging needs, the study supports informed decision-making among water providers, policymakers, and ratepayers. This work helps ensure that Orange County communities receive safe drinking water and that agencies are equipped to meet regulatory expectations while maintaining public trust.”

The resulting report “*PFAS and Public Awareness- A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water*.” was issued on June 9, 2026. A copy of the report is provided as Exhibit “A”.

Required Responses to Findings and Recommendations:

Based on its investigation, the Grand Jury arrived at eight findings (F1 through F8) and six recommendations (R1 through R6). In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, each agency affected by the findings is required to submit a response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

The District is required to respond to Finding F2, F4, F6, and F8 which state:

Finding F2: “PFAS is widespread, and contamination has been detected in Orange County groundwater sources. Community water systems are required to report PFAS monitoring results in their annual Consumer Confidence Reports”

Finding F4: “Orange County Water District (OCWD) has taken a proactive leadership role in addressing PFAS in the Orange County Groundwater Basin, though PFAS treatment implementation varies across local cities and water districts.”

Finding F6: “Orange County drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards and is safe for consumption without additional home filtration.”

Finding F8: “There are limited online PFAS education and outreach programs among Orange County water retailers. Most retailers rely on OCWD for PFAS education and outreach. PFAS advisories were included in approximately 55% of the Orange County water retailers’ annual water quality reports in 2025.”

The District is also required to respond to Recommendations R2, R4, and R5, which state:

Recommendation R2: “By July 1, 2029, OCWD and its member agencies should monitor PFAS in groundwater and surface water sources and promptly implement PFAS treatment when response levels are exceeded.”

Recommendation R4: “By July 1, 2029, all Orange County water retailers should consistently include a PFAS advisory, treatment facilities status, and compliance information in consumer confidence reports and on agency websites, using clear and understandable language for the public.”

Recommendation R5: “By September 30, 2026, OCWD and all Orange County water retailers should enhance coordinated public education efforts to reassure their customers about drinking water safety.”

A copy of the proposed response to the Grand Jury is provided as Exhibit “B”.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the General Manager to provide the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with the proposed response to Findings F2, F4, F6, and F8 and Recommendations R2, R4, and R5 of the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled “*PFAS and Public Awareness- A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water.*”

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit “A” – 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury Report “*PFAS and Public Awareness- A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water.*”
Exhibit “B” – Proposed Draft Response to the Orange County Grand Jury

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EXHIBIT "A"



PFAS and Public Awareness

A Closer Look at Orange County

Drinking Water

Orange County Grand Jury 2025-2026



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SUMMARY

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) form a broad class of thousands of synthetic chemicals characterized by strong carbon–fluorine bonds and are among the most durable compounds in organic chemistry. This bond strength makes PFAS highly resistant to breaking down, allowing them to persist in the environment for decades or longer. Because of this persistence, PFAS are often called “forever chemicals.”

Various industries have used PFAS in consumer and commercial applications since the 1940s because their chemical properties provide water, oil, and stain resistance, as well as heat stability. These properties support applications across numerous sectors, including aerospace, automotive, textiles, firefighting foams, food packaging, electronics, and medical devices. As a result of their widespread use and persistence, PFAS now appear globally in water, air, soil, wildlife, and human blood.

Scientific studies continue to show associations between PFAS exposure and harmful health effects in humans and animals, although the degree of risk varies by compound. In response, federal and state agencies, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), began accelerating regulatory actions in the 2010s to reduce PFAS exposure, enhance monitoring, and develop treatment and disposal methods.

This report identifies and describes PFAS levels detected by Orange County drinking water agencies. It evaluates how these agencies have responded to recent PFAS regulatory requirements. It also examines the progress of PFAS treatment facility planning and installation, along with implementation of public education programs related to PFAS in drinking water. This report’s findings and recommendations aim to strengthen PFAS reporting in annual Water Quality Reports (Consumer Confidence Reports) and expand public outreach by Orange County drinking water agencies.

BACKGROUND

PFAS are a large group of man-made “forever chemicals” produced since the 1940s, known for extreme persistence, environmental mobility, and bioaccumulation due to strong carbon-fluorine bonds.¹ Used in water/stain-resistant coatings, firefighting foams, industrial processes, PFAS have contaminated soil, water, and air globally.

¹ Elsie M. Sunderland, et al., “A review of the pathways of human exposure to poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) and present understanding of health effects,” *Journal of Exposure Science & Environmental Epidemiology*, November 23, 2018, accessed March 16, 2026, https://sunderlandlab.org/assets/sunderland_jeseerev_2018wsi.pdf.

Contaminated drinking water has led to high levels of exposure to PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS² for some populations residing near manufacturing facilities. Workers in facilities that make or use PFAS can be exposed to higher amounts of these chemicals and have higher levels in their blood.³ Infants may be exposed to PFAS through breastfeeding.⁴

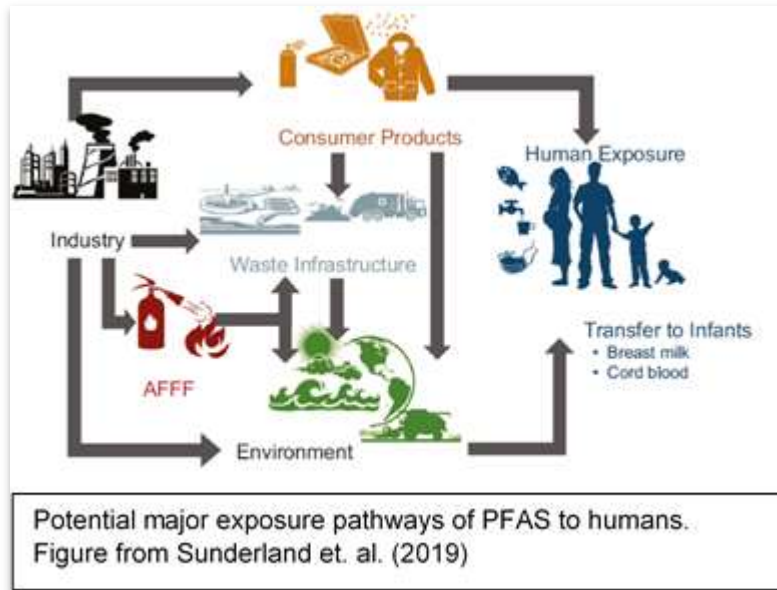


Figure 1 - Potential Major Exposure Pathways of PFAS to Humans⁵

PFAS, especially PFOA and PFOS, have been detected in air, water, and soil in and around manufacturing facilities. However, these releases have been declining since companies began phasing out the production and use of several PFAS in the early 2000s.⁶ Due to their chemical structure, PFAS are very stable in the environment and are resistant to breaking down. Some PFAS are volatile and can be carried long distances through the air, which may lead to contamination of soils and groundwater far from the source of the PFAS emission.⁷

The four major sources of PFAS are: fire training/fire response sites, industrial sites, landfills, and wastewater treatment plants/biosolids. PFAS can get into drinking water when products containing them are used or spilled onto the ground or into lakes and rivers. Once in groundwater, PFAS are easily transported long distances and can

² Kyle Steenland, Tony Fletcher, and David A. Savitz, "Epidemiologic Evidence on the Health Effects of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)," *National Library of Medicine*, accessed May 12, 2026, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2920088/>.

³ Sunderland, "A review of the pathways of human exposure."

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) PFAS General," California State Water Resources Control Board, March 4, 2019, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/docs/pfas_general_faq.pdf.

contaminate drinking wells. PFAS in the air can also end up in rivers and lakes used for drinking water.⁸

PFAS have been used extensively in surface coating and protectant formulations due to their unique ability to repel oil, grease, and water. Major applications have included protectants for paper and cardboard packaging products, carpets, leather products, and textiles that enhance water, grease, and soil repellency, and in firefighting foams. PFAS have also been used as processing aids in the manufacture of nonstick coatings on cookware. Common consumer products containing PFAS include Teflon, Gore-Tex and Scotchgard.⁹

Background Summary of PFAS and Its Effects

Source and Exposure: Primary sources include industrial sites, firefighting training, landfills, and wastewater treatment plants. They enter drinking water, food, and indoor dust, resulting in widespread human exposure.

Health and Environmental Impact: PFAS are associated with adverse effects, including cancer (i.e. testicular, kidney), developmental delays, liver damage, and high cholesterol. They do not break down easily, leading to "background" contamination even in remote areas.¹⁰

Regulation and Action: While major US manufacturing of certain PFAS ended around 2015, they remain in products and in the environment. The EPA has established Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for drinking water.¹¹

"Forever Chemicals" Definition: Their chemical structure, featuring one of the strongest bonds in organic chemistry, makes them resistant to heat, water, and oil, thus earning them the nickname "forever chemicals."¹²

In Orange County, PFAS have been detected in the **Orange County Groundwater Basin**, which provides 77% to 85% of the drinking water for north and central parts of the county. Local agencies have taken a proactive stance, shutting down dozens of impacted wells and building some of the nation's largest treatment facilities to ensure tap water meets safety standards.¹³

⁸ "PFAS background," California State Water Resources Control Board, January 14, 2025, <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/background.html>

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ "PFAS Explained," EPA, accessed March 11, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>.

¹¹ "Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), Final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation," Accessed May 12, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ University of California, Irvine, "UCI PFAS Health Study, Frequently Asked Questions," accessed May 12, 2026, <https://sites.uci.edu/pfas/frequently-asked-questions/>.

REASON FOR STUDY

Recent regulatory actions related to PFAS have created significant operational, financial, and communication challenges for drinking water agencies across California. Orange County agencies face an intensifying timeline due to the region's reliance on groundwater supplies, the presence of PFAS in local aquifers, and the need to comply with evolving state and federal standards. As regulatory and monitoring requirements expand, agencies must rapidly adapt their treatment strategies, capital planning, and public outreach efforts.

This study is necessary to provide a clear, up-to-date understanding of how Orange County drinking water agencies are responding to these new requirements. Evaluating the status of PFAS treatment planning and installation helps illustrate the extent of infrastructure readiness, the pace of implementation, and the challenges agencies encounter as they work to bring new systems online. At the same time, assessing the development and delivery of PFAS-related education programs offers insight into how effectively agencies are communicating risks, regulatory changes, and water quality information to the public.

By documenting current conditions and identifying gaps or emerging needs, the study supports informed decision-making among water providers, policymakers, and ratepayers. This work helps ensure that Orange County communities receive safe drinking water and that agencies are equipped to meet regulatory expectations while maintaining public trust.

METHOD OF STUDY

The Orange County Grand Jury investigated the PFAS in Orange County drinking water to provide a clear and accurate assessment. The Grand Jury based its study on a comprehensive review of multiple sources, including interviews, public records, field investigations, and relevant news articles. Multiple independent sources corroborated and validated all facts, findings, and recommendations presented in the report.

- Interviewed several Orange County governmental leaders and senior staff directly involved in managing drinking water quality
- Reviewed and analyzed key documents related to the investigation, including:
 - Published Water Quality reports from all Orange County water retailers
 - Records from all Orange County water agencies
- Examined news articles and publications relevant to the topic.
- Conducted extensive internet research.

- Performed field investigations in which Grand Jury members visited several water management agencies to directly observe and assess drinking water processes.

INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS

The 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury investigated the presence of PFAS in Orange County drinking water and the response of Orange County community water systems. Community water systems (CWS) are city, county, regulated utilities, regional water systems and even small water companies and districts where people live. Non-community water systems¹⁴ provide drinking water to the public at locations where people do not reside permanently. The investigation included evaluation of Orange County CWS compliance with federal and state PFAS monitoring and reporting requirements and the extent of the voluntary response to PFAS contamination. The Grand Jury also evaluated annual Consumer Confidence Reports, also called Annual Water Quality Reports, which are issued annually by CWS and distributed to their customers.

Orange County Drinking Water Systems

The Grand Jury investigation was limited to community water systems (CWS) operated by cities or special districts that are regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act.¹⁵ CWS are defined as public water systems that serve at least 15 service connections used by yearlong residents, or regularly serve at least 25 yearlong residents of the area served by the system.¹⁶ In Orange County, there are 31 such CWS that are operated by cities or special districts and that sell drinking water directly to customers on a retail basis. In this report, these Orange County CWS may be referred to as retail water districts or water retailers.

Drinking Water Sources

North and Central Orange County

Orange County is divided into two distinct areas when it comes to drinking water sources. There are 2.5 million residents of north and central Orange County, who receive about 85% of their drinking water supplies from the Orange County Groundwater Basin, and the remaining 15% of their water supplies are imported from

¹⁴ “California Code, Health and Safety Code - HSC § 116275,” FindLaw, accessed May 21, 2026, <https://codes.findlaw.com/ca/health-and-safety-code/hsc-sect-116275/>.

¹⁵ “Summary of the Safe Drinking Water Act,” EPA, describing statutory authority at 42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq., accessed My 21, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-safe-drinking-water-act>.

¹⁶ “California Code, Health and Safety Code - HSC § 116275,” FindLaw.

the State Water Project and Colorado River delivered by Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC).¹⁷

South Orange County

Approximately 600,000 residents of south Orange County rely primarily on imported water supplies delivered by MWDOC, and a few south County communities also have groundwater supplies from the San Juan Basin and surface water supplies from Irvine Lake (also referred to as the Santiago Reservoir).¹⁸

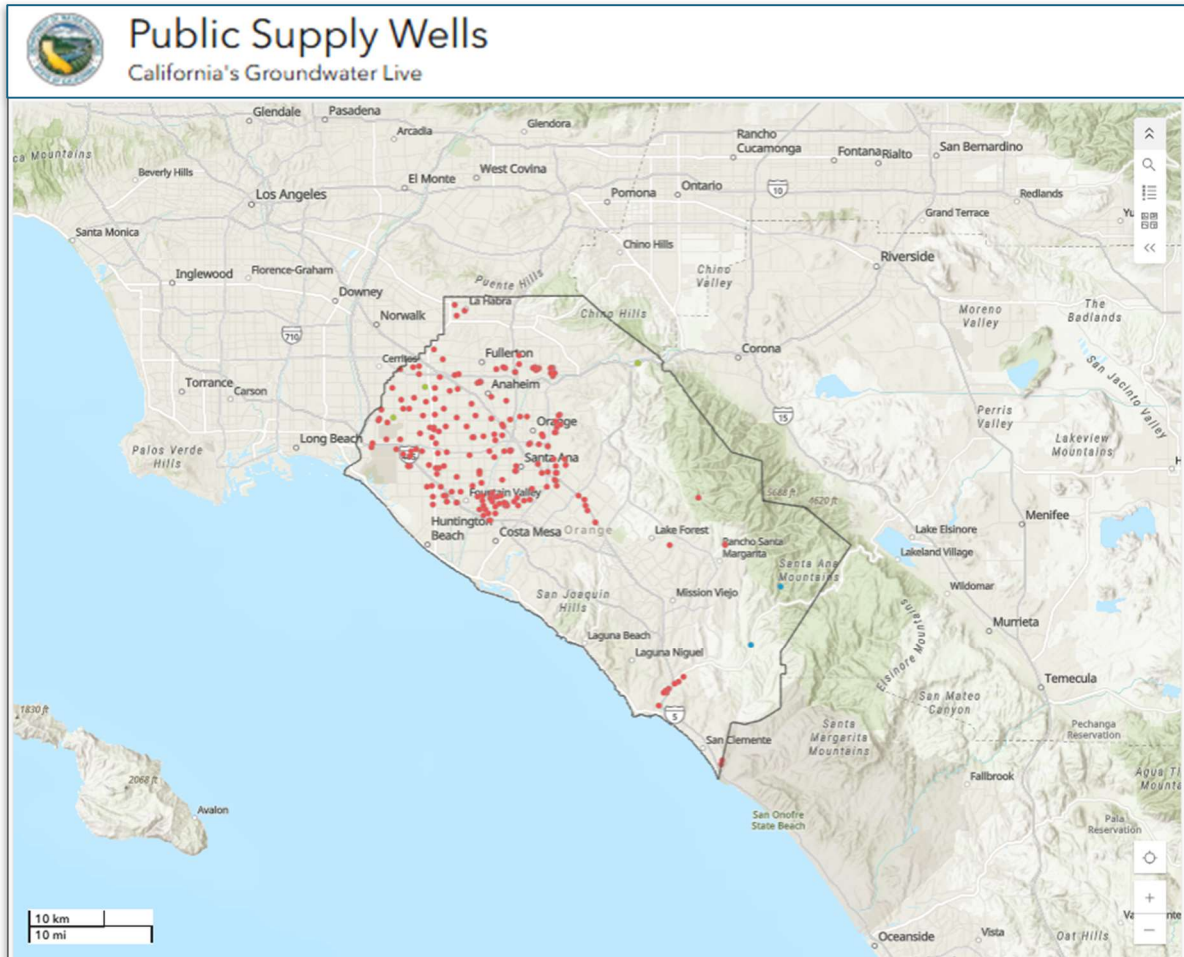
Public Supply Wells

According to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as of November 2024,¹⁹ there were a total of 217 public supply wells for drinking water in Orange County. Of the 217 total wells, 211 were CWS wells and six were non-community water system wells. See Figure 2 for a Department of Water Resources map of Orange County groundwater public supply wells. This map illustrates the reliance of north and central Orange County on groundwater sources, and the reliance of south Orange County on imported water supplies.

¹⁷ “How water works in Orange County,” OCWD, accessed May 21, 2026, <https://www.ocwd.com/learning-center/how-water-works-in-oc/>.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ “California’s Groundwater Live: Well Infrastructure,” California Department of Water Resources, accessed April 13, 2026, <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f2b252d15a0d4e49887ba94ac17cc4bb>.



Source: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Figure 2 - Orange County Groundwater Public Supply Wells

Orange County Water District

Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the Orange County Groundwater Basin to ensure sustainable use through replenishment of groundwater and delivery of water supplies to its 19 member agencies. Some OCWD member agencies are also members of MWDOC.

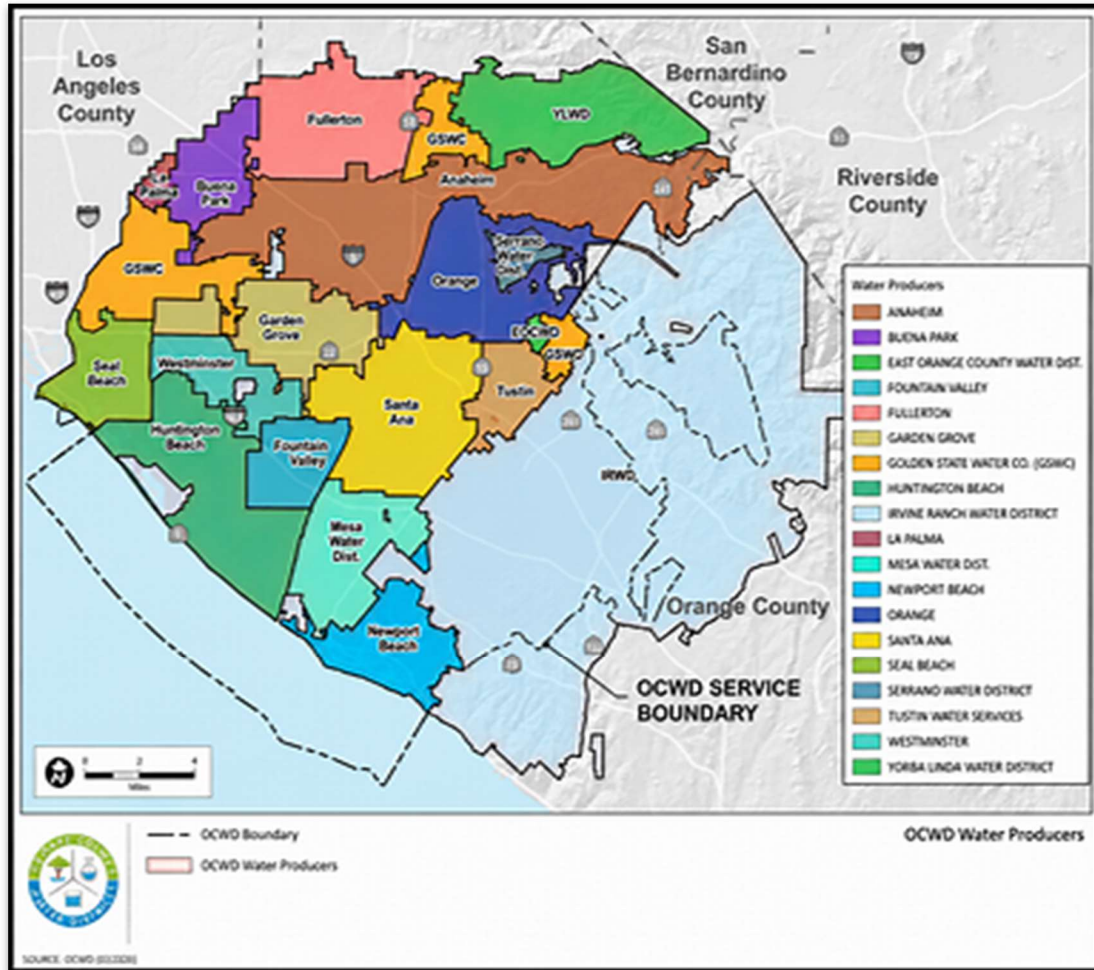
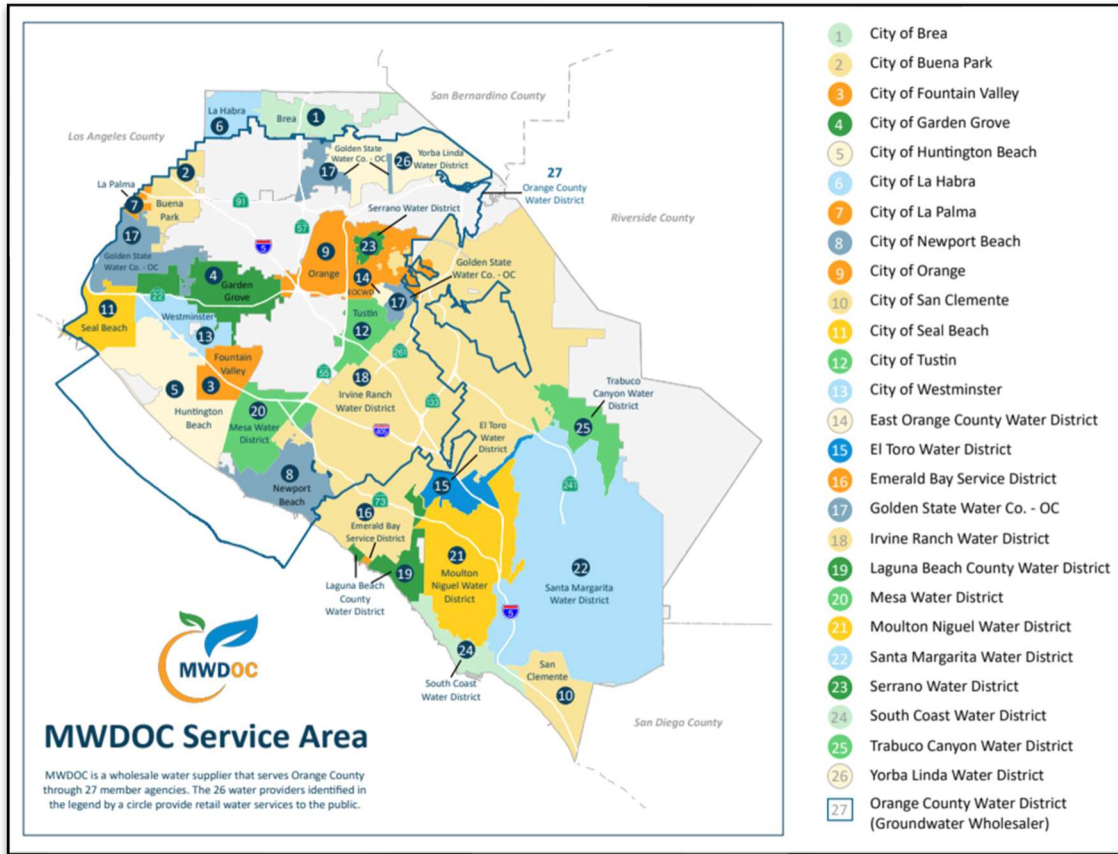


Figure 3 - Orange County Water District (OCWD) Service Area

Municipal Water District of Orange County

MWDOC is the wholesale water provider and resource planning agency that partners with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to deliver imported water to its 27 member agencies.²⁰ Some MWDOC member agencies are also members of OCWD.

²⁰ “How water works in Orange County,” OCWD.



Source: MWDOC

Figure 4 - Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Service Area

PFAS and the Health Effects of Exposure

What are PFAS?

PFAS are a large group of many thousands of manufactured chemicals that are resistant to heat, oil, and water. Among the many thousands of different PFAS, some have been more widely used and studied than others.²¹ PFAS have been used extensively in surface coating and protectant formulations due to their unique ability to reduce the surface tension of liquids, and their ability to repel oil, grease, water, and staining. Major applications have included use as processing aids in the manufacture of nonstick coatings on cookware, surface protectants for paper and cardboard such as disposable food packaging, microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes, and candy wrappers. Other surface protectants include those used on furniture and carpets,

²¹ "PFAS Explained," EPA.

leather products, outdoor gear, and textiles.²² PFAS are also one of the main components of aqueous film forming foams (AFFF) used frequently at airports and military bases for firefighting and emergency response training activities.²³ It is important to note that PFAS-containing firefighting foams and other emergency response materials containing PFAS are no longer in use at Orange County airports and harbors.²⁴

PFOA and PFOS are two types of PFAS of particular concern that are no longer manufactured or imported into the US. Trace amounts of PFOA and PFOS may still be contained in some imported goods and in other PFAS goods and materials that are still produced and used in the US.²⁵ Under the PFOA Stewardship Program with the EPA, eight major PFAS producers have phased out PFOA and other PFAS substances from their emissions and products; however, manufacturers are replacing substances in the PFAS family with others such as GenX and ADONA.²⁶

Understanding the PFAS Cycle: How PFAS Moves Through the Environment

PFAS move through the environment in a repeating cycle through air, water, soil, products, animals, and humans. This is known as the PFAS cycle. This cycle can be described in four stages and is illustrated at Figure 5.²⁷

Manufacturing and use. The PFAS cycle begins during manufacturing or everyday use of PFAS-containing consumer and industrial products. During manufacture and use, PFAS are released into the air, water, and soil. As more PFAS are manufactured and used, the more they accumulate because they are persistent and resistant to degradation.

Environmental spread. After PFAS are released to the environment, they move through wind, snowfall, rain, and runoff to soil and surface water, and infiltration to groundwater. Industrial sites and wastewater treatment plants are key entry points

²² "Our Current Understanding of the Human Health and Environmental Risks of PFAS," EPA, Accessed May 21, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/our-current-understanding-human-health-and-environmental-risks-pfas>.

²³ Sunderland. "A review of the pathways of human exposure."

²⁴ "SB-1044 Compliance: Phasing Out PFAS in Class B Firefighting Foam," CAL FIRE, accessed April 17, 2026, <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/pipeline-safety-and-cupa/fire-fighting-equipment-and-foam-pfas>.

²⁵ "PFAS – Frequently Asked Questions," California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality (SWRCB), 5, [3] 3M Company, "Fluorochemical use, distribution and release overview.," AR226-0550, 1999, updated March 19, 2020, accessed March 25, 2026, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/docs/master_pfas_faq_mar.pdf.

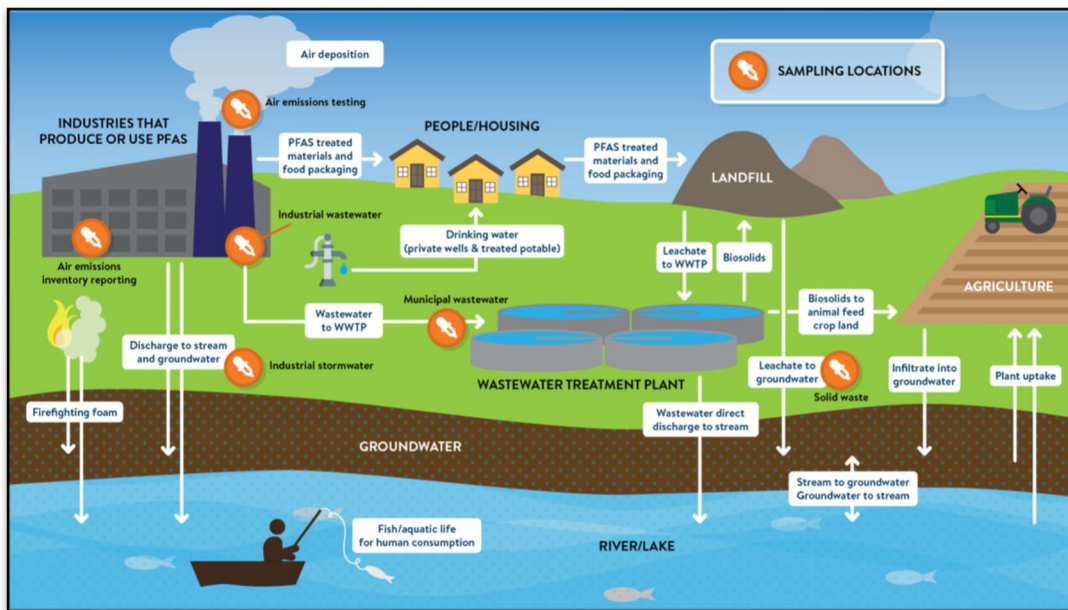
²⁶ "Risk Management for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) under TSCA," EPA, accessed May 21, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-management-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>.

²⁷ "Understanding the PFAS Cycle," EcoPulse, accessed April 13, 2026, <https://www.ecopulsenow.com/insights/understanding-the-pfas-cycle>.

into the environment. PFAS are absorbed from the environment by plants and animals, and then move up the food chain.

Human exposure. Most people are exposed to PFAS through using PFAS-contaminated products, drinking contaminated water, and eating contaminated food such as fish caught from water contaminated by PFAS, and dairy products from livestock exposed to PFAS.²⁸ The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) estimated that in NHANES 2017–2018 data 98% of the US population had combined PFAS serum levels greater than 2 nanograms per milliliter.²⁹

Re-entry. Even after disposal of PFAS products, PFAS can re-enter the environment through landfill leachate or runoff to soils, agricultural spreading of biosolids, and municipal wastewater treatment effluent discharges to surface water, resulting in PFAS cycling back into soil, animal feed crops, and water.



Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Figure 5 - The PFAS Cycle

What is the Source of PFAS in Orange County Groundwater?

Wastewater treatment plants located along the Santa Ana River that discharge effluent to the Santa Ana River upstream of managed aquifer recharge operations are sources

²⁸ “Risk Management for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) under TSCA,” EPA.

²⁹ “National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. NHANES 2017-18 Overview,” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), accessed April 16, 2026, <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/continuousnhanes/default.aspx?BeginYear=2017>.

of PFAS contamination for public water systems downstream of these wastewater treatment plants.³⁰ The OCWD Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) actively manages and recharges the Orange County groundwater basin with surface water from the Santa Ana River, imported surface water, and purified recycled water from the GWRS. For much of the year, flow in the Santa Ana River consists predominantly of effluent from municipal wastewater treatment plants upstream from the Orange County groundwater basin.³¹ Figure 6 illustrates these upstream wastewater discharges to the Santa Ana River.³² PFAS has recently been measured in the Santa Ana River at concentrations consistent with wells surrounding the recharge facilities, suggesting that historic concentrations of PFAS in the Santa Ana River may be a primary input of PFAS in the Orange County groundwater basin.³³

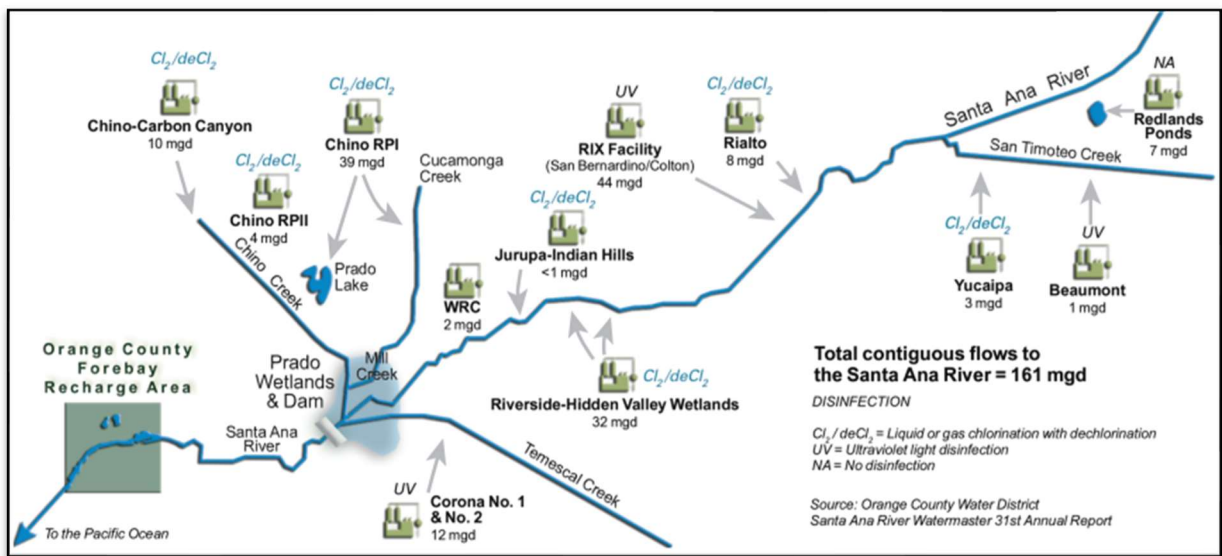


Figure 6 - Wastewater Treatment Discharges to the Santa Ana River

How Much PFAS is Found in the General Population?

Because of their widespread use and their persistence in the environment, many PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals all over the world.³⁴ CDC scientists have measured PFAS in the blood serum (the clear portion of blood) of 98% of participants

³⁰ “Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), What are PFAS?” SWRCB, accessed May 21, 2026, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/pfas/.

³¹ “UCI PFAS Health Study,” University of California, Irvine, accessed May 12, 2026, <https://sites.uci.edu/pfas/>.

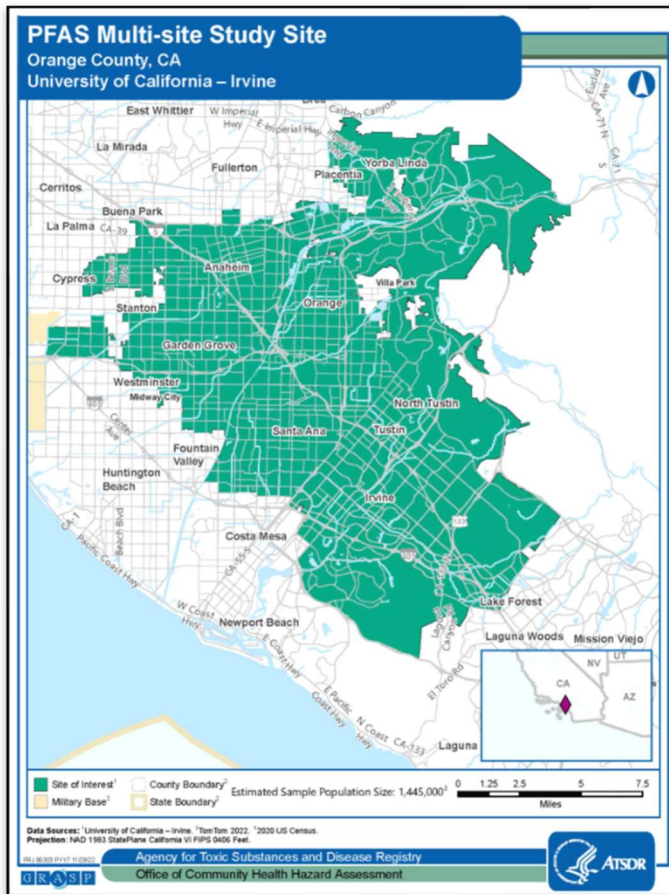
³² National Water Research Institute, *Report of the Scientific Advisory Panel: Orange County Water District’s Santa Ana River Water Quality and Health Study*, Fountain Valley, CA, 2004, accessed April 14, 2026, <https://www.ocwd.com/wp-content/uploads/sarwqh-final-nwri-panel-report-2004.pdf>.

³³ Russ Detwiler, *Reconstructing historical PFAS concentrations in groundwater using a reduced-order modeling framework*. Albuquerque NM, InterPore2025, May 20, 2025, accessed April 16, 2026, <https://events.interpore.org/event/56/contributions/7590/>.

³⁴ “PFAS Explained,” EPA.

aged 12 years and older since 1999, indicating widespread exposure to PFAS in the US population.³⁵

Researchers at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) are participating in the CDC Multi-site Study (MSS).³⁶ The MSS provides information to communities about the health effects of exposure to PFAS. The UCI MSS site is the area in Orange County, shown at Figure 7.



Source: CDC

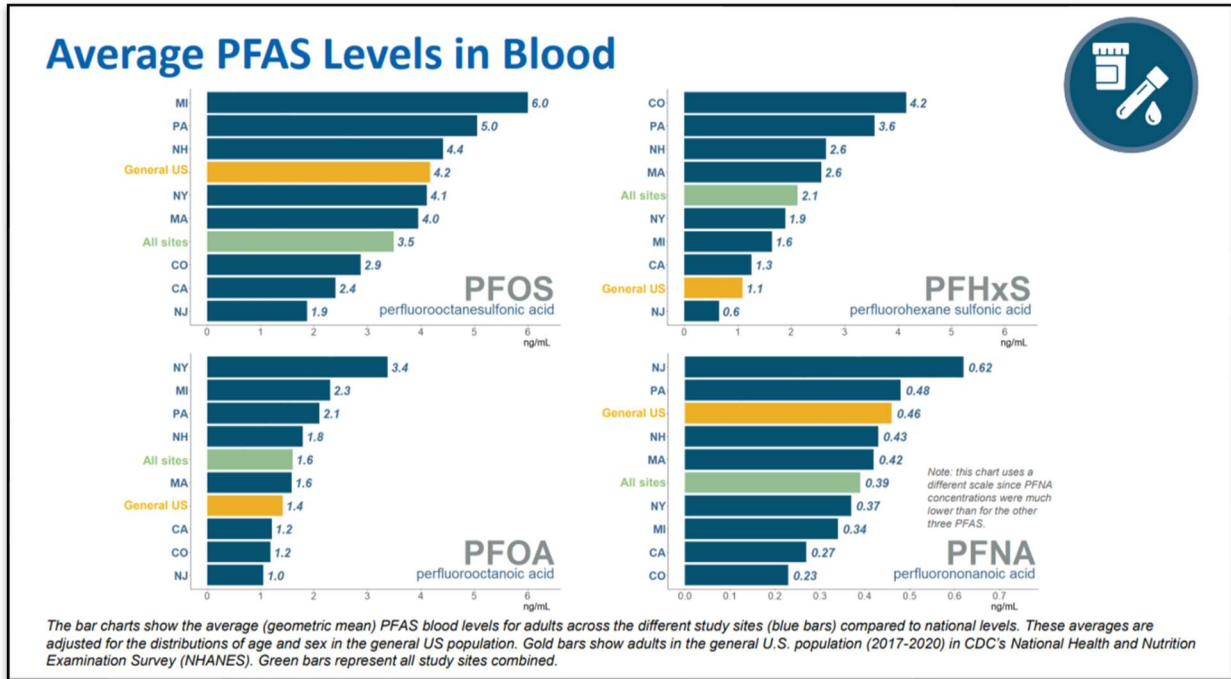
Figure 7 - CDC Multi-site Study Site Orange County, CA

At the July 2025 MSS update, the UCI researchers shared results showing average levels of certain PFAS chemicals in the blood of adults who participated at the Orange County study site. They compared Orange County results with other study locations and with national averages. For adults at the Orange County site, the average blood levels were estimated to be 2.4 for PFOS, 1.2 for PFOA, 1.3 for PFHxS, and 0.27 for PFNA (measured in nanograms per milliliter, ng/L) These levels were lower than the averages seen across all study sites. In addition, all of these levels, except PFHxS, were lower than the average levels found in the general U.S. population. See Figure 8 for the UCI MSS chart of Average PFAS Levels in Blood.³⁷ On the chart, the Orange County study site is labeled “CA.” Orange County is the only California location included in the study.

³⁵ “PFAS Frequently Asked Questions,” SWRCB, 5, [8] CDC, “National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals,” 2019, accessed April 23, 2026, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/docs/master_pfas_faq_mar.pdf.

³⁶ “Multi-site Study,” CDC, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Per- and Polyfluoralkyl Substances (PFAS) and Your Health, accessed April 16, 2026, <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/health-studies/multi-site-study.html>.

³⁷ “PFAS Multi-site Study (MSS), Virtual Open House,” CDC, ATSDR, July 28, 2025, accessed April 16, 2026, <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/media/pdfs/2025/08/Open-House-Slides-508.pdf>.



Source: CDC

Figure 8 - Average PFAS Levels in Blood, CDC Multi-site Study Virtual Open House, July 2025

Because of the phasing out of certain PFAS compounds, serum levels of PFOA and PFOS in the general population of the US have decreased dramatically in recent years. According to the CDC, blood levels of both PFOS and PFOA have steadily decreased in US residents since 1999-2000.³⁸

The half-life of PFAS in the human body is defined as the time required for the PFAS concentrations in serum or plasma to fall by half from the starting concentration.³⁹ Thirteen studies conducted mainly in Europe and the US involving both general populations and exposed workers resulted in half-life estimates for PFOA of 2.73 years (range: 1.48 to 5.1 years), 4.70 years for PFOS (range: 1.69 to 5.7 years), and 5.31 years for PFHxS (range: 2.84 to 8.5 years).⁴⁰ Based on that information, with no additional exposure, it could be anticipated that PFAS may be cleared from the body after an average of five years. However, PFAS exposures continue in general

³⁸ “Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and Your Health, Fast Facts: PFAS in the U.S. Population,” CDC, ATSDR, <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/data-research/facts-stats/index.html>.

³⁹ Isabella Rosato, et al. “Estimation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) half-lives in human studies: a systematic review and meta-analysis,” *Environmental Research*, Volume 242, February 1, 2024, 117743, accessed April 13, 2026, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0013935123025471>.

⁴⁰ Isabella Rosato, et al. “Estimation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) half-lives.”

populations primarily through food and water despite production phase outs and regulatory interventions.

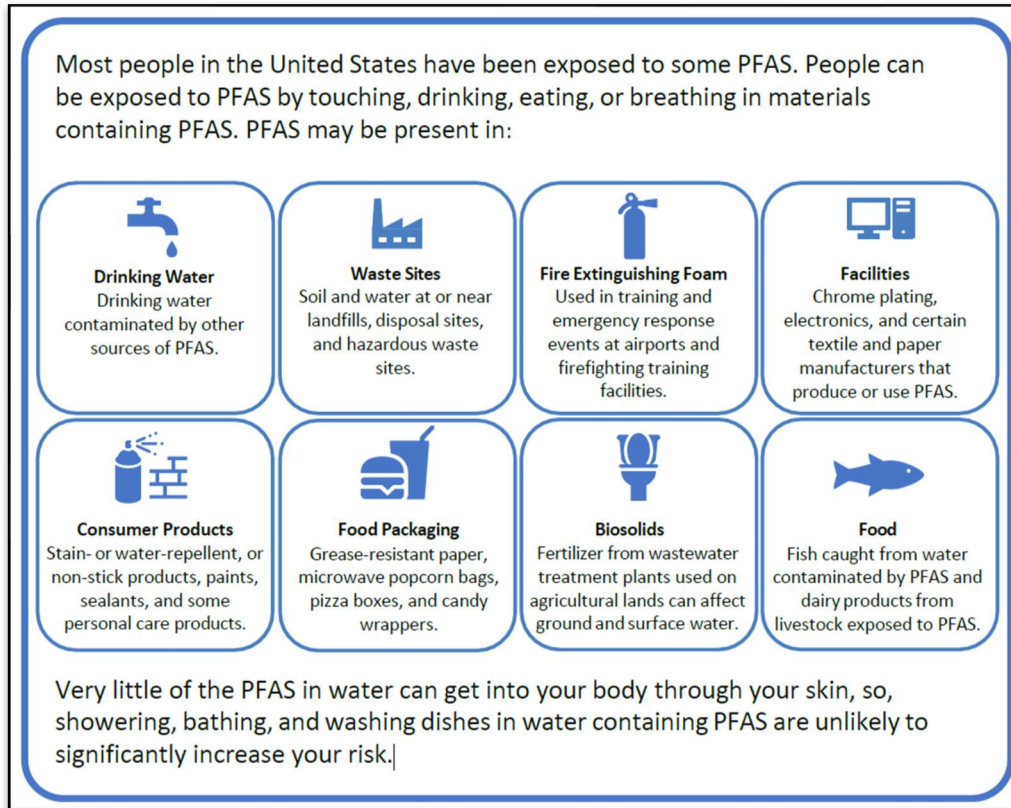
How Are People Exposed to PFAS?

There is general agreement that dietary intake is the largest source of PFAS exposure rather than inhalation or dermal contact.⁴¹ Direct exposures due to use in products can be quickly phased out by production phaseouts but exposures driven by PFAS accumulation in the environment, food chains, and contamination of groundwater and drinking water persist because of the continuing PFAS cycle. Human exposures to PFOS and PFOA, the two PFAS that are of greatest regulatory concern, have been declining due to regulatory interventions while understanding of their adverse effects on human health has been rapidly advancing. At the same time, a proliferation of new PFASs has rapidly replaced PFOS and PFOA with shorter chain length PFASs and new chemicals that are difficult to detect using standard methods.⁴² Emerging evidence from animal experiments suggests some of these alternative PFASs can be equally hazardous.⁴³

⁴¹ Sunderland, "A review of the pathways of human exposure," 136.

⁴² Sunderland, "A review of the pathways of human exposure," 132.

⁴³ Ibid.



Source: EPA

Figure 9 - How are people exposed to PFAS?⁴⁴

PFAS Exposure and Excretion

Exposure happens when a person breathes, eats, drinks, or touches a chemical and it enters their body. Excretion is the process whereby substances, like PFAS, leave the body. All PFAS can leave the body over time through urine, through menstrual blood or blood donation, or through breast milk. All of these factors could affect PFAS levels measured in blood.⁴⁵ While PFAS blood test results can tell you the amount of certain PFAS in your blood, the test results will not provide information to pinpoint a health problem and will not predict future health outcomes. You can talk with your healthcare provider about the benefits and limitations of PFAS blood testing.⁴⁶

⁴⁴ “PFAS Explained,” EPA, 2, March 11, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-10/final-virtual-pfas-explainer-508.pdf>.

⁴⁵ “Per- and Polyfluoralkyl Substances (PFAS) and Your Health, Preventing PFAS Exposure,” CDC, ATSDR, accessed April 16, 2026, <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/prevent-exposure/your-body.html>.

⁴⁶ “Per- and Polyfluoralkyl Substances (PFAS) and Your Health, Testing for PFAS,” CDC, ATSDR, accessed April 17, 2026, <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/blood-testing/index.html>.

What are the Health Effects of Exposure?

Exposure to unsafe levels of PFOA/PFOS may result in adverse health effects including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy, cancer, liver effects, immune effects, thyroid effects, and other effects such as cholesterol changes.⁴⁷

Laboratory studies in animals who were exposed to PFAS found links between the chemicals and increased cholesterol, changes in the body's hormones, alterations of the immunologic system, decreased fertility, increased risk of cancer (especially kidney and testicular), low birth weight, delayed puberty onset, and birth defects. Since humans and animals react differently to PFAS, not all effects observed in animals may occur in humans. Although many epidemiology studies have examined the potential of PFAS to result in adverse health effects, most of the studies are cross-sectional in design and do not establish causality. Based on several factors outlined in the report of PFAS by the CDC including the consistency of findings across studies, the available epidemiology studies suggest associations between PFAS exposure and several health outcomes in humans.⁴⁸

⁴⁷ "PFAS Frequently Asked Questions," SWRCB, 5, [6] A. M. Calafat, L.-Y. Wong, Z. Kuklennyik, J. A. Reidy, and L. L. Needham, "Polyfluoroalkyl Chemicals in the US Population: Data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 2003–2004 and Comparisons with NHANES 1999–2000," *Environ. Health Perspect.*, vol. 115, no. 11, pp. 1596 - 1602, Nov. 2007, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/docs/master_pfas_faq_mar.pdf.

⁴⁸ "PFAS Frequently Asked Questions," SWRCB, 8, [1] ATSDR, "Toxicological Profile for Perfluoroalkyls, Draft for Public Comment," 2018, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/docs/master_pfas_faq_mar.pdf.

Are PFAS safe?

Research is ongoing to determine how exposure to different PFAS can lead to a variety of health effects. Studies have shown that exposure to certain levels of PFAS may lead to:

- Cancer Effects**
Increased risk of some cancers, including prostate, kidney, and testicular cancers.
- Weight Effects**
Increased cholesterol levels and/or risk of obesity.
- Immune Effects**
Reduced ability of the body's immune system to fight infections.
- Developmental Effects**
Low birth weight, accelerated puberty, bone variations, or behavioral changes.
- Reproductive Effects**
Decreased fertility or increased high blood pressure in pregnant women.

The more we learn about PFAS chemicals, the more we learn that certain PFAS can cause health risks even at very low levels. This is why anything we can do to reduce PFAS in water, soil, and air, can have a meaningful impact on health. EPA is taking action to reduce PFAS in water and in the environment. You can also take action if you remain concerned about your own risk.

Source: EPA

Figure 10 - Are PFAS Safe?⁴⁹

PFAS Regulatory Requirements

Public drinking water systems are required to follow certain regulations to ensure that the water they serve to their customers is safe to drink.⁵⁰

In recent years, specific regulations have been issued to address PFAS contamination that require monitoring and taking actions when PFAS is detected in drinking water sources. The following sections present PFAS regulations in the order they were issued by the EPA and California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

PFAS Monitoring Requirements

Monitoring refers to the collection and evaluation of data for contaminants that are suspected of being present in water. Samples are collected and analyzed according to EPA-approved laboratory methods. Monitoring results are reported to either the EPA or SWRCB. This data serves as a primary source of occurrence and exposure information used to develop regulatory decisions.

OCWD conducts all sampling and analyses and reporting of monitoring results to regulatory agencies on behalf of its member agencies. OCWD owns and operates its

⁴⁹ "PFAS Explained," EPA, 1, accessed March 11, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-10/final-virtual-pfas-explainer-508.pdf>.

⁵⁰ "Drinking Water Standards and Regulations: An Overview," CDC, accessed May 21, 2026, <https://www.cdc.gov/drinking-water/about/drinking-water-standards-and-regulations-an-overview.html>.

own EPA-certified laboratory where it can use analytical methods approved by the EPA. MWDOC member agencies conduct monitoring activities using either their own staff or contractors to collect samples, which are delivered to EPA-certified laboratories for analyses. Laboratories report the results of their analyses to each MWDOC water retailer, who then reports the results to either the EPA or SWRCB.

EPA Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

EPA uses the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) to collect data every five years for no more than 30 priority contaminants that are suspected to be present in drinking water and do not have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).⁵¹ The UCMR applies to all large public water systems (PWSs) serving greater than 10,000 people, all small PWSs serving between 3,300 and 10,000 people, and a representative sample of small PWSs serving fewer than 3,300 people.

EPA establishes the list of contaminants for each five-year UCMR cycle, considering an initial list of contaminants that are not regulated by the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, are known or anticipated to occur at PWSs, and may warrant regulation under the SDWA.⁵²

The SDWA Public Notification Rule ensures that consumers will receive notice if there is a risk to public health from their drinking water. The Public Notification Rule requires that all PWSs notify their customers of the availability of UCMR results no later than 12-months after results are known. CWS are required to report UCMR results in their Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) when unregulated contaminants are detected. The annual drinking water quality report must include notice of availability of unregulated contaminant monitoring results, the average of the year's results and the range of detections.⁵³

The Grand Jury obtained UCMR monitoring data for all sampling and analyses conducted to fulfill UCMR requirements for its member agencies. The highest PFAS detections for all OCWD sources during the UCMR 3 and UCMR 5 monitoring cycles are shown at Figure 11.

⁵¹ "Summary of the Safe Drinking Water Act," EPA.

⁵² "Learn About the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule," EPA, accessed April 7, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/learn-about-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>.

⁵³ "Public Notification Rule," EPA, accessed April 7, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/public-notification-rule#rule-summary>.

EPA UCMR	Number of PFAS on UCMR Contaminants List	Maximum PFAS Detection Among all OCWD Sources
2012-2016 UCMR 3	6 PFAS Figure 20, Appendix A	70 ng/L
2022-2026 UCMR 5	29 PFAS Figure 21, Appendix A	29 ng/L

Source: Compiled from OCWD data

Figure 11 - Highest PFAS Detections Among All OCWD Sources During UCMR 3 and UCMR 5 Monitoring Cycles

California State Water Resources Control Board PFAS General Monitoring Orders

Beginning in 2020, the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water, based on review of monitoring results from its 2019 PFAS monitoring orders, determined that it was necessary to expand monitoring to groundwater sources located within the vicinity of the PFAS detections. Several PFAS general monitoring orders were issued to PWSs 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2025 that included Orange County groundwater well locations.⁵⁴

Each of the SWRCB PFAS monitoring orders included requirements for sample collection and laboratory analysis by specific dates, to be followed by monitoring conducted every calendar quarter thereafter.⁵⁵ These PFAS monitoring orders established Consumer Confidence Report Detection Levels (CCRD), and Notification and Response Levels for each PFAS chemical to be monitored. A list of the SWRCB PFAS monitoring orders and exhibits identifying groundwater sources required to be monitored are shown at Appendix A, as well as copies of the CCRDL for each monitoring order.

The Grand Jury obtained monitoring data for all sampling and analyses conducted to fulfill SWRCB monitoring order requirements for sources listed in the monitoring orders that are owned by their member agencies. The highest PFAS detections for all these OCWD sources are shown at Figure 12.

⁵⁴ "PFAS DDW General Orders," SWRCB, accessed May 21, 2026, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/pfas_ddw_general_order/.

⁵⁵ Ibid.

SWRCB Order	Number of PFAS on Order CCRDL	Selected Monitoring Date Range	Maximum PFAS Detection Among All OCWD Sources Listed on Order Exhibit A
2020-0003-DDW	18 PFAS Figure 23, Appendix A	8/27/20 - 2/15/21	67.5 ng/L
2021-0003-DDW	18 PFAS Figure 24, Appendix A	2/16/21 - 10/30/22	470 ng/L ²
2022-0001-DDW	25 PFAS Figure 25, Appendix A	10/31/22 - 4/24/24	169 ng/L ³
2025-0002-DDW	25 PFAS Figure 26, Appendix A	4/25/24 - 3/19/26 ¹	73.7 ng/L

¹OCWD monitoring data as of March 19, 2026
²Outlier result. Next maximum PFAS result 88 ng/L
³Outlier result. Next maximum PFAS result 73.7 ng/L

Source: Compiled from OCWD data

Figure 12 - Highest PFAS Detections Among All OCWD Sources Listed on Each SWRCB Monitoring Order Exhibit A

2025 SWRCB General Order DW 2025-0002-DDW

The 2025 SWRCB General Order, issued on December 12, 2025, adopted the initial monitoring requirements in the federal PFAS Rule for each California CWS and non-transient, non-community water system. The 2025 SWRCB Order allows previously acquired data to count toward initial monitoring if collected on or after January 1, 2019, and reported concentrations no greater than the respective MCL.⁵⁶

The 2025 SWRCB General Order also included a list of Orange County groundwater sources showing that 151 of the 198 listed sources had completed initial monitoring as required by the federal PFAS Rule.⁵⁷

PFAS Notification and Response Requirements

Notification and response levels are health-based advisory levels established by the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water (DDW) for chemicals in drinking water that do not have established MCLs.

When chemicals are found in drinking water at concentrations greater than their notification levels, PWSs are required by law to make specific notifications. When

⁵⁶ "ORDER DW 2025-0002-DDW," SWRCB, accessed May 21, 2026, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/pfas_ddw_general_order/docs/order-dw-2025-0002-ddw-pfas-initial-monitoring.pdf.

⁵⁷ "Exhibit A – List of Sources and Required Monitoring Frequency," SWRCB, accessed May 21, 2026, https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%2Fdrinking_water%2Fcertlic%2Fdrinkingwater%2Fpfas_ddw_general_order%2Fdocs%2Forder-dw-2025-0002-ddw-exhibit-a.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK.

chemicals are found in drinking water at concentrations greater than their response levels, DDW recommends removal of a drinking water source from service.⁵⁸

PFAS notification and response levels specified in CCRDLs attached to SWRCB general monitoring orders remain in effect until MCLs are established and become effective. For example, MCLs for specific PFAS will become effective in 2029, and at that time will supersede notification and response levels specified the 2022 CCRDL.

PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation

In April 2024 EPA announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for six PFAS (the federal PFAS Rule).⁵⁹ The PFAS Rule applies to all CWS. The EPA expects that over many years this rule will prevent PFAS exposure in drinking for approximately 100 million people, prevent thousands of deaths, and reduce tens of thousands of serious PFAS-attributable illnesses.⁶⁰

The PFAS Rule establishes initial monitoring and compliance monitoring requirements, and enforceable maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for six PFAS in drinking water. Initial monitoring for six listed PFAS must be implemented beginning April 2024 and must be completed no later than April 26, 2027. Compliance monitoring requirements beginning April 26, 2027, will be either triennial, annual, or quarterly as determined by the SWRCB based on results of the initial monitoring.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. EPA has established legally enforceable MCLs of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and PFOS, and 10.0 ppt for PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA (GenX chemicals). Figure 13 shows the MCLs and MCLG effective April 26, 2029.

Ensuring compliance with drinking water MCLs for the PFAS of most concern is the reason over \$600 million (see Figure 17) is being spent to construct PFAS treatment facilities in Orange County.

⁵⁸ "Drinking Water Notification Levels," SWRCB, accessed May 21, 2026,

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/NotificationLevels.html.

⁵⁹ "Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), Final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation," EPA, accessed May 21, 2026, <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>.

⁶⁰ Ibid.

Chemical	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)	Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
PFOA	0	4.0 ppt
PFOS	0	4.0 ppt
PFNA	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFHxS	10 ppt	10 ppt
HFPO-DA (GenX chemicals)	10 ppt	10 ppt
Mixture of two or more: PFNA, PFHxS, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	Hazard Index of 1	Hazard Index of 1
<p>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety and are non-enforceable public health goals.</p> <p>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology and taking cost into consideration. MCLs are enforceable standards.</p> <p>ppt: parts per trillion</p> <p>Hazard Index (HI): The Hazard Index is a long-established approach that EPA regularly uses to understand health risk from a chemical mixture (i.e., exposure to multiple chemicals). The HI is made up of a sum of fractions. Each fraction compares the level of each PFAS measured in the water to the health-based water concentration.</p>		

Source: EPA

Figure 13 - PFAS Rule Enforceable Maximum Contaminant Levels and Maximum Contaminant Level Goals⁶¹

In addition to ongoing compliance monitoring and MCLs, the PFAS Rule also includes additional requirements with future effective dates. Between April 2027 and April 2029, if monitoring shows that drinking water levels exceed MCLs, CWS must implement solutions that reduce these PFAS; results of initial monitoring must be included in the CCR; results of compliance monitoring must be included in the CCR; and public notification is required for monitoring and testing violations. Starting April 2029, CWS that have MCL violations must take action to reduce levels of these PFAS in their drinking water, and public notification is required for MCL violations.

Compliance with Regulatory Requirements

Consumer Confidence Reports

The Grand Jury reviewed the 2025 Consumer Confidence Reports (Water Quality Reports) issued by 31 water retailers serving Orange County. The CCR is to be delivered to all billing customers by July 1 of each year and must include specified information. All 31 water retailers complied with the eight content requirements specified by the EPA, shown in Appendix B.⁶² Seven of the 11 water retailers operating PFAS

⁶¹ “PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation, April 2024,” EPA, accessed May 12, 2026, https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr_fact-sheet_general_4.9.24v1.pdf.

⁶² “Consumer Confidence Report Rule: A Quick Reference Guide,” EPA, accessed April 18, 2026, https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2014-05/documents/guide_qrg_ccr_2011.pdf.

treatment facilities in Orange County included a PFAS advisory section in their CCRs, while only 55 percent of the 31 water retailers included any PFAS advisory statement.

The Grand Jury found that the 31 Orange County water retailers reported either “not detected” results or concentrations below notification thresholds for the six PFAS listed in the EPA PFAS Rule on their 2025 CCRs. After PFAS treatment facilities became operational, OCWD member retailers operating these facilities consistently reported “not detected” results for the same six PFAS. The Grand Jury found that PFAS results from individual wells do not necessarily reflect the quality of water delivered to customers, as some tested wells were later placed into inactive status or destroyed. CCRs documented PFAS constituents exceeding notification levels as required and did not report “not detected” results for those constituents. Monitoring results and CCRs are available in the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS), California’s official database for tracking public water systems, drinking water quality monitoring, regulatory compliance, and enforcement.⁶³

Notification and Response

As of 2020, drinking water retailers with PFAS detections above notification and response levels at wells without PFAS treatment facilities began to rely on imported water, or groundwater blended with imported water to deliver drinking water with PFAS concentrations below notification and response levels. As of 2021, multiple water retailers in Orange County shut down groundwater wells after PFAS concentrations at those wells exceeded established response levels.⁶⁴

PFAS Rule Initial Monitoring

When the 2025 SWRCB General Order adopting the PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation was issued in December 2025, 76% of listed Orange County groundwater sources had already completed initial monitoring required to be completed by April 2027. Most of the remaining Orange County sources received credit for previously acquired data, leaving only 6% with all requirements to be completed by April 2027.

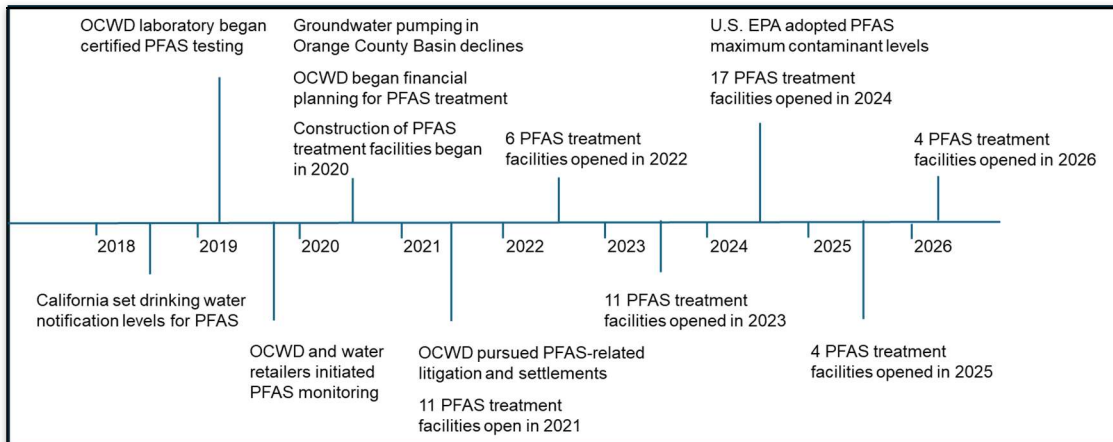
⁶³ “Drinking Water Watch,” SWRCB, Division of Drinking Water, Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS), accessed April 26, 2026, <https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWWW/>.

⁶⁴ “Orange County launches first water plant to remove PFAS toxins,” Solano Public Health, accessed April 29, 2026, <https://publichealth.networkofcare.org/solano/CommunityResources/News/Article?articleId=124536>.

Proactive Response to PFAS Impacts

PFAS Impacts and OCWD Response

OCWD coordinated a regional response to PFAS contamination in partnership with its member agencies. These efforts focus on restoring the groundwater basin, which supplies up to 85 percent of the water used by approximately 2.5 million residents in north and central Orange County. A timeline of OCWD response to PFAS in the Orange County Groundwater Basin is shown in Figure 14. As PFAS-impacted groundwater wells began to be shut down in early 2020, public education became a critical component of community water systems’ response. OCWD dedicated resources to public outreach, including the development of informational web pages to inform the public about PFAS impacts and the measures being implemented to address them.⁶⁵



Source: Compiled from multiple OCWD sources

Figure 14 - Timeline of OCWD Response to PFAS in the Santa Ana River Basin

PFAS contamination has impacted more than 100 groundwater wells across 15 water retailers. As of this report, 53 wells have returned to service following construction of treatment facilities. Figure 15 shows a map of current and future PFAS treatment locations in Orange County.

⁶⁵ “PFAS education center,” Orange County Water District, accessed April 8, 2026, <https://www.ocwd.com/what-we-do/water-quality/pfas/>.

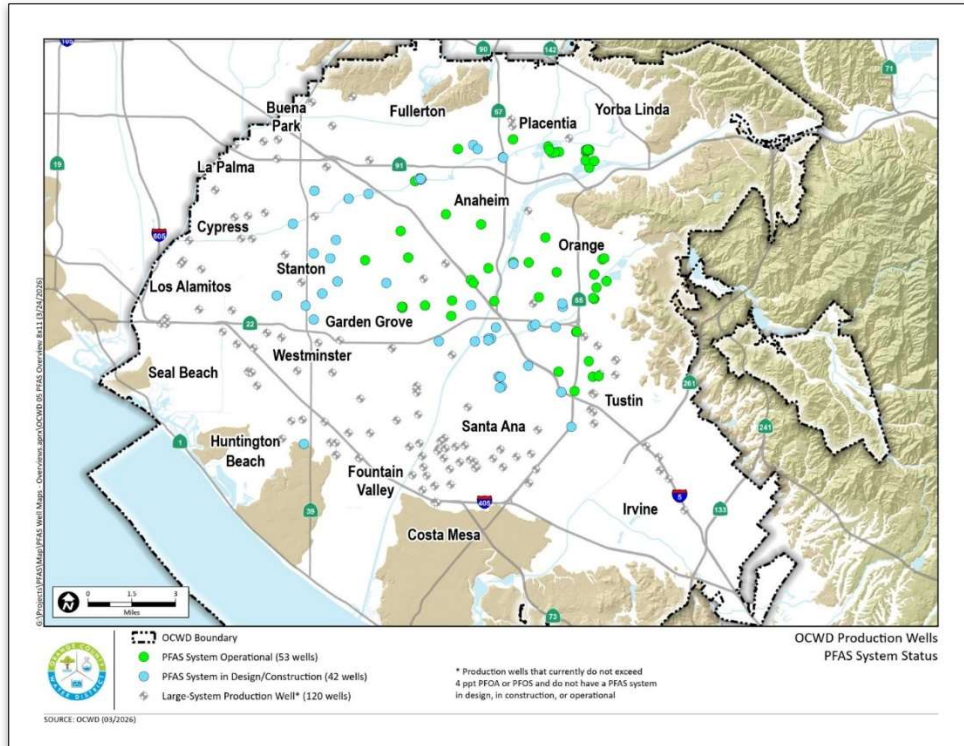
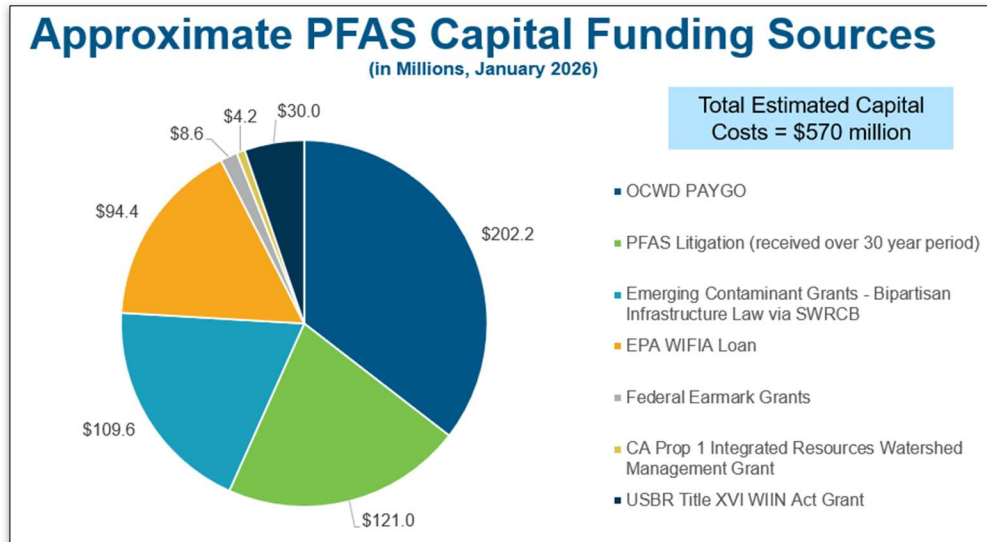


Figure 15 - Map of Current and Future PFAS Treatment Locations

PFAS Treatment Facilities and Capital Costs

Construction of PFAS treatment facilities began in 2020. OCWD executed the PFAS Treatment Facilities and Program Agreement, under which OCWD funds capital costs and shares operating and maintenance (O&M) costs with participating water retailers.

Figure 16 summarizes projected PFAS capital funding sources as of January 2026, including OCWD pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) revenue, state and federal grants, an EPA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan, and litigation settlement proceeds. The Grand Jury commends OCWD for securing diversified funding sources to advance timely treatment facility construction.



Source: OCWD data

Figure 16 - Approximate PFAS Capital Funding Sources

Figure 17 summarizes PFAS treatment facilities by water retailer, opening date, treatment technology, capacity, location, connections, number of wells, and capital costs. Facilities began entering service in mid-2021, starting with a treatment plant in Fullerton, with additional facilities becoming operational over time. Most facilities use ion exchange technology. Capital costs vary based on the number of affected wells, conveyance pipeline requirements, and treatment facility configuration.

OCWD is funding the reasonable costs of designing and constructing PFAS treatment facilities for its member water retailers. Each retailer could either have OCWD design and build the treatment facility or receive reimbursement for designing and constructing the treatment system independently. As of this report, 38 wells with PFAS treatment were built by OCWD and fifteen wells with PFAS treatment were designed and built by the water retailers.

Eighteen wells with PFAS treatment construction projects by OCWD have been completed on schedule. Ten wells with PFAS treatment projects, which were built by OCWD, were completed on schedule; however, OCWD experienced cost overruns due to specialized design requirements or owner-requested improvements. An additional 10 wells with PFAS treatment projects that were done by OCWD were completed late and over budget, primarily due to pandemic-related material delays, design complexity, owner-requested improvements, and utility coordination challenges.

Community Water System	Opening Date	Type	Capacity	Location	Connections	Wells	Total Cost (\$M)	Actual-to Date (\$M)	Remaining Budget (\$M)
City of Anaheim	Sep-2024	Ion Exchange	51,000 gal/min	Nine (9) PFAS treatment facilities at Linda Vista, Katella Ave., Santa Cruz, Energy Field, Brookhurst, Willow Park, Downtown, Boysen Park, and La Palma	64,000	14	\$117.1	\$117.1	\$0.0
	Dec-2028	Ion Exchange	8,000 gal/min	Wells 48 & 53		2	\$16.0	\$0.8	\$15.3
	Dec-2028	Ion Exchange	8,000 gal/min	Wells 39 & 47		2	\$16.0	\$0.9	\$15.1
	Dec-2029	Ion Exchange	TBD	Well 51		1	\$7.0	\$0.0	\$7.0
City of Buena Park	Jun-2026	Packer	2,200 gal/min	Linden Well - Install Packer to reduce flow from PFAS zone(s) in the well - not treatment.		1	\$0.6	\$0.1	\$0.6
City of Fullerton	Jun-2021	Ion Exchange	2,400 gal/min	Kimberly Well 1A	32,000	1	\$5.3	\$4.1	\$1.3
	Dec-2023	Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)	5,000 gal/min	Main Plant 3A		1	\$13.7	\$13.7	\$0.0
	Dec-2026	Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)	4,000 gal/min	Main Plant Wells 5,6,7,8		4	\$12.5	\$2.6	\$9.9
	Jun-2027	Ion Exchange	4,400 gal/min	Kimberly Well 2		1	\$10.9	\$4.3	\$6.6
	Dec-2029	Ion Exchange	1,600 gal/min	Sunclipse Well 10 - Pipeline for Treatment at Kimberly 2 Plant Well 15 - New Well Site Needed		2	\$15.3	\$0.0	\$15.3
City of Garden Grove	Jun-2023	Ion Exchange	17,600 gal/min	Wells 21, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31	34,300	6	\$24.3	\$24.3	\$0.0
	Dec-2026	Ion Exchange	2,000 gal/min	Well 19		1	\$6.5	\$1.9	\$4.7
	Dec-2028	Ion Exchange	13,590 gal/min	Wells 22, 26, and 27		3	\$31.7	\$1.6	\$30.2
	Dec-2030	Ion Exchange	2,000 gal/min	Well 25		1	\$7.0	\$0.0	\$7.0
City of Huntington Beach	Dec-2029	Ion Exchange	3,000 gal/min	Well 3A		1	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$8.0
	Dec-2030	Ion Exchange	3,000 gal/min	Well 6		1	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$8.0
City of Orange	Sep-2022	Ion Exchange	8,420 gal/min	Wells 9, 19, 23, 24	36,000	4	\$10.0	\$9.9	\$0.1
	Apr-2026	Ion Exchange	7,940 gal/min	Wells 20, 21, 22		3	\$14.7	\$14.7	\$0.0
	Apr-2026	Ion Exchange	3,200 gal/min	Well 28		1	\$5.0	\$4.0	\$1.0
	Dec-2028	Ion Exchange	5,500 gal/min	Wells 25, 27		2	\$13.0	\$0.4	\$12.7
	Dec-2029	Ion Exchange	3,200 gal/min	Well 26		1	\$7.0	\$0.1	\$6.9
	Dec-2029	Ion Exchange	TBD	Well 29 - New Well Currently Being Drilled by City		1	\$6.0	\$1.0	\$5.0
	May-2023	Ion Exchange	2,500 gal/min	Well 40		1	\$5.8	\$5.8	\$0.0
City of Santa Ana	Sep-2026	Ion Exchange	2,500 gal/min	Well 38	45,576	1	\$7.4	\$7.4	\$0.0
	Dec-2026	Ion Exchange	2,000 gal/min	Well 31		1	\$8.5	\$6.8	\$1.7
	Apr-2027	Ion Exchange	3,600 gal/min	Well 27&28		2	\$17.0	\$8.7	\$8.3
	May-2027	Ion Exchange	9,200 gal/min	Wells 27, 28, 31, 38, 40 at John Garthe Reservoir		5	\$31.4	\$0.0	\$31.4
	Dec-2029	Ion Exchange	12,400 gal/min	Wells 16, 29, 33, 41, 43(fut) at Walnut Reservoir		5	\$25.0	\$0.1	\$24.9
	May-2025	Ion Exchange	6,400 gal/min	Main Street and Prospect Avenue to remove PFAS from four (4) wells in Tustin		4	\$32.7	\$32.7	\$0.0
City of Tustin	Dec-2029	Ion Exchange	2,000 gal/min	Edinger Well	14,500	1	\$7.0	\$0.0	\$7.0
	Dec-2030	Ion Exchange	2,300 gal/min	17th St Wells (2 wells treated)		2	\$7.0	\$0.0	\$7.0
	Dec-2030	Ion Exchange	2,500 gal/min	WM-3 (New Well)		1	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$8.0
City of Westminster	Dec-2030	Ion Exchange	2,500 gal/min	WM-SC4 (New Well)		1	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$8.0
	Dec-2030	Ion Exchange	2,500 gal/min	WM-SC4 (New Well)		1	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$8.0
East Orange County Water District	Jun-2024	Ion Exchange	3,200 gal/min	Treatment for East and VanderWerff Wells	19,000	2	\$8.9	\$8.9	\$0.0
Golden State Water Company	Nov-2023	Ion Exchange	3,200 gal/min	Bradford and Fairhaven Plants	46,300	3	\$4.4	\$4.4	\$0.0
	Jul-2027	Ion Exchange	940 gal/min	Sherrill Plant		1	\$3.1	\$0.8	\$2.4
	Dec-2028	Ion Exchange	7,620 gal/min	La Jolla, Fern Plants		3	\$8.3	\$0.5	\$7.8
	Dec-2028	Ion Exchange	7,620 gal/min	Clair, Beach, and Dale Plants		4	\$12.8	\$0.9	\$11.9
	Dec-2030	Ion Exchange	2,500 gal/min	Lowden		1	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$8.0
	Dec-2030	Ion Exchange	2,500 gal/min	Orangewood		1	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$8.0
Irvine Ranch Water District	Oct-2024	Ion Exchange	3,200 gal/min	Orange Park Acres Well No. 1	125,000	1	\$7.2	\$7.2	\$0.0
Serrano Water District	Feb-2022	Ion Exchange	3,200 gal/min	Wells 3 and 5	5,659	2	\$6.0	\$6.0	\$0.0
Yorba Linda Water District	Dec-2021	Ion Exchange	13,200 gal/min	All ten (10) Yorba Linda wells	11,786	10	\$27.7	\$27.7	\$0.0
Note: \$M = Dollars in Millions						106	\$607.8	\$318.9	\$288.9

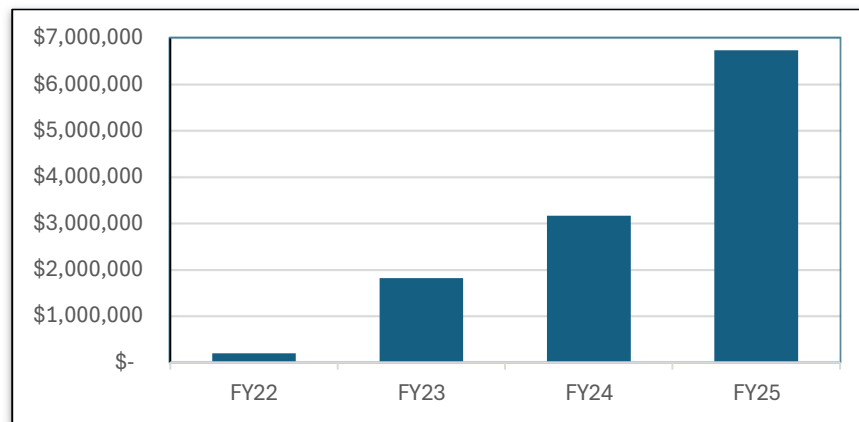
Source: Multiple OCWD and water retailer data

Figure 17 - Summary of PFAS Treatment Facilities

Operations and Maintenance Costs

Under the PFAS Treatment Facilities and Program Agreement, OCWD reimburses 50 percent of eligible operations and maintenance (O&M) costs incurred by participating water agencies. Eligible O&M costs include treatment media replacement, power and chemical costs, routine maintenance, repairs, staffing, compliance monitoring, regulatory compliance activities, additional pumping, waste disposal, sewer costs, and other necessary system maintenance expenses.

Actual PFAS treatment expenses (see Figure 18), which can be found in Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFRs),⁶⁶ varied primarily due to construction timing and the performance of ion exchange resin media. Specialized resins are a key element in PFAS treatment and help remove PFAS from water using electrostatics. Construction delays meant some treatment facilities were not operational as expected, resulting in lower O&M costs. In FY22 and FY23, initial resin media lasted longer than anticipated and reduced O&M costs. In contrast, FY25 experienced more resin changeouts than anticipated and higher O&M costs. Resin media life varies by treatment system and operating conditions, such as run time, cycling frequency, and production flow rates. OCWD is updating resin performance assumptions and changeout frequency estimates to improve future O&M forecasts.



Source: OCWD

Figure 18 – OCWD’s Share of PFAS Treatment Facility Annual O&M Cost

Program Status and Future Plans

The overall OCWD PFAS Treatment Systems Project currently includes 11 water retailers, with construction planned or underway for four additional retailers, expanding the program to 15. Fifty-three treatment systems are operational. Construction

⁶⁶ “Sound financial management,” Orange County Water District, accessed April 8, 2026, <https://www.ocwd.com/what-we-do/sound-financial-management/>.

continues on 20 additional systems, with design work underway for 24 more. Here is a list of PFAS projects in design or under construction as of May 2026:

- Golden State Water Company Wells SLON and SORG are still in planning. Well SSYC is in design and is anticipated to start construction in Fiscal Year 26/27.
- Tustin 17th Street Well is nearing the start of design.
- Huntington Beach Well 3A, Anaheim Wells 39 and 47, Tustin Edinger Well are all in the design phase and are anticipated to start construction in Fiscal Year 26/27.
- Buena Park Linden Well is currently in construction.

Figure 19 indicates the estimated average monthly cost of PFAS treatment to OCWD service area residents is \$1.42 per person. OCWD anticipates continued design and construction activity over several years.

Average PFAS Impact to OCWD Service Area Residents Over a 25 year period	
Total Capital Costs	\$570,000,000
State & Fed Grants	\$152,000,000
Litigation Proceeds	<u>\$121,000,000</u>
Net Capital Costs	\$297,000,000
Amortized Debt Costs	4.50% Interest Rate 25 Years \$297,000,000 Amount
Annual Debt Payment	\$20,029,391
Estimated Annual O&M Cost	<u>\$22,000,000</u>
Total Annual Cost	\$42,029,391
Total Monthly Cost	\$3,502,449
OCWD Population from 19 Member Agencies	2,469,000 persons
Monthly cost per person	\$1.42

Source: OCWD

Figure 19 - PFAS Monthly Cost to OCWD Service Area Residents

FINDINGS

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury requires (or, as noted, requests) responses from each agency affected by the findings presented in this section. The responses are to be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

Based on its investigation described herein, the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury has arrived at the following six principal findings:

- F1 Commercial and industrial chemical manufacturers are a major source of PFAS contamination. Settlement litigation funds are available for community water systems to make claims.
- F2 PFAS is widespread, and contamination has been detected in Orange County groundwater sources. Community water systems are required to report PFAS monitoring results in their annual Consumer Confidence Reports.
- F3 PFAS exposure is associated with potential adverse human health effects.
- F4 OCWD has taken a proactive leadership role in addressing PFAS in the Orange County Groundwater Basin, though PFAS treatment implementation varies across local cities and water districts.
- F5 Groundwater supplies must either be treated to remove PFAS or must be replaced with imported water supplies that are significantly more expensive than groundwater. Over \$500 million is being spent on construction, operations, and maintenance of PFAS treatment facilities in Orange County.
- F6 Orange County drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards and is safe for consumption without additional home filtration.
- F7 Research on newer PFAS compounds and long-term exposure effects is ongoing.
- F8 There are limited online PFAS education and outreach programs among Orange County water retailers. Most retailers rely on OCWD for PFAS education and outreach. PFAS advisories were included in approximately 55% of the Orange County water retailers' annual water quality reports in 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury requires (or, as noted, requests) responses from each agency affected by the recommendations presented in this section. The responses are to be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

Based on its investigation described herein, the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury makes the following recommendations:

- R1** By September 30, 2026, Orange County Water District (OCWD), in coordination with state and federal agencies, should pursue cost recovery efforts against PFAS manufacturers to offset treatment, monitoring, and long-term remediation costs incurred by local water agencies and ratepayers. [F1, F5]
- R2** By July 1, 2029, OCWD and its member agencies should monitor PFAS in groundwater and surface water sources and promptly implement PFAS treatment when response levels are exceeded. [F2, F4]
- R3** By September 30, 2026, OCWD, in collaboration with the Orange County Health Care Agency, should update public education and guidance continually as scientific understanding and regulatory standards evolve. [F3]
- R4** By July 1, 2029, all Orange County water retailers should consistently include a PFAS advisory, treatment facilities status, and compliance information in consumer confidence reports and on agency websites, using clear and understandable language for the public. [F2, F8]
- R5** By September 30, 2026, OCWD and all Orange County water retailers should enhance coordinated public education efforts to reassure their customers about drinking water safety. [F6, F8]
- R6** By September 30, 2026, OCWD should continuously monitor national and international PFAS research developments and incorporate new findings into future groundwater management, treatment planning, and regulatory compliance strategies. [F7]

COMMENDATIONS

Many Orange County water agencies have demonstrated exceptional leadership in addressing PFAS through large-scale treatment investments, rigorous monitoring, and public communication. Together, these agencies serve more than two million residents and have implemented some of the most advanced PFAS treatment systems in the nation. The following commendations recognize high-impact programs and measurable achievements across the region.

Orange County Water District (OCWD)

OCWD has implemented the largest PFAS treatment program in the United States, designing and constructing treatment systems for over 100 impacted wells across 15 cities and retail water districts, improving water quality for approximately 1.5 million people. OCWD secured a \$94M EPA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan, \$152M in state and federal grant funding, and \$131M in PFAS manufacturers litigation settlement funds to support this effort, which includes the build-out of more than 30 PFAS treatment facilities.

The Grand Jury offers additional commendations to OCWD and its member agencies for their collaborative cost-sharing agreement. Under this arrangement, OCWD fully funds all PFAS facility design and construction capital expenditures. Ongoing operations and maintenance costs are then shared equally, with OCWD covering 50% and each participating water retailer contributing the remaining 50% for the PFAS treatment facilities they operate. This approach reflects progressive public-sector planning, demonstrating how agencies can work together to address complex and costly challenges. It also serves as a strong model for future government/private-sector cost-sharing agreements, illustrating how thoughtful collaboration can enhance efficiency and long-term public benefit.

Anaheim Water Utility

Anaheim has launched one of the largest municipal PFAS treatment programs in the country, a multi-phase, \$150M effort to construct treatment systems at nine groundwater sites. The utility serves 64,000 metered customers, historically relying on groundwater for 80% of its supply. PFAS treatment systems for Wells 39 and 47 are among the first in a series of facilities designed to restore local production while meeting stringent state and federal standards.

Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD)

YLWD operates the J. Wayne Miller, Ph.D. Water Treatment Plant, recognized as the nation's largest PFAS ion-exchange treatment facility. The plant serves approximately 80,000 customers and has delivered PFAS-free water for nearly three consecutive years. This facility allows YLWD to optimize its groundwater resources while proactively meeting evolving PFAS regulatory standards.

RESPONSES

The following excerpts from the California Penal Code provide the requirements for public agencies to respond to the Findings and Recommendations of this Grand Jury report:

§933

(c) No later than 90 days after the grand jury submits a final report on the operations of any public agency subject to its reviewing authority, the governing body of the public agency shall comment to the presiding judge of the superior court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the governing body, and every elected county officer or agency head for which the grand jury has responsibility pursuant to Section 914.1 shall comment within 60 days to the presiding judge of the superior court, with an information copy sent to the board of supervisors, on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of that county officer or agency head and any agency or agencies which that officer or agency head supervises or controls. In any city and county, the mayor shall also comment on the findings and recommendations. All of these comments and reports shall forthwith be submitted to the presiding judge of the superior court who impaneled the grand jury. A copy of all responses to grand jury reports shall be placed on file with the clerk of the public agency and the office of the county clerk, or the mayor when applicable, and shall remain on file in those offices. One copy shall be placed on file with the applicable grand jury final report by, and in the control of the currently impaneled grand jury, where it shall be maintained for a minimum of five years.

§933.05.

(a) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:

(1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

(2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons, therefore.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:

(1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.

(2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.

(3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.

(4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation, therefore.

(c) However, if a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the board of supervisors shall respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the board of supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision-making authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.

(d) A grand jury may request a subject person or entity to come before the grand jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the grand jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release.

(e) During an investigation, the grand jury shall meet with the subject of that investigation regarding the investigation, unless the court, either on its own determination or upon request of the foreperson of the grand jury, determines that such a meeting would be detrimental.

(f) A grand jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the grand jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 443, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1998.)

Comments to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in compliance with Penal Code §933.05 are required from:

Orange County Board of Supervisors	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F3
Recommendations:	R3
Orange County Water District Board of Directors	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8
Recommendations:	R1, R2, R3, R5, R6
Orange County Health Care Agency	90 Day Response Requested
Findings:	F3
Recommendations:	R3
City of Anaheim	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Brea	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R4, R5
City of Buena Park	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Fountain Valley	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5

City of Fullerton	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Garden Grove	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Huntington Beach	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of La Habra	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R4, R5
City of La Palma	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Newport Beach	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Orange	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5

City of San Clemente	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R4, R5
City of Santa Ana	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Seal Beach	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Tustin	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
City of Westminster	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
East Orange County Water District	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
El Toro Water District	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R4, R5

Emerald Bay Service District	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R4, R5
Golden State Water Company	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
Irvine Ranch Water District	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
Laguna Beach County Water District	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R4, R5
Mesa Water District	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F4, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R2, R4, R5
Moulton Niguel Water District	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R4, R5
Santa Margarita Water District	90 Day Response Required
Findings:	F2, F6, F8
Recommendations:	R4, R5

Serrano Water District

Findings:

Recommendations:

90 Day Response Required

F2, F4, F6, F8

R2, R4, R5

South Coast Water District

Findings:

Recommendations:

90 Day Response Required

F2, F6, F8

R4, R5

Trabuco Canyon Water District

Findings:

Recommendations:

90 Day Response Required

F2, F6, F8

R4, R5

Yorba Linda Water District

Findings:

Recommendations:

90 Day Response Required

F2, F4, F6, F8

R2, R4, R5

Acronyms

ACFRS	Annual comprehensive financial reports
ADONA	Ammonium 4 8-dioxa-3h-perfluorononanoate
AFFF	Aqueous film forming foams used frequently at airports and military bases for firefighting and emergency response training activities
AL	Regulatory Action Level The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
CCR	Consumer Confidence Report
CCRDL	Consumer Confidence Report Detection Levels
CDC	United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CWS	Community Water System
DDW	Division of Drinking Water
DWR	Department of Water Resources
Effluent	Liquid waste from industrial facilities
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
GenX	Is a Chemours trademark name for a synthetic, short chain organofluorine chemical compound, the ammonium salt of hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA). It can also be used more informally to refer to the group of related fluorochemicals that are used to produce GenX.
GWRS	Ground water replacement system
HALF LIFE	Time required for a quantity to reduce to half of its original value
HFPO-DA	Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid
MSS	Multi site study
MCL	Glossary of Terms Maximum Contaminant Level. The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as

close to the public health goals and maximum contaminant level goals as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) sets maximum contaminant level goals.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MWD	Metropolitan Water District
MWDOC	Municipal Water District of Orange County
N/A	Not applicable
ND	Not detected
NHANES	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
NL	California Notification Level Non-regulatory, health-based advisory levels established by the State Board for contaminants in drinking water for which an MCL has not been established
NR	Not required to be tested; < = average is less than the detection limit for reporting purposes
NTU	Nephelometric turbidity units
OCWD	Orange County Water District
O & M	Operations and Management
PAYGO	“Pay as you go”
PDWS	Primary Drinking Water Standard MCLs, MRDLs and treatment techniques (TTs) for contaminants that affect health, along with their monitoring and reporting requirements
pCi/L	picoCuries per liter

PFAS RULE Establishes enforceable drinking water standards for six PFAS chemicals

PFAS Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

PFBA Perfluoro Butanoic Acid

PFBS Perfluoro Butane Sulfonic Acid

PFHpA Perfluoro Heptanoic Acid

PFHxA Perfluoro Hexanoic Acid

PFHxS Perfluoro Hexane Sulfonic Acid

PFNA Perfluorononanoic acid

PFOA Perfluoro Octanoic Acid

PFOS Perfluoro Octane Sulfonic Acid

PFPeA Perfluoro Pentanoic Acid

PHG Public Health Goal The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) sets public health goals.

PPB Parts per billion

PPM Parts per million

PPT Parts per trillion

PQL Practical Quantitation Level

PWS Public water supply

RAA Highest Running Annual Average

SAR Santa Ana River

SDWA Safe Drinking Water Act

SDWIS Safe Drinking Water Information System

SWRCB State Water Resources Control Board

WIFIA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act

TT Treatment Technique. A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water

UCI University of California, Irvine

UCMR	Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule
US	United States
µmho/cm	Micromho per centimeter (equivalent to 1 microsiemens/cm)

Glossary

Cross Sectional Study	Examines prevalence of a condition or characteristic at a single point in time across a population to identify patterns, associations, and risk factors
Ion Exchange Technology	Process that removes/replaces dissolved ions in a solution using solid materials.
Non-Community Water Systems	Public water systems at locations where people do not reside
Non-Transient Water Systems	Public water systems that service at least 25 of the same people over six months of the year, but do not live there

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Appendix A

Unregulated Contaminated Monitoring Rule (UCMR) Contaminants Lists, PFAS Contaminants

Contaminant/CASRN ¹	MRL (µg/L) ²	Use or Environmental Source ³
Perfluorinated Compounds: EPA Method 537		
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) 1763-23-1	0.04	Surfactant or emulsifier; used in fire-fighting foam, circuit board etching acids, alkaline cleaners, floor polish, and as a pesticide active ingredient for insect bait traps; U.S. manufacture of PFOS phased out in 2002; however, PFOS still generated incidentally
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) 335-67-1	0.02	Perfluorinated aliphatic carboxylic acid; used for its emulsifier and surfactant properties in or as fluoropolymers (such as Teflon), fire-fighting foams, cleaners, cosmetics, greases and lubricants, paints, polishes, adhesives and photographic films
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) 375-95-1	0.02	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) 355-46-4	0.03	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) 375-85-9	0.01	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) 375-73-5	0.09	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant

1. CASRN - Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
 2. MRL - Minimum Reporting Level
 3. "Use or Environmental Source" further documented in UCMR 3 Contaminants – Information Compendium. EPA 815-B-11-001. January 2012

Figure 20 - UCMR 3 Contaminants List, PFAS Contaminants

Contaminant	CASRN ¹	MRL ² (µg/L)	Additional Information
25 PFAS: EPA Method 533			
11-chloroeicosafluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid (11Cl-PF3OUdS)	763051-92-9	0.005	PFAS are a group of synthetic chemicals used in a wide range of consumer products and industrial applications including: non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain-resistant fabrics and carpets, cosmetics, firefighting foams, electroplating, and products that resist grease, water, and oil. PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals and in water, air, fish, and soil at locations across the United States and the world.
1 <i>H</i> ,1 <i>H</i> , 2 <i>H</i> , 2 <i>H</i> -perfluorodecane sulfonic acid (8:2FTS)	39108-34-4	0.005	
1 <i>H</i> ,1 <i>H</i> , 2 <i>H</i> , 2 <i>H</i> -perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (4:2FTS)	757124-72-4	0.003	
1 <i>H</i> ,1 <i>H</i> , 2 <i>H</i> , 2 <i>H</i> -perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (6:2FTS)	27619-97-2	0.005	
4,8-dioxa-3 <i>H</i> -perfluorononanoic acid (ADONA)	919005-14-4	0.003	
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanonane-1-sulfonic acid (9Cl-PF3ONS)	756426-58-1	0.002	
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA)(GenX)	13252-13-6	0.005	
nonafluoro-3,6-dioxaheptanoic acid (NFDHA)	151772-58-6	0.02	
perfluoro (2-ethoxyethane) sulfonic acid (PFEESA)	113507-82-7	0.003	
perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid (PFMPA)	377-73-1	0.004	
perfluoro-4-methoxybutanoic acid (PFMBA)	863090-89-5	0.003	
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	375-73-5	0.003	
perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	375-22-4	0.005	
perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)	335-76-2	0.003	
perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA)	307-55-1	0.003	
perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid (PFHpS)	375-92-8	0.003	
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	375-85-9	0.003	
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	355-46-4	0.003	
perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	307-24-4	0.003	
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	375-95-1	0.004	
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	1763-23-1	0.004	
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	335-67-1	0.004	
perfluoropentanesulfonic acid (PFPeS)	2706-91-4	0.004	
perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	2706-90-3	0.003	
perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUnA)	2058-94-8	0.002	
4 PFAS: EPA Method 537.1			
<i>N</i> -ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NEtFOSAA)	2991-50-6	0.005	See above for PFAS information.
<i>N</i> -methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NMeFOSAA)	2355-31-9	0.006	
perfluorotetradecanoic acid (PFTA)	376-06-7	0.008	
perfluorotridecanoic acid (PFTrDA)	72629-94-8	0.007	

1. CASRN - Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
 2. MRL - Minimum Reporting Level

Figure 21 - UCMR 5 Contaminants List, PFAS Contaminants

State Water Resources Control Board PFAS General Monitoring Orders, 2020-2025

SWRCB Order Exhibit Title	Internet URL Web Address
2020 SWRCB General Order DW 2020-0003-DDW	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/drinking_water/2020/pfas_go_2020_0003_ddw/pfas_go_2020_0003_ddw.pdf
Exhibit A – List of Sources Subject to General Order No. DW 2020-0003-DDW (for DDW Section 5),	https://wqts.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/go_exhibit_a_section5.pdf
2021 SWRCB General Order DW-2021-0001-DDW	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/drinking_water/2021/pfas_go_2021_0001_ddw/a5.pdf
Exhibit A – List of Sources Subject to General Order No. DW 2021-0001-DDW (For DDW Section 5)	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/drinking_water/2021/pfas_go_2021_0001_ddw/a5.pdf
2022 Amended General Order DW 2022-0001-DDW	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/pfas_ddw_general_order/docs/amended-pfas-general-order-2022-final.pdf
Exhibit A – List of Sources Subject to General Order No. DW 2022-0001-DDW (Amended)	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/pfas_ddw_general_order/docs/pfas_go_2022-0001-DDW_ExhibitA.pdf
2025 SWRCB General Order DW 2025-0002-DDW	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/pfas_ddw_general_order/docs/order-dw-2025-0002-ddw-pfas-initial-monitoring.pdf
Exhibit A – List of Sources Subject to General Order DW 2025-0002-DDW	https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%2Fdrinking_water%2Fcertlic%2Fdrinkingwater%2Fpfas_ddw_general_order%2Fdocs%2Forder-dw-2025-0002-ddw-exhibit-a.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK

Figure 22 - SWRCB PFAS General Monitoring Orders Issued 2020 through 2025

State Water Resources Control Board General Monitoring Orders PFAS Constituents Lists

General Order No. DW 2020-0003-DDW

EXHIBIT B

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT DETECTION LEVELS (CCRDL)

	Constituent	CCRDL, ng/L
1	PERFLUOROBUTANESULFONIC ACID (PFBS)	4
2	PERFLUORONONANOIC ACID (PFNA)	4
3	PERFLUORODECANOIC ACID (PFDA)	4
4	PERFLUOROTETRADECANOIC ACID (PFTA)	4
5	HEXAFLUOROPROPYLENE OXIDE DIMER ACID (HFPO-DA)	4
6	4,8-DIOXA-3H-PERFLUORONONANOIC ACID (ADONA)	2
7	PERFLUOROHEPTANOIC ACID (PFHpA)	4
8	N-ETHYL PERFLUOROOCOTANESULFONAMIDOACETIC ACID	4
9	PERFLUORODODECANOIC ACID (PFDoA)	4
10	PERFLUOROTRIDECANOIC ACID (PFTrDA)	4
11	9-CHLOROHEXADEC AFLUORO-3-OXANONE-1-SULFONIC ACID	2
12	PERFLUOROOCOTANE SULFONIC ACID (PFOS)	4
13	PERFLUOROHEXANE SULFONIC ACID (PFHxS)	4
14	N-METHYL PERFLUOROOCOTANESULFONAMIDOACETIC ACID	4
15	PERFLUOROHEXANOIC ACID (PFHxA)	4
16	PERFLUOROUNDECANOIC ACID (PFUnA)	4
17	11-CHLOROEICOSAFLUORO-3-OXAUNDECANE-1-SULFONIC ACID	2
18	PERFLUOROOCOTANOIC ACID (PFOA)	4

NOTES:

1. The CCRDL is based on a review of the reporting levels reported for monitoring conducted between August and December 2019. Specifically, the SWB calculated the CCRDL as the reporting level that was achievable in 90 percent of all negative result reported during that period. Results were rounded to the nearest whole number.
2. For HFPO-DA, the rounded CCRDL is lower than the 90th percentile of conveyed reporting levels based on consultation with the laboratory reporting the highest volume of results, and their statement that a reporting level of 4 ng/L (4 ppt) could readily be achieved.

Figure 23 - SWRCB General Monitoring Order 2020-0003-DDW, PFAS Constituents

General Order No. DW 2021-0001-DDW

EXHIBIT B

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT DETECTION LEVELS (CCRDL) and ADVISORY LEVELS

	Constituent	CCRDL ¹ , ng/L	Notification Level, ng/L	Response Level, ng/L	Exceedance Methodology ³
1	PERFLUOROBUTANESULFONIC ACID (PFBS) ⁴	4	-	-	-
2	PERFLUORONONANOIC ACID (PFNA)	4			
3	PERFLUORODECANOIC ACID (PFDA)	4			
4	PERFLUOROTETRADECANOIC ACID (PFTA)	4			
5	HEXAFLUOROPROPYLENE OXIDE DIMER ACID (HFPO-DA) ²	4			
6	4,8-DIOXA-3H-PERFLUORONONANOIC ACID (ADONA)	2			
7	PERFLUOROHEPTANOIC ACID (PFHpA)	4			
8	N-ETHYL PERFLUOROOCTANESULFONAMIDOACETIC ACID	4			
9	PERFLUORODODECANOIC ACID (PFDoA)	4			
10	PERFLUOROTRIDECANOIC ACID (PFTTrDA)	4			
11	9-CHLOROHEXADECAFLUORO-3-OXANONE-1-SULFONIC ACID	2			
12	PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID (PFOS)	4	6.5	40	QRAA
13	PERFLUROHEXANE SULFONIC ACID (PFHxS)	4			
14	N-METHYL PERFLUOROOCTANESULFONAMIDOACETIC ACID	4			
15	PERFLUROHEXANOIC ACID (PFHxA)	4			
16	PERFLUROUNDECANOIC ACID (PFUnA)	4			
17	11-CHLOROEICOSAFLURO-3-OXAUNDECANE-1-SULFONIC ACID	2			
18	PERFLUROOCTANOIC ACID (PFOA)	4	5.1	10	QRAA

Figure 24 - SWRCB General Monitoring Order 2021-0001-DDW, PFAS Constituents

Order DW-2022-0001-DDW (Amended)
Exhibit B - CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE LEVELS

Table 1 - Consumer Confidence Report Detection Levels (CCRDL) – EPA Method 533

Constituent	CCRDL (ng/L)	U.S. EPA MCL (ng/L)
11-chloroeicosafuoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid (11Cl-PF3OUdS)	2.0	--
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorodecane sulfonic acid (8:2FTS)	5.0	--
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (4:2FTS)	2.0	--
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (6:2FTS)	5.0	--
4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid (ADONA)	2.0	--
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanonane-1-sulfonic acid (9Cl-PF3ONS)	2.0	--
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (GenX)	2.0	10
nonafluoro-3,6-dioxaheptanoic acid (NFDHA)	2.0	--
perfluoro (2-ethoxyethane) sulfonic acid (PFEESA)	2.0	--
perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid (PFMPA)	2.0	--
perfluoro-4-methoxybutanoic acid (PFMBA)	2.0	--
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	2.0	--
perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	2.0	--
perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)	2.0	--
perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA)	2.0	--
perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid (PFHpS)	2.0	--
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	2.0	--
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	2.0	10
perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	2.0	--
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	2.0	10
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	2.0	4.0
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	2.0	4.0
perfluoropentanesulfonic acid (PFPeS)	2.0	--
perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	2.0	--
perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUnA)	2.0	--

Figure 25 - SWRCB General Monitoring Order 2022-0001-DDW, PFAS Constituents

Order DW-2025-0002-DDW
Exhibit B - CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE LEVELS

Table 1 - Consumer Confidence Report Detection Levels (CCRDL)

Constituent	CCRDL (ng/L)	U.S. EPA MCL (ng/L)
11-chloroeicosafluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid (11Cl-PF3OUdS)	2.0	--
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorodecane sulfonic acid (8:2FTS)	5.0	--
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (4:2FTS)	2.0	--
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (6:2FTS)	5.0	--
4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid (ADONA)	2.0	--
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanonane-1-sulfonic acid (9Cl-PF3ONS)	2.0	--
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (GenX)	2.0	10
nonafluoro-3,6-dioxaheptanoic acid (NFDHA)	2.0	--
perfluoro (2-ethoxyethane) sulfonic acid (PFEESA)	2.0	--
perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid (PFMPA)	2.0	--
perfluoro-4-methoxybutanoic acid (PFMBA)	2.0	--
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	2.0	--
perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	2.0	--
perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)	2.0	--
perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA)	2.0	--
perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid (PFHpS)	2.0	--
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	2.0	--
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	2.0	10
perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	2.0	--
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	2.0	10
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	2.0	4.0
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	2.0	4.0
perfluoropentanesulfonic acid (PFPeS)	2.0	--
perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	2.0	--
perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUnA)	2.0	--
n-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NEtFOSSA)	5.0	--
n-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NMeFOSSA)	5.0	--
perfluorotetradecanoic acid (PFTA)	2.0	--
perfluorotridecanoic acid (PFTrDA)	2.0	--

Figure 26 - SWRCB General Monitoring Order 2025-0002-DDW, PFAS Constituents

Appendix B

Eight Content Requirements of a CCR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Item 1: Water System Information – Name/phone number of a contact person; information on public participation opportunities. ▶ Item 2: Source(s) of Water. ▶ Item 3: Definitions – Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL); MCL Goal (MCLG); Treatment Technique (TT); Action Level (AL); Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL); MRDL Goal (MRDLG). ▶ Item 4: Detected Contaminants – A table summarizing reported concentrations and relevant MCLs and MCLGs or MRDLs and MRDLGs; known source of detected contaminants; health effects language. ▶ Item 5: Information on Monitoring for <i>Cryptosporidium</i>, Radon, and Other Contaminants (if detected). ▶ Item 6: Compliance with Other Drinking Water Regulations (any violations and Ground Water Rule [GWR] special notices). ▶ Item 7: Variances and Exemptions (if applicable). ▶ Item 8: Required Educational Information – Explanation of contaminants in drinking water and bottled water; information to vulnerable populations about <i>Cryptosporidium</i>; statements on nitrate, arsenic, and lead.
Optional Information
<p>CWSs are not limited to providing only the required information in their CCR. CWSs may want to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An explanation (or include a diagram of) the CWSs treatment processes. ▶ Source water protection efforts and/or water conservation tips. ▶ Costs of making the water safe to drink. ▶ A statement from the mayor or general manager. ▶ Information to educate customers about: Taste and odor issues, affiliations with programs such as the Partnership for Safe Water, opportunities for public participation, etc.
Communication Tips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Provide a consistent message. Be as simple, truthful, and straightforward as possible. Avoid acronyms, initials, and jargon. ▶ Provide links to useful information resources. ▶ Limit wordiness – write short sentences and keep your paragraphs short. ▶ Assume that consumers will only read the top half of the notice or what can be read in 10 seconds. ▶ Display important elements in bold and/or large type in the top half of the notice. ▶ Do not make your text size too small. ▶ Give a draft of your CCR to relatives or friends who are not drinking water experts and ask them if it makes sense. Ask customers for their comments when you publish the CCR. ▶ Use graphics, photographs, maps, and drawings to illustrate your message. Do not distract from your main message with graphics and/or pictures that do not complement your message. ▶ Consider printing the CCR on recycled paper and taking other steps to make the CCR "environmentally friendly." If you hope to get your customers involved in protecting or conserving water, set a good example for them to follow. ▶ Use the CCR as an opportunity to tell your customers about all of the things that you are doing well.

Source: EPA

Figure 27 - EPA Eight Content Requirements of a Consumer Confidence Report

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Re: Irvine Ranch Water District's Response to the Orange County Grand Jury's Report Titled
"PFAS and Public Awareness- A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water"

Presiding Judge Hanson:

On June 9, 2025, the Orange County Grand Jury released a report titled *"PFAS and Public Awareness- A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water."* This report requested that the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) respond to certain findings and recommendations. Per the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury's request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933.05, below are IRWD's responses to Findings F2, F4, F6, and F8, and Recommendations R2, R4 and R5.

Background Information:

IRWD provides high-quality drinking water, reliable wastewater collection and treatment, groundbreaking water recycling programs, and environmentally sound urban runoff treatment to approximately 450,000 residents and a daytime population of more than 600,000.

The District works daily to provide its customers with the highest-quality water possible. Our drinking water is continually tested and safe to drink straight from the tap. As part of our effort to ensure the highest-quality water, IRWD is leading the way on water quality testing and tests its water for many more chemicals than required by the state and federal government, including unregulated metals, pesticides and volatile organic compounds. This is done at our state-of-the-art and state-certified water quality laboratory.

IRWD Responses to Findings and Recommendations:

Finding F2: *"PFAS is widespread, and contamination has been detected in Orange County groundwater sources. Community water systems are required to report PFAS monitoring results in their annual Consumer Confidence Reports"*

Response: IRWD agrees with this finding.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are human-made chemicals that have been extensively used in consumer products such as carpets, clothing, cosmetics, fabrics for furniture, paper packaging for food, fire-fighting foams, and other materials designed to be waterproof, stain-resistant, or nonstick.

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PFAS has been detected in water throughout the United States, and has been detected in Orange County groundwater sources. Orange County has led the nation in PFAS testing and treatment to address PFAS in its groundwater.

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) are an annual report provided to customers of a Community Water System (CWS). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water's (DDW) regulate the content, disclosures included in, and distribution of CCRs.

Beginning in 2027, CWSs must begin reporting PFAS monitoring data in any CCR delivered after April 26, 2027, if the CWS has a detection as defined by federal regulations of PFAS in their drinking water. IRWD currently includes its PFAS test results in its CCR.

Finding F4: *“OCWD has taken a proactive leadership role in addressing PFAS in the Orange County Groundwater Basin, though PFAS treatment implementation varies across local cities and water districts.”*

Response: IRWD agrees with this finding.

IRWD agrees that the Orange County Water District (OCWD) has taken a proactive and helpful leadership role in addressing PFAS in the Orange County Groundwater Basin. PFAS has been detected in the Orange County Groundwater Basin, entering the groundwater basin primarily due to Santa Ana River flows that infiltrate into the basin.

Despite not releasing PFAS into the environment, OCWD and the Orange County Groundwater Producers (Producers) have been working to remove it from local water supplies. OCWD has been committed to ensuring that the Orange County community is knowledgeable about PFAS and that the Producers have the resources to address PFAS contamination. OCWD has taken and/or continues to take the follow steps:

- Implemented a PFAS treatment policy that enables constructing treatment facilities for impacted water agencies, including funding 100% of design and construction costs, with operation and maintenance costs shared 50/50 with the retail water agency;
- Assist the Producers in compliance with DDW testing and notification requirements;
- Monitor to determine extent of compounds in the groundwater basin and in recharge water supplies;

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- Pilot test treatment techniques for removal of PFAS in groundwater;
- Stay current with changing technology for both detection and treatment;
- Work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board regulators and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority to identify sources of PFAS;
- Obtained the first water quality laboratory in California to achieve state certification to analyze for PFAS in drinking water; and
- Obtain laboratory certification to test for more PFAS compounds.

Finding F6: *“Orange County drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards and is safe for consumption without additional home filtration.”*

Response: IRWD agrees with this finding.

IRWD is confident that the drinking water we provide to homes, businesses and schools is safe and meets all quality standards set by both the state and federal government. IRWD water quality experts continuously monitor the District’s water supplies, and conduct tens of thousands of laboratory tests each year on our supplies and throughout the IRWD service areas to ensure the water we serve our community is of high quality and safe without additional home filtration.

Finding F8: *“There are limited online PFAS education and outreach programs among Orange County water retailers. Most retailers rely on OCWD for PFAS education and outreach. PFAS advisories were included in approximately 55% of the Orange County water retailers’ annual water quality reports in 2025.”*

Response: IRWD disagrees partially with this finding.

Like other Producers, IRWD works with other water utilities and the Orange County Water District to better understand the impacts of PFAS in the groundwater basin and to examine appropriate treatment technologies. Unlike some OC water retailers that rely on OCWD for PFAS education and outreach, IRWD has not relied on OCWD but has independently worked to educate our customers about PFAS, although our outreach is complimentary to OCWD’s education efforts.

IRWD has a PFAS Primer on its website along with other water quality information. We try to answer the questions we get from our customers related to PFAS and other contaminants of concerns to our community. Our goal is to actively address our customers’ concerns and questions with clear, scientifically based information. We do this through our website, tours, water

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quality workshops, and in personal interactions when we receive questions from customers.

With regards to 55% of Orange County water retailers including a PFAS advisory in their annual water report in 2025, IRWD does not disagree with this statement. IRWD's 2025 CCR did state that "The [IRWD's water quality] lab recently earned additional accreditation from the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program to test for PFAS, making IRWD one of the handful of laboratories in California to do so." Neither IRWD's 2025 nor 2026 CCR included an advisory on PFAS. While there was some PFAS detected at levels significantly below notification levels at the point when certain local and imported sources entered IRWD's system, there was no detectable PFAS in the water IRWD served its customers and so a PFAS advisory was not included in our report.

Recommendation 2: *"By July 1, 2029, OCWD and its member agencies should monitor PFAS in groundwater and surface water sources and promptly implement PFAS treatment when response levels are exceeded."*

Response: The recommendation has been implemented by IRWD.

IRWD currently monitors all of its water sources for PFAS, as required by DDW and as will be required by the U.S. EPA. IRWD already meets the new PFAS standards, which are scheduled to take effect in 2029. In fact, none of the water IRWD delivers to homes, businesses and schools contains any detectable PFAS.

As for promptly implementing PFAS treatment when response levels are exceeded, IRWD has either reduced use of a source or implemented treatment for PFAS when response levels of a particular source exceed the notification or response level. We always work to ensure the water we serve our community does not exceed a response level. For example, in 2018, IRWD proactively tested for PFAS and voluntarily shut down one well that had tested positive. That well remained out of service until treatment could be put in place. The treatment installed at the well removes all PFAS from the water drawn at that location and the well has been brought back into service.

IRWD, as with any contaminant, evaluates the appropriate approach to ensure the water served to our community is safe and meets all federal and state water quality standards. We implement the approach (e.g. pausing use of a source, blending or treatment) that is best given that commitment to our community.

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Recommendation 4: *“By July 1, 2029, all Orange County water retailers should consistently include a PFAS advisory, treatment facilities status, and compliance information in consumer confidence reports and on agency websites, using clear and understandable language for the public.”*

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented by IRWD because it is not warranted given IRWD’s current approach to PFAS.

As noted above, IRWD currently monitors all of its water sources for PFAS. The water IRWD serves to its customers has no detectible PFAS in it, although some individual sources have tested positive for small amounts of PFAS. IRWD, in the spirit of transparency, posts this information and information about its PFAS treatment facilities on its website in clear and understandable language.

IRWD’s PFAS compliance information is already included in its CCR. By July 1, 2029, IRWD will include the appropriate PFAS advisory, when such an advisory is required, and compliance information in its CCR and on its website, using clear and understandable language for the public. IRWD will include an advisory in its CCR if it has a detection for PFAS, as defined by federal regulations. Because the contents of the CCR are defined by federal and state regulations, it is inappropriate to consistently include such an advisory unless there is a contaminant that meets the federal detection limit. For this reason, IRWD will not implement this recommendation although it will continue to disclose water quality results and treatment facility status to its customers.

Recommendation R5: *“By September 30, 2026, OCWD and all Orange County water retailers should enhance coordinated public education efforts to reassure their customers about drinking water safety.”*

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented by IRWD because it is not warranted given IRWD’s current and planned public education efforts on drinking water quality and safety.

IRWD, over its history, has communicated with its customers about the safety of its drinking water. Beginning in 2025, IRWD expanded its public outreach and education efforts with regards to water quality. In 2025 alone, IRWD had over 4 million touchpoints with its customers on the safety and quality of its drinking water. For 2026, the District has already had almost 3 million touchpoints with its customers on water quality.

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Through the District's public outreach and education efforts, IRWD works to reassure its customers about the safety and quality of their drinking water. Our effort includes use of social media, workshops, tours, our website and through water quality reports. We educate our customers on many aspects of water quality including how IRWD treats water, understanding water quality regulations and guidelines, a comparison of tap versus bottled water, and information about the inefficiencies of many at-home water treatment systems.

Because IRWD already undertakes, and plans to continue to undertake, a robust public outreach and education effort, consistent with our customers' expectations, an expansion in the District's public outreach and education effort is not needed to reassure its customers about the safety of their drinking water. While 8 in 10 IRWD customers view their drinking water as safe, we continue to work to reach those that do not, and we will coordinate with other Orange County water retailers, as appropriate, on educating the public about the safety of drinking water.

If you need further information regarding this response, please contact me at (949) 453-5590.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Cook, P.E.
General Manager

cc: Orange County Grand Jury
IRWD Board of Directors