
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.

INFORMATION

4. 2026 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE – COMPTON

Recommendation: Receive and file.

ACTION

5. 2027-2028 LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES – COMPTON

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Kadesh & Associates for federal advocacy services for the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, at a rate of \$11,370 per month in 2027 and \$11,655 per month in 2028, plus reasonable reimbursement of direct expenses for a total contract amount not to exceed \$285,200, and with Resolute for State legislative lobbying and advocacy services for the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, at a rate of up to \$14,200 per month plus reasonable reimbursement of direct expenses for a total contract amount not to exceed \$350,000.

6. IRWD POLICY POSITION PAPERS REVIEW AND UPDATES – COMPTON

Recommendation: That the Board approve the updated IRWD Special District Consolidations Policy Position Paper, approve the updated IRWD Water Resources Funding Policy Position Paper, and retire the IRWD County-Wide Urban Runoff Governance and Funding Policy Position Paper.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Directors' Comments
8. Adjourn

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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.

BACKGROUND:

The 2025–2026 California Legislative Session officially concluded on August 31, 2026, when both houses adjourned for their final recess. During the final weeks of the session, the Assembly and Senate passed over 850 bills and sent them to the Governor’s desk for consideration. The Governor had until September 30 to act on any bills from the end of the 2025-2026 legislative session. The Legislature will convene for the 2027-28 Regular Session on December 7, when newly-elected members will be sworn in. The Legislature will then reconvene for the 2027-28 session at the beginning of January.

A copy of IRWD’s current 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:

As has been traditionally done after the legislative session has recessed, staff has provided a summary of the final actions on the bills still active at the end of the legislative session that were of interest to the District in the table below. Staff will provide the Committee with an oral update on any changes in bill status.

Summary of Final Actions for 2026 State Legislation

BILL NUMBER	IRWD POSITION	STATUS (As of September 28, 2026)
AB 35 (Alvarez) - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption	Support	Signed by Governor / Chaptered by Secretary of State (Chapter 89, Statutes of 2026)

BILL NUMBER	IRWD POSITION	STATUS <i>(As of September 28, 2026)</i>
AB 1383 (McKinnor) - Public Employees' Retirement Benefits	Watch	Vetoed by the Governor
AB 1881 (Ramos) - California Indian Freedom Act of 2026	Seek Amendments	Enrolled and presented to the Governor for signature on September 3
AB 2180 (Ward) - Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act	Support	Signed by Governor
AB 2215 (Calderon, D-City of Industry) - Water Rights: Permits: State Water Project	Support	Held in Committee
AB 2218 (Kalra) - Water Policy: California Native American Tribes	Seek Amendments	Enrolled and presented to the Governor for signature on September 10
AB 2739 (Soria) - Community Water Affordability Program	Sponsor/Support	Enrolled and presented to the Governor for signature on September 10
AB 2777 (ESTM) - State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program	Support	Signed by Governor
SB 599 (Caballero) - Atmospheric River Research	Support	Signed by Governor
SB 872 (McNerney) - Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
SB 883 (Umberg) - Reactive chemicals: Facilities: Methyl Methacrylate;	Watch	Enrolled and presented to the Governor for signature on September 9
SB 1085 (Durazo) - Water Supply Assessments	Support	Enrolled and presented to the Governor for signature on September 3
SB 1125 (Menjivar) - Public Water Systems: Drinking Water Needs Assessment	Support	Enrolled and presented to the Governor for signature on August 31

BILL NUMBER	IRWD POSITION	STATUS (As of September 28, 2026)
SB 1153 (Caballero) - Disaster Preparedness: Urban Retail Water Suppliers: Wildfire	Support	Enrolled and presented to the Governor for signature on September 8
SB 1164 (Cervantes) - Elections	Watch	Signed by Governor / Chaptered by Secretary of State (Chapter 338, Statutes of 2026)
SB 1187 (Durazo) - Open Meetings: Majority	Watch	Signed by Governor / Chaptered by Secretary of State (Chapter 324, Statutes of 2026)
SB 1326 (Wahab) - CEQA: Tribal Cultural Resources	Seek Amendments	Held in Committee

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:

- Data Center Related Legislation (i.e., [AB 1577 \(Bauer-Kahan, D-Orinda\)](#), [AB 2469 \(Papan, D-San Mateo\)](#), and [AB 2619 \(Papan\)](#));
- Legislation related to artificial intelligence and workplace surveillance;
- Other legislative matters of interest to IRWD; and
- 2027 Legislative Planning.

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:

- California Air Resources Board (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets;
- 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 1113 – Architectural Coatings](#); 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. The South Valley Conveyance and Storage Project was awarded a Small Storage Program grant of \$25,000,000. Staff will provide an update the effort to reauthorize the Small Storage Grant Program and the District other federal-end of session efforts.

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; and
- EPA's Revised [PFAS Drinking Water Standard](#).

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: September 28, 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.	07/13/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-067
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.	07/16/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-089
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 a policy to a FAIR Plan policyholder and, if there is an agent or broker of record listed on the policy would require	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			the insurer to make the offer simultaneously to the agent or broker of record and the FAIR Plan policyholder.	
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 teleconferencing under certain conditions. Extends the alternative teleconferencing procedures until the specified date.	05/14/2025: To SENATE Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and JUDICIARY.
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 Hness 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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 272 (Aguilar-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.

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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.
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.	09/20/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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	06/04/2025: To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and HOUSING.

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			sufficient legal commitments to meet the requirements of the exemption.	
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 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.	09/03/2025: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
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	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			counsel, a city attorney, or a city prosecutor to bring a civil action to punish noncompliance.	
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.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 442 (Hadwick (R))	Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973		Relates to Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act. 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. Eliminates the requirement that the harvest area of a working forest management plan be contained within a single hydrological area.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			another to file, a financing statement for which no reasonable basis or legal cause exists.	
CA AB 502 (Pellerin (D))	Elections: Deceptive Media In Advertisements		Prohibits the distribution of materially deceptive content that is material to a voter's electoral decisions or to public confidence in an election's process or outcome. Specifies that the prohibition applies within the 30 days before an election in California with regard to candidates for any federal, state, or local elected office and elected officials and, with regard to elections officials and voting machines and related equipment, beginning 30 days before an election through 38 days after the election.	09/19/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-333
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))	Take of Species Proposed for Listing		Allows the department to authorize by permit the take of a species proposed for listing, if specified conditions are met. provide that if a species proposed for listing 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 species proposed for listing was included as a covered species in a permit previously issued by the department for incidental take.	09/20/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-357

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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.	08/03/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard.
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	08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			other things, pathogens and pathogen indicators and total suspended solids. Requires the board to solicit and receive written public comment.	
CA AB 643 (Wilson (D))	Climate Change: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants		Authorizes a local jurisdiction to count a beneficial agricultural amendment derived from organic waste that may include biosolids towards up to that 10% of its recovered organic waste procurement target if the material meets the requirements to be deemed to constitute a reduction in landfill disposal, the material is registered or approved for end use as a fertilizing material by the Department of Food and Agriculture, and the material is not derived from, or processed using, specified activities.	09/20/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-358
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.
CA AB 672 (Caloza (D))	Real Property Tax: Welfare Exemption		Provides that existing law requires any bill authorizing a new tax expenditure to contain, among other things, specific goals, purposes, and objectives that the tax expenditure will achieve, detailed performance indicators, and data collection requirements. Requires the assessor to provide the State Board of Equalization with certain information and would require the assessor to retain that information, as specified.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA AB 706 (Aguilar-Curry (D))	Forest Organic Residue, Energy, and Safety		Specifies that existing law creates the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund in the State Treasury and imposes an assessment on the purchase of a lumber product or an engineered	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.

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			wood product for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, at the rate of 1% of the sales price, for deposit into the Timber Fund. Makes moneys from the Timber Fund or from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund available to the state board to establish and implement the FOREST program.	
CA AB 710 (Irwin (D))	Resiliency Planning: 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 support resiliency planning. Requires large electrical corporations to provide local governments, tribal governments, and community choice aggregators with access to data, including electrical distribution equipment data, transmission and distribution circuit data, grid hardening plans, and other information as directed.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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.

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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. Exempts a behesting officer or member of the Public Utilities Commission from these reporting obligations if they make a public appeal for payment by television, radio, billboard, public message on an online platform, or a public speech.	09/09/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.
CA AB 883 (Lowenthal (D))	Data Brokers: Accessible Deletion Mechanism	Watch	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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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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))	Abandoned Endowment Care Cemeteries: County of Marin		Establishes the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of, among others, cemeteries and cemetery authorities. Provides that a successor that acquires ownership of, or assumes responsibility for the care and management of, the Mount Tamalpais Mortuary and Cemetery is not liable for any debts, obligations, taxes, fines, judgments, or recordkeeping failures of a prior owner or cemetery authority.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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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.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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 providing a potential deployer instructions explaining how the covered ADS should be used by the deployer to make or facilitate a consequential decision. Requires a deployer of a covered ADS to take certain actions, including provide certain disclosures to a subject of a consequential decision made or facilitated by the covered ADS that results in an adverse outcome.	08/30/2026: In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.

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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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1054 (Gipson (D))	Public Employee Health Benefits		Requires the board of administration of PERS to administer the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA). Expands the definition of annuitant, thereby permitting a person, or a surviving family member of that person, whose deferred retirement date is within 120 days of separation from the Deferred Retirement Option Program and who receives a retirement allowance under any state retirement system to which the state was a contributing party to enroll in a health benefit plan under PEMHCA.	09/27/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			department to contract with external experts or an independent third party for this purpose.	
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	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			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.	
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.

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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.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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	09/14/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.

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			is made and the state shall not reimburse local agencies for property tax revenues lost by them pursuant to the bill.	
CA AB 1331 (Elhawary (D))	Workplace Surveillance		Establishes the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement within the Department of Industrial Relations. Limits the use of workplace surveillance tools, as defined, by employers, including by prohibiting an employer from monitoring or surveilling employees in a bathroom located in the workplace. Provides an employee with the right to leave behind workplace surveillance tools that are on their person or in their possession when entering a bathroom, except as specified.	09/14/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	06/29/2026: In SENATE Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Not heard.
CA AB 1383 (McKinnor (D))	Public Employees Retirement Benefits	Watch	Establish new retirement formulas for employees first hired on or after January 1, 2027, as 2.5% at age 55, 2.7% at age 55, or 3% at age 55, subject to certain exceptions. For new members hired on or after January 1, 2013, who are safety members, the bill would require employers to adjust the formulas for service performed on or after January 1, 2027, to offer the formula that has the same fraction at age 55 as the fraction at age 57 in the formula the employer offered pursuant to existing law. The bill would authorize a public employer and a recognized employee organization to negotiate a prospective increase to the retirement benefit formulas for safety members and new safety members,	09/20/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR

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			consistent with the formulas permitted under PEPR, including the new formulas described above.	
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 enforcing any regulation that directly or indirectly compels compliance by private fleets, as provided, until the state has obtained a required waiver or authorization under the federal Clean Air Act.	07/01/2026: In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Reconsideration granted.
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	09/20/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-365

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			findings to be completed and provided to the Legislature and the Department of Finance by a specified date.	
CA AB 1447 (Gipson (D))	Unclaimed Property: Escheat to the State		Relates to the Unclaimed Property Law. Provides that existing law the Unclaimed Property Law, if the property holder does not claim or correspond regarding any dividend, distribution, or other item, as specified, held or owing to the holder by a business association, the item escheats to the state within 3 years after the date prescribed for payment or delivery of the item. Expands the provisions regarding the escheatment of intangible interests to include securities.	08/10/2026: Re-referred to SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.
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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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.
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	09/27/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.

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			or sharing sensitive personal information to a third party, except as specified.	
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.	08/10/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard.
CA AB 1560 (Tangipa (R))	Lobbyist Certification		Prohibit the Secretary of State from accepting a lobbying certification from a person who indicates such a conviction on the lobbying certification. Requires a registered lobbyist, upon conviction for a crime of public corruption, to immediately terminate their registration with the Secretary of State.	08/31/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY for concurrence.
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.
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	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			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.	
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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan (D))	Data Centers: Reporting		Requires the owner or operator 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.	09/21/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-434

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CA AB 1578 (Jackson (D))	State Agency Officials: Training on Responding to Hate		Requires, if a state agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to a state agency official of that agency, that all state agency officials of that agency receive training on responding to hate. Requires at least one hour of training and education for a state agency official within the first 6 months of taking office or commencing employment, and every 2 years thereafter. Requires local agency officials, as defined, to receive sexual harassment prevention training and education.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA AB 1609 (Zbur (D))	Customer Service Chatbots		Prohibits a large private business, as defined, from representing that a customer service chatbot is a human. Requires, except as specified, large private businesses 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, or schedule an appointment with the customer, as specified.	09/14/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA AB 1617 (Alanis (R))	Reporting of Household Hazardous Waste		Requires that Form 303 to instead report information for the prior calendar year. Requires a copy of the completed Form 303 to instead be submitted to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, and would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to provide a copy of the completed form to the Department of Toxic Substances Control upon request.	09/14/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-199

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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. Incorporates additional changes to specified section.	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	08/28/2026: Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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	08/24/2026: In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY for concurrence.

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			may rely on the declaration in taking enforcement action, and that the requestor is required to notify law enforcement.	
CA AB 1642 (Harabedian (D))	Wildfires: Contamination Standards		Establishes the Department of Toxic Substances Control, which regulates the handling and management of hazardous waste and hazardous materials, and establishes the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the State Air Resources Board. Requires the State Air Resources Board, on or before December 31, 2028, to develop and publish guidance on indoor air contaminants following residential smoke damage from a wildfire.	09/15/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-239
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.	08/27/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-130
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.	09/19/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-336
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.

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CA AB 1680 (Calderon (D))	California FAIR Plan Association		Relates to the California FAIR Plan Association is a joint reinsurance association in which all insurers licensed to write basic property insurance participate to administer a program for the equitable apportionment of basic property insurance for persons who are unable to obtain that coverage through normal channels.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA AB 1710 (Carrillo J (D))	Permit Streamlining Act: Housing Development Projects		Provides that for the purposes of the Permit Streamlining Act, 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, as defined, if there is substantial evidence that would allow a reasonable person to conclude that the housing development project or emergency shelter is consistent, compliant, or in conformity.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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.	09/20/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-371
CA AB 1722 (Hadwick (R))	California Endangered Species Act: Take Prohibition		Prohibits the imposition of a civil, administrative, or criminal penalty for a violation of the take prohibition if the defendant used necessary and reasonable force to protect themselves, a member of their family, or any other individual from immediate bodily harm from a species listed pursuant to the act.	09/18/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.

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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 above-described exemption to January 1, 2037, and would expand the exemption to also include a public university or public college housing project, as defined, that meets specified requirements. Extends the operation of the exemption and would increase duties on a lead agency related to the expansion of this exemption, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA AB 1736 (Pellerin (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Lobbyist Employers		Provides that existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, 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.	07/13/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-071
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. Provides for existing constitutional provisions.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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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.	09/14/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-202
CA AB 1821 (Pacheco (D))	California Public Records Act: Agency Response Time		Requires each agency to determine whether the request seeks copies of disclosable public records in possession of the agency and to promptly notify the person as described above within 10 business days of a request for a copy of records. Authorizes the time period for each agency to respond to be extended by no more than 14 business days.	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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	06/30/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-043

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			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.	
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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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.
CA AB 1853 (Pellerin (D))	Voter Information Guide: Candidate Statements		Prohibits a candidate statement from including, in addition to references to other candidates, a link or other reference to external content, content that is vulgar or profane, or that threatens or	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			incites violence, false statements or misleading claims, or any other content that is unrelated to the candidate's qualifications.	
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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		Authorizes a water supplier to use a backup energy source that is not permanent or stationary, under certain condition. 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 3 business days after a loss of power, if that backup energy source does not provide power within 90 minutes of a loss of power.	08/31/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-168

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CA AB 1881 (Ramos (D))	California Indian Freedom Act of 2026	Seek Amendments	Provides that a California Native American tribe has exclusive standing to assert a violation of these provisions and would authorize a California Native American tribe to assert a violation of these provisions as a claim or defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding.	09/10/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA AB 1883 (Bryan (D))	Workplace Surveillance Tools		Prohibits an employer from using a workplace surveillance tool that uses artificial intelligence to, among other things, collect neural data or recognize an individual's emotional state. Subjects an employer who violates the bill's provisions to a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each violation.	09/10/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	09/18/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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.
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.

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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 and bring existing building stock into alignment with state building standards for wildland-urban interface areas.	09/10/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 1960 (Bennett (D))	Wildfire Prevention Grants Program: Wildfire Mitigation		Authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to disburse funds appropriated for the Wildfire Prevention Grants Program to recognized communities that partner with fire safe councils or other eligible groups, as provided. Authorizes the department to prioritize disadvantaged recognized fire communities pursuant to its established procedures for prioritizing disadvantaged applicants for the Wildfire Prevention Grants Program.	09/10/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA AB 1964 (Bennett (D))	State Fire Marshal: County Recorder: Home Hardening		Requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal, on or before January 1, 2028, to develop home hardening standards, as provided. Requires the State Fire Marshal to, on or before January 1, 2030, compile a report concerning homes in moderate, high,	08/27/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.

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			and very high fire hazard severity zones in state and local responsibility areas.	
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		Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to use the Automated License Data System to sell an entry permit for consumptive use of department managed lands. Authorizes the department to use the System to sell an entry permit for nonconsumptive use under certain conditions. Creates the Waterfowl Management Areas Operations and Maintenance Fund. Requires revenues from the sale of waterfowl hunting reservation applications and entry passes from Type A and B Wildlife Areas to be deposited into the fund.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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	03/25/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS: Failed passage.

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			provided to the voter. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations implementing the section.	
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.	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA AB 2013 (Bennett (D))	High and Very High Fire Risk Areas: Community Water		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 (Aguilar-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. Makes inoperative or repeal certain provisions.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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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		Exempts from the requirement to obtain a restricted species permit for invasive mussels a public or private agency that operates a water supply system and has submitted a control plan to the department for maintenance, operational, and research activities within the water supply system, as specified.	09/10/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	08/27/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-136
CA AB 2045 (Connolly (D))	Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act		Extends the operation of the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act. Provides that the Department of Fish and Wildlifes approval of a habitat restoration or enhancement project under the act only includes take authorization for the species listed by the project proponent in its application. Requires the department to ensure that each approved habitat restoration or enhancement project includes appropriate measures to avoid and minimize its adverse impacts to species protected by State law.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA AB 2051 (Wicks (D))	Public Resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting		Authorizes the commission to retroactively extend, for good cause and a period not to exceed 5 years, a time limitation established for a local government to act on the commission's	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			suggested modifications to a land use plan amendment that would authorize approval of an affordable housing development.	
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 a person to maintain at least one backpack pump-type fire extinguisher fully equipped and ready for use, and a sufficient number of serviceable round point shovels so that each person at the operation can be equipped to fight fire, within the operating area, at a point accessible in the event of fire.	09/03/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.

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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.
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.	08/27/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-137

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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. Makes technical changes.	09/20/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-381
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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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.	08/27/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-138
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.

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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.	07/01/2026: In SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Not heard.
CA AB 2143 (Irwin (D))	Invasive Species: Noxious Weeds: Online Marketplaces		Prohibit an online marketplace, as defined, from facilitating the sale or shipment of a noxious weed for delivery to an address located in the state. Authorizes the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, if the secretary or a county agricultural commissioner identifies a shipment of a noxious weed and the secretary determines that the shipment originated from or occurred through a transaction conducted through an online marketplace in violation of this prohibition, to provide written notice.	09/18/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-290
CA AB 2166 (Carrillo J (D))	Multifamily Housing Development: Offsite Housing		Relates to Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act. Establishes, the Multifamily Backstop Financing Program, for purposes of supporting multifamily projects through the provision of state-backed credit backstops that would enable surety companies to issue payment and performance bonds to qualified offsite housing factories. Authorizes the bank to provide credit backstops to surety companies and surety insurers that issue construction bonds according to specified parameters.	09/18/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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	05/14/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			project is located in or within 1/2 mile of an overburdened community.	
CA AB 2180 (Ward (D))	Local Government: Proposition 218 Omnibus	Support	Relates to Proposition 218. Provides that the State Constitution mandates that property related fees or charges satisfy certain requirements, including that the amount of the charge imposed upon a parcel or person as an incident of property ownership not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. Provides that a local government may impose uniform or tiered rates to parcel or customer classes that are defined based on common characteristics indicative of water or sewer use.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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 California Housing and Homelessness Agency, the California Housing Finance Agency, the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, and the Housing Development and Finance 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.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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	05/21/2026: In ASSEMBLY. From third reading. To Inactive File.

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			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.	
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.	07/01/2026: In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.
CA AB 2216 (Aguilar-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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2218 (Kalra (D))	Water Policy: State Native American Tribes	Seek Amendments	Provides that if there is a dispute between a California Native American tribe and one of those state agencies over the implementation of that policy, the bill would require that matter to be brought before the Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs for mediation before the state agency action is challenged in court and would specify procedures and timelines for mediation.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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	04/22/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND

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			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.	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Heard, remains in Committee.
CA AB 2254 (Addis (D))	Coastal Resources: Monarch Butterfly Habitat		Requires, on or before July 1, 2028, the department, in coordination with the commission, to identify known monarch butterfly overwintering habitat sites in the coastal zone and current local government monarch butterfly overwintering habitat management plans or policies. Makes technical changes.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2255 (Pellerin (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Candidate Controlled		Modifies the additional disclosure obligations applicable to candidate controlled committees that make large expenditures to a single person when the controlling candidate is not seeking reelection to the same office. Requires campaign statement must describe the specific political, legislative, or governmental purpose that is satisfied by the expenditure and, if applicable, whether the person to whom the expenditure was made or a reportable sub vendor is an immediate family member of the candidate.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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.

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CA AB 2296 (Papan (D))	Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Regional Housing		Requires each city, county, and city and county to, among other things, revise its housing element according to a specified schedule. Requires local governments within the jurisdiction of certain metropolitan planning organizations or regional transportation planning agencies to update their housing elements 18 months after adoption of every 2nd regional transportation plan update, but not later than 8 years later than the deadline for adoption of the previous 8-year housing element.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	08/27/2026: In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
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,	08/31/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-170

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			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.	
CA AB 2349 (Solache (D))	State Air Resources Board: Regional Air Quality		Designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution, and air pollution control districts and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Requires the state board to inventory sources of air pollution within the air basins of the state, determine the kinds and quantity of air pollutants, and monitor air pollutants.	09/18/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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.
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: Data Centers		Requires, as part of a new or existing proceeding, the commission to require each electrical corporation to file a transmission and distribution service tariff and a generation service tariff for participating customers, as defined, that meet certain	09/21/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-435

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			requirements, as specified. Requires, on or before January 1, 2028, each community choice aggregator or electric service provider to adopt a tariff for generation service for data centers consistent with certain requirements.	
CA AB 2385 (Petric-Norris (D))	Local Reconstruction Agencies		Amends the Government Code to update the Disaster Recovery Reconstruction Act of 1986, modifying disaster recovery planning requirements for cities, counties, and other local subdivisions. Establishes a framework for the creation of local reconstruction agencies to coordinate disaster recovery efforts following a disaster. Imposes new obligations on the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and the Office of Emergency Services to develop model ordinances and guidance for jurisdictions.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2410 (Ellis (R))	Wildfire Safety: Fuels Reduction Projects		Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) critical fuels reduction projects that address extremely flammable species, are conducted in communities located in high fire threat districts or very high fire hazard severity zones, and remove specified nonnative species or common species. Requires projects exempt from CEQA pursuant to this exemption to comply with the best management practices under the 2025 Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan, as provided.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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.	06/29/2026: In SENATE Committee on PRIVACY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Not heard.
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. Makes an agency and	08/20/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.

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			elected official jointly and severally liable for any administrative or civil penalties incurred if the agency prepares a large-format public advertisement that violates the bill's provisions in cooperation, consultation, coordination, or concert with the elected officer.	
CA AB 2418 (Gonzalez Ma (D))	Local Building Permits: Nonresidential Private Permits		Requires every city, county, or city and county, whether general law or chartered, that requires the issuance of a permit as a condition precedent to the construction, alteration, improvement, demolition, or repair of any building or structure, to require the execution of a permit application. Permits a local agency, defined as a city, county, or city and county, to authorize its enforcement agency to contract with or employ a private entity or persons on a temporary basis to perform plan-checking.	08/27/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	07/13/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-075
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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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		Requires a city or county to grant a density bonus, other incentives or concessions, and waivers or reductions of development standards, to an applicant for a housing development when the applicant submits an application for a housing development that a city, county, or city and county determines meets specified criteria, including, among others, the housing development includes specified percentage of units for very low income, lower income, or senior citizen housing. Incorporates additional changes.	09/10/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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		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 unless specified conditions are satisfied, including, among others, that the	09/21/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-436

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			applicant provides the city, county, or city and county prescribed information.	
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.	08/13/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA AB 2475 (Assembly Emergency Management Committee)	Standardized Emergency Management System		Requires, no later than 120 days after a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor ends, that each affected city, county, or city and county provide the Office of Emergency Services with information regarding local recovery efforts. Specifies that this information shall include, but not be limited to, any conclusions and recommendations based on a review of the public safety response and disaster recovery efforts.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA AB 2480 (Avila Farias (D))	Housing Development: Density Bonus: Student Housing		Provides that for the purposes of a student housing development being eligible for a density bonus and other incentives or concessions, would revise and recast 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, as specified, for a student housing development that meets the requirements for being eligible for the specified described density bonus and meets other specified criteria.	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA AB 2494 (Rogers (D))	State Forests: Forest Management		Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Secretary for Environmental Protection, to submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a report on the activities of all state departments, agencies, and boards relating to	09/18/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.

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			forest and timberland regulation. Requires the annual report submitted to also include the number of timber harvest plans approved in the most recent fiscal year and the median time for plan review and would make other nonsubstantive changes.	
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		Authorizes the Director of Conservation to directly award regional landscape grants to regional entities to implement the regional priority strategies to contribute to the achievement of the goals of Californias Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. Extends the authorization for the department to award advance payments of grants awarded pursuant to the program indefinitely.	09/15/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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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CA AB 2543 (Ransom (D))	Emergency Preparedness: Fuel and Transportation		Requires, on or before a specified date, the Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, to submit an assessment to the relevant policy committees of the Senate and Assembly that identifies and evaluates emergency types during which Californians' access to fuel and transportation resources may be limited in a manner that would impact public health and safety.	09/27/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
CA AB 2568 (Johnson N (R))	Water District Directors: Compensation		Authorizes a water district to adopt an ordinance that provides compensation to members of the governing board. Prohibits a water district from adopting an ordinance that compensates members of the governing board for more than a total of 10 days in any calendar month. 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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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: Confidentiality		Expands those exemptions to apply to the voters' entire voter registration record, except as specified. Recasts the provisions creating the exemption for the voter registration record of an elected official or candidate. Permits the information of an elected officials immediate family member who lives at the same residence to be made confidential.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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CA AB 2576 (Harabedian (D))	Transit Oriented Development: Exclusions		Provides that existing law provides that a housing development project shall be an allowed use as a transit-oriented housing development if specified conditions and requirements are met. Provides that these provisions do not apply to a local agency until a specified date, unless the local agency adopts an ordinance or local transit-oriented development alternative plan, as defined, deemed compliant by the Department of Housing and Community Development before a specified date.	09/14/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-214
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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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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CA AB 2592 (Pacheco (D))	Lobbyist Ethics		Provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 requires individual lobbyists to prepare certifications, for filing. Prohibits a person who has been convicted of a crime of public corruption, as defined, from serving as a lobbyist for 12 years following the date of conviction. Voids an existing lobbying certification in the event of such a conviction. Prohibits the Secretary of State from accepting a lobbying certification from any person unless it includes a statement signed under penalty of perjury.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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 Secretary of State to implement and make available to county elections officials a system that allows voters to access electronic signature curing. Requires the Secretary of State to make available on its internet website specified data regarding voters use of the system.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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, a good faith 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.	09/21/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-437
CA AB 2623 (Petric-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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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.	07/13/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-078
CA AB 2656 (Petrie-Norris (D))	Public Employees: Notice: Artificial Intelligence		Requires certain state and local public employers to provide written notice to a recognized employee organization at least 45 days before taking an action to develop, purchase, or require the use of GenAI to perform a service that is within the scope of work of the job classification represented by the recognized employee organization.	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA AB 2691 (Addis (D))	Elections: Elective Office: Felony Conviction		Prohibits the consideration of a person as a candidate for and provide that the person is not eligible to be elected to, any state or	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			local elective office if they have been convicted of a felony involving sexual assault or human trafficking.	
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.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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	Requires, during the first 25 years following the Legislatures transfer, 45% of the income of the trust to be transferred from the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Fund to each of the Water Rate Assistance Fund and the Community Water Affordability Assistance Fund, and would continuously appropriate the remaining 10% of the income of the trust to be invested as part of the principal of the trust.	09/10/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.

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CA AB 2755 (Elhawary (D))	Unlawful Detainer Defined		Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions relative to unlawful detainers definitions.	02/20/2026: INTRODUCED.
CA AB 2777 (Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee)	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program	Support	Authorizes the state board to assess fees in place of an annual charge for financial assistance and would authorize the fees or annual charge to be assessed at any rate as permitted by federal law. Deletes the provision prohibiting the changing of the financial assistance rate during the financial assistance and the increasing of the financial assistance repayment amount. Deletes the requirement relating to the appropriation amount set forth in the annual Budget Act.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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))	Closing the Student Opportunity and Achievement Gap Act		Limits the specified prohibition to the operation of public employment, public higher education admissions and enrollment, and public contracting. Requires that it appear on the ballot at the specified date, statewide general election.	09/10/2026: Resolution Chapter No. 2026-223
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	01/07/2026: INTRODUCED.

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			the Controller makes the determination until the date on which a budget bill is enacted.	
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
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 the January 1, 2027, repeal date, thereby extending the operation of these provisions indefinitely.	07/16/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-099
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 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to update the acute and chronic reference exposure levels for hydrogen sulfide and to develop additional health guidance values for hydrogen sulfide, if the need is identified by the state board, in consultation with the office, during development of the response framework.	09/20/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-411

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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
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.

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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 an elected local agency official, as specified.	09/20/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-412
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.	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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.	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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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. Prohibits the commission from extending a deadline under these provisions during the 90 days before an election.	09/03/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 420 (Padilla (D))	Property Tax: Welfare Exemption: Detention Facilities		Specifies that for the purposes of the welfare exemption provisions above, property used exclusively for religious, hospital, scientific, or charitable purposes shall not include property, or any portion thereof, operated as a detention facility.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			otherwise resolving utility conflicts affecting the delivery of the high-speed rail project.	
CA SB 457 (Becker (D))	Housing Element Compliance: Committed Assistance		Requires, on or before July 1, 2028, the Department of Housing and Community Development to promulgate or approve one or more 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.	09/08/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.
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 (Perez S (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 for any of its primary care clinic locations to establish a new affiliate clinic. Requires the affiliate clinic application to be signed by an officer of the clinic corporations board of directors or the clinic corporations chief executive officer or executive director.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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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.	06/24/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE: Not heard.
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.
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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			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.	
CA SB 677 (Wiener (D))	Housing Financing: Joint Powers Agreements		Provides that the geographic jurisdiction of a joint powers authority is the area encompassed by the combined geographical boundaries of all of its member public agencies. Specifies that, for the purposes of the above-described provisions, "city" or "county" is deemed to include the state when the state is a member of a joint powers authority pursuant to the bill's provisions only to provide the state with the power to issue bonds.	09/08/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 715 (Allen (D))	Elections		Moves the deadline to notify candidates of the other candidates for the same office to at least 78 days before the election. Moves other specified deadlines earlier, including the deadline for the Secretary of State to publicly announce a list of candidates and the availability of specified forms and documents. Requires a candidate to certify, under penalty of perjury, the truth and accuracy of the content of the ballot designation worksheet.	09/09/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	07/16/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-100
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	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.		Provides that existing law creates the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program to provide operating and capital assistance	09/18/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-247

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(Blakespear (D))			for transit agencies to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and improve mobility. Provides that existing law requires the Department of Transportation to administer the program and to adopt guidelines, in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, that describe the methodologies to be used by a recipient transit agency.	
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.	09/03/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	09/02/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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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	Relates to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009. Declares that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a critically important natural resource for State and the nation and it serves as both the hub of the State water system and the most valuable estuary and wetland ecosystem on the west coast of North and South America. Establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources.	09/27/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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.
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	06/30/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY: Failed passage.

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			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.	
CA SB 883 (Umberg (D))	Hazardous Materials: Reactive Chemicals	Watch	Prohibits a city or county, or city and county, from approving a building permit for a new reactive chemical storage facility, as defined, with the potential for an explosion, including, but not limited to, due to thermal runaway reaction, that may cause injury or death, unless the proposed facility has a backup cooling system or other contingency system approved by the unified program agency and is not adjacent to a home.	09/09/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 884 (Umberg (D))	Elections in 2026 through 2029		Provides that for any regular or special election, beginning with a specified date, statewide general election, held in 2026 through 2029, inclusive, or proclaimed in 2029, requires all ballot dropoff locations to be open beginning at least 30 days before the election. Prohibits law enforcement officers from making arrests within 200 feet of a polling place on election day, except for a crime related to disrupting the operation of the polling place or a crime against a person or property.	09/19/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-340
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		Relates to California Technology Innovation and Ratepayer Protection Act. Requires the Public Utilities Commission, on or before July 1, 2027, to establish separate tariffs for the interconnection of the participating customer facilities and the	09/21/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-438

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			provision of transmission, distribution, and optional generation services to participating customers.	
CA SB 887 (Padilla (D))	California Environmental Quality Act: Environmental		Defines data center for the purposes of California Environmental Quality Act and prohibit the application of categorical exemption to a project for the development and operation of a data center, as specified. Provides that by increasing the duties of a lead agency in relation to the environmental review of a data center project, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Authorizes the Governor to certify a data center project that is certified by the lead agency to meet specified conditions.	09/21/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-439
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.	09/02/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 898 (Weber (D))	Connected Consumer Products		Requires a manufacturer to provide a clear and conspicuous notice of a connected consumer product reaching its 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 business to notify a consumer when the leased connected consumer product has reached its end of life.	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			Resources Board, and the State Department of Public Health, to assess the health costs and impacts of wildfire smoke.	
CA SB 900 (McNerney (D))	Political Reform Act of 1974: Top Contributors		Provides that existing law 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, as specified.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA SB 904 (Seyarto (R))	Recovery From a State of Emergency		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.	09/03/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 909 (Smallwood-Cueva (D))	Public Works		Authorizes the awarding body for a public works project to not require the payment of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages on certain public works projects. Requires a labor compliance program, if the involvement of the Labor Commissioner has been limited to a determination of the actual amount of penalty or the forfeiture or underpayment of wages, and the matter has been resolved without litigation by or against the Labor Commissioner, to deposit penalties and forfeitures with the awarding body.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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.

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CA SB 911 (Becker (D))	Transfer of Real Property: Fire Hazard Severity Zones		Requires the local fire department, or the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as applicable, to conduct a compliance inspection at the property, as specified, if it has not received documentation of compliance from a qualified entity or otherwise certified compliance within one year of the date of the close of escrow.	08/30/2026: In ASSEMBLY. From third reading. To Inactive File.
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		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 a specified date. States that a fee, charge, surcharge, or component thereof imposed upon the provider of, or ratepayer for, public services by or for a local agency to recover the cost of street maintenance and repair and other costs associated with the use of its streets.	08/27/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-148
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	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			information from the consumer, the business to retain a record of the deletion request and certain data.	
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.
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.	07/16/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-102
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.	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 947 (McNerney (D))	Employment: Automated Decision Systems		Prohibit an employer, as defined, from using an Automated Decision Systems (ADS) to perform certain functions and would limit the purposes for and way in which an ADS may be used. Provides that when an employer primarily uses an ADS to make a disciplinary or termination decision, authorize an employee to request, and require an employer to provide, a description of the employee's own data primarily used by an ADS to make a disciplinary or termination decision, as specified.	09/09/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.

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CA SB 951 (Reyes (D))	Employment: Technological Displacement: Notice		Revises the Cal/WARN Act to also require an employer giving notice of a mass layoff, relocation, or termination caused in whole or in substantial part by an artificial intelligence (AI) system or other automated technology replacing or automating employment positions to include certain information in the notice, including the job functions performed by workers that will be automated by AI or other automated technology.	09/09/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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 also consider portfolio diversity, resource type, location, and hours of typical peak operation.	08/31/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-175
CA SB 954 (Blakespear (D))	California Environmental Quality Act		Exempts projects consisting exclusively of a family day care home. Requires the projects for those facilities, except day care center and family day care home, not be located in an area zoned for industrial use or within 3,200 feet of a facility that actively extracts or refines oil or natural gas in order for the exemption to apply. Revises the exemption for advanced manufacturing facility projects to require those projects to be used exclusively for final tier manufacturing.	09/18/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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.	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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	07/16/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-103

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			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.	
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.
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	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			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.	
CA SB 994 (Cabaldon (D))	Local Agencies: Nondisclosure Agreements		Provides that existing law also makes any nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of proposed legislation entered into after January 1, 2026, void and unenforceable. Provides an exception for nondisclosure agreements, or portions thereof, that prevent only the disclosure of trade secrets, financial information, or proprietary information.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1001 (Archuleta (D))	Local Agency, Public Utility, or Mutual Water Company:		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.
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.	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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	06/30/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-054

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			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.	
CA SB 1064 (Dahle M (R))	Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program		Limits specified testing of all nongasoline heavy-duty onroad motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds that are considered low use, as defined, that have an engine that is from the 2012 model year or older, and that are registered in this state, to not more frequently than annually.	09/20/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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		Revises the definition of disadvantaged community to include a disadvantaged unincorporated community. Expands the duties of districts in the preparation of community emissions reduction programs, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. Requires the local community emissions reduction plans to be submitted to the state board for review and approval and would authorize the state board or the relevant air district to enforce those plans.	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
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	05/14/2026: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			treatment works serving a population of a certain number of persons or fewer within a certain number of years preceding the penalty.	
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.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1117 (Cervantes (D))	Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Unit		Requires the charge for certain accessory dwelling units to be based only on the area in excess of 750 square feet of interior livable space. Changes the duties of local agencies with regard to calculating fees for accessory dwelling units (ADUs).	09/03/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.
CA SB 1125 (Menjivar (D))	Water Rate Assistance Program	Support	Establishes separate implementation procedures depending on whether the state board determines that the Legislature appropriated enough moneys from the fund for a partial implementation of the program or a statewide implementation of	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.

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			the program. Requires the state board, in consultation with relevant agencies and after a public hearing, to adopt guidelines for implementation of the program and to adopt and submit a report to the Legislature or post the report on its internet website.	
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		States that the California Endangered Species Act prohibits the taking of an endangered or threatened species, except as specified. Prohibits to permit or allow any dog to pursue any big game mammal during the closed season on that mammal, to pursue any fully protected, rare, or endangered mammal at any time, to pursue any bear or bobcat at any time, or to pursue any mammal in a game refuge or ecological reserve if hunting within that refuge or ecological reserve is unlawful.	09/01/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.	07/13/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-088
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	05/26/2026: To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL

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			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.	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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1153 (Caballero (D))	Disaster Preparedness: Urban Retail Water Suppliers	Support	Relates to the State Emergency Services Act, requires all public water systems, as defined, with 10,000 or more service connections to review and revise their disaster preparedness plans in conjunction with related agencies, including, but not limited to, local fire departments and the Office of Emergency Services, to ensure that the plans are sufficient to address possible disaster scenarios. Provides that a person, as defined, who violates the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.	09/08/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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.
CA SB 1164 (Cervantes (D))	Elections	Watch	Revises the California Voting Rights Act. Prohibits a political subdivision or state agency from implementing, imposing, or enforcing any election policy or practice, as defined, that results in, or is likely to result in, voter suppression. Prohibits a political	09/19/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-338

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			subdivision from employing any method of election, as defined, that has the effect, or will likely have the effect, of diluting the vote of protected class members.	
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. Requires 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.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1180 (Allen (D))	Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer		Establishes the State Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund, which consists of all environmental mitigation surcharges, interest, penalties, and other amounts collected pursuant to the act, as provided. Requires, upon appropriation by the Legislature, that 60% of the moneys in the fund be expended to monitor and reduce the historical and current environmental justice and public health impacts of plastics, and that 40% of the moneys in the fund be expended to monitor and reduce the environmental impacts.	09/20/2026: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
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	Watch	Requires eligible legislative bodies, to have in place a system for electronically accepting and fulfilling requests for meeting agendas and documents. Requires these legislative bodies to translate the agenda for each meeting of that body and to reasonably assist members of the public who wish to translate a public meeting or receive interpretation. Deletes the specified requirements on eligible legislative bodies. Declares as an urgency statute.	09/18/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-324

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CA SB 1196 (McNerney (D))	Small Energization Projects: Electrical Service		Relates to Powering Up Californians Act. Requires the Public Utilities 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 small energization projects, as provided. Requires the commission, in establishing the timelines for energization, to require electrical corporations to comply with certain requirements.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1205 (Valladares (R))	Public Contracts: Retention: Architecture		Prohibits any retention payments from exceeding 5% of the payment for contracts under design-bid-build, directly between a public entity and an individual or legal entity permitted by law to practice the profession of architecture or engineering, except for specific projects where, among other things, a finding has been made that the project is substantially complex and requires a higher retention amount.	09/20/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-424
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.	08/30/2026: In ASSEMBLY. From third reading. To Inactive File.
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.

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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 Suspense File.
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.

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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.
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.	08/13/2026: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
CA SB 1330 (Arreguin (D))	Assault and Battery: Utility Workers		Makes an assault or battery committed against a utility worker, as defined, who is engaged in the performance of their duties punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding a specified amount, or by both that fine and imprisonment. Provides that by expanding the scope of these crimes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Provides that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.

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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 an eligible renewable resource, as specified, or through the electrolysis of water, and exclusively uses electricity generated from another renewable electrical generation facility, and that the manufacturing of the hydrogen does not result in resource shuffling.	06/29/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-035
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: Local Government		Prohibits a local government with an existing or planned transit-oriented development stop from taking specified actions with respect to transit agencies and transit projects.	09/08/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1369 (Reyes (D))	Recall Petitions		Requires the paid signature gatherer to orally disclose to each person, before providing the petition for the person's signature,	09/09/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.

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			that they are being paid to circulate the petition. Provides that for the recall of a superior court judge, this bill would instead require the petition to be submitted within 120 days if the electoral jurisdiction has 50,000 registered voters or more.	
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, as defined, be consolidated into a single coordinated review by a project review team, as defined, and administered jointly by the consolidated review agencies, defined as the Natural Resources Agency in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency.	09/10/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1383 (Arreguin (D))	Housing Development: Density Bonus: Incentives		Excludes, for buildings over 85 feet in height above grade, 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, as defined, that have been adopted by the local government entity from the definition of incentives or concessions. Incorporates additional changes to specified section.	09/08/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1388 (Durazo (D))	Affordable Housing Risk Reduction Program		Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop technical assistance to support affordable housing providers, and would authorize the department and third-party consultants to provide both individual technical assistance to affordable housing providers and develop technical assistance tools that can be made broadly accessible to those providers.	09/04/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
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, it would limit liability for a late	08/27/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-159

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			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.	
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.
CA SB 1417 (Perez S (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, as applicable, or by electronic mail if the shareholder or tenant, as applicable, has provided and verified the use of an electronic mail address to the company within the last year.	09/03/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.

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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 voter's vote by mail ballot is the correct ballot, procedures to ensure the secrecy of the voter's ballot, and procedures to ensure that a voter does not submit more than one vote by mail ballot without the identification envelope.	09/19/2026: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2026-342
CA SB 1423 (Stern (D))	Regional Planning: Standardized Spatial Planning		Requires the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, on or before July 1, 2028, to compile, standardize, maintain, and make publicly available through a consolidated online platform a core set of statewide standardized spatial planning datasets. Requires the office to update those datasets as new or revised data becomes available from the originating state or federal agencies.	09/08/2026: *****To GOVERNOR.
CA SB 1425 (Cortese (D))	High Speed Rail Authority: Property		Establishes a permit program, administered by the authority, for encroachments on the authority's operating right-of-way. Makes any person who installs or performs an encroachment within the authority's operating right-of-way, without a permit, guilty of a misdemeanor, except as provided. Makes any person who willfully damages any feature of the high-speed train system or any portion of the authority's operating right-of-way guilty of a misdemeanor.	09/27/2026: Signed by GOVERNOR.
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.

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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 Subcmnt 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.

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US H 2766 (Fallon (R))	Director of the Office of Management and Budget		Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations.	03/18/2026: In HOUSE Committee on OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM: Consideration and mark-up session held.
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.
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.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
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 H 9512 (Fields (D))	Water Storage Program		Reauthorizes the water storage program under Subtitle J of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, to authorize environmental restoration and recovery in the Sacramento River Basin.	06/29/2026: To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
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.
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.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
US S 2014 (Cornyn (R))	Director of the Office of Management and Budget		Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations.	06/10/2025: To SENATE Committee on HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.
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.	09/17/2026: In SENATE. Placed on SENATE Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

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WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2027-2028 LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

SUMMARY:

IRWD has retained Kadesh & Associates for federal lobbying and consulting services, Resolute for state legislative lobbying and consulting services, and Cliff Moriyama Consulting for State regulatory agency lobbying and consulting services. Each of these firms has provided a high level of service, knowledge, credibility, and access to the federal and state officials and agencies it engages with on behalf of IRWD. Based on the effectiveness of these consultants, staff recommends that IRWD enter into new 24-month agreements with each of these firms for the 2027-2028 legislative sessions. Specifically:

- Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute sole-source 24-month Professional Services Agreement from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2028, with Kadesh & Associates for federal lobbying and advocacy services during the 120th Congress.
- Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a sole-source 24-month Professional Services Agreement from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2028, with Resolute for State legislative lobbying and advocacy services during the 2027-2028 legislative session.
- The General Manager will also execute a sole-source 24-month Professional Services Agreement from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2028, with Cliff Moriyama Consulting for State regulatory lobbying and advocacy services during the 2027-2028 legislative session.

BACKGROUND:

IRWD continues to be a leader in water resources public policy and governance. During 2025 and 2026, the District engaged in many federal and state policy discussions regarding water infrastructure, supply reliability, and governance. The District was assisted in these discussions by both its federal and state lobbyists and consultants.

Many of the policy discussions are expected to carry over into the 2027-2028 legislative sessions. Entering into 24-month contracts with Kadesh & Associates, Resolute, and Cliff Moriyama Consulting will allow the District to maintain continuity in its Washington, D.C. and Sacramento representation throughout the 2027-2028 session. IRWD's current 24-month contracts with Kadesh & Associates for federal lobbying and consulting services, Resolute for state legislative lobbying and consulting services, and Cliff Moriyama Consulting for State regulatory agency lobbying and consulting services, will expire on December 31, 2026.

Federal Lobbyist and Advocate:

Kadesh & Associates provides IRWD with a high level of service, knowledge, credibility and access in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Kadesh & Associates assists the District in ongoing efforts to build and maintain relationships with key policymakers in Congress, the Administration and within federal agencies.

To aid IRWD in its federal advocacy efforts, staff recommends the Board authorize the execution of a new Professional Services Agreement with Kadesh & Associates for a 24-month period, beginning January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028. The proposed contract includes a \$11,370 monthly retainer for 2027 and a \$11,655 month retainer for 2028, plus reimbursement of reasonable direct expenses for a total amount not to exceed \$285,200. The proposed new agreement reflects a two and one-half percent increase per year in the amount of the monthly retainer, and a two and one-half percent increase in the total contract amount.

State Legislative Lobbyist and Advocates:

Resolute provide IRWD with a high level of service, knowledge, credibility and access in Sacramento. Additionally, Resolute assist the District in ongoing efforts to build and maintain relationships with key policymakers in the Governor's Office and the Legislature.

To aid IRWD in its State advocacy efforts, staff recommends the Board authorize the execution of a new Professional Services Agreement with Resolute, to which The Oñate Group would be a subcontractor, for a 24-month period, beginning January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028. The new contract would be for a combined monthly retainer of \$14,200 plus reimbursement of reasonable direct expenses for a total combined amount not to exceed amount of \$350,000. The proposed new agreement reflects an approximately five percent increase in the amount of the currently monthly retainer, which was set in October 2024. This increase reflects an adjustment for cost of living / inflation that has occurred since the current monthly retainer was set.

State Regulatory Lobbyist and Advocate:

Cliff Moriyama Consulting provides IRWD with a high level of service, knowledge, credibility and access in Sacramento. Additionally, Cliff Moriyama Consulting assists the District in ongoing efforts to build and maintain relationships with key policymakers in the Governor's Office and State agencies.

To aid IRWD in its State advocacy efforts, the General Manager will execute a new sole-source Professional Services Agreement with Cliff Moriyama Consulting for a 24-month period, beginning January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028. The new contract would include a \$6,000 monthly retainer plus reimbursement of reasonable direct expenses for a total contract amount not to exceed \$149,000. The proposed new agreement reflects a 20 percent increase in the amount of the monthly retainer to reflect the cost of living / inflation since the monthly amount was last increased in November 2022 and to account for the increased regulatory advocacy work that will be needed due to the new administration.

Next Steps:

Once the 2027-2028 agreements are in place, staff will engage with Kadesh & Associates, Resolute, and Cliff Moriyama Consulting to plan for the 2027 legislative year and provide to this Committee and the Board an overview of expected 2027 legislative and regulatory issues in Washington, D.C., Sacramento, and regionally, and an initial 2027 staff resource allocation plan for legislative and regulatory issues of importance to IRWD. As has been done in the past, the District's advocates will attend one of those discussions.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The current contracts with Kadesh & Associates, Resolute, and Cliff Moriyama Consulting expire on December 31, 2026. Cumulatively, they are currently \$29,252. The current contracts are for a 24-month term and have a not-to-exceed value of \$738,250. The proposed contract with Kadesh & Associates, Resolute, and Cliff Moriyama Consulting would be effective from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, and is proposed at a cumulative monthly amount of \$31,570 in 2027 and \$31,855 in 2028 plus reimbursement of reasonable direct expenses. If approved by the Board, the new contract will be charged against the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027, FY 2025-2026 and FY 2027-2028 Operating Budgets. The total requested contract authorization is \$784,200.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Kadesh & Associates for federal advocacy services for the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, at a rate of \$11,370 per month in 2027 and \$11,655 per month in 2028, plus reasonable reimbursement of direct expenses for a total contract amount not to exceed \$285,200, and with Resolute for State legislative lobbying and advocacy services for the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, at a rate of up to \$14,200 per month plus reasonable reimbursement of direct expenses for a total contract amount not to exceed \$350,000.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

None.

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WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

IRWD POLICY POSITION PAPERS REVIEW AND UPDATES

SUMMARY:

The IRWD policy position papers are reviewed periodically to determine if the positions are still valid, need to be revised or if new papers should be written on different issues. Staff is in the regular process of reviewing the nearly 30 policy position papers adopted by the Board.

Recently, staff reviewed the IRWD Policy Position Papers on Special Districts Consolidations , County-Wide Urban Runoff Governance and Funding, and Water Resources Funding. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the proposed updated Special Districts Consolidations Policy Position Paper and Water Resources Funding Policy Position Paper, which have been modernized and streamlined, and retire the County-Wide Urban Runoff Governance and Funding Policy Position Paper, which is no longer relevant.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, IRWD began producing policy “white papers” on topics of particular interest to the District. Because of IRWD’s standing in the water industry, the opinion of the District is regularly solicited on issues of vital interest to the industry and the community. In order to keep these Position Papers current and usable for explaining the District’s policy position, staff occasionally recommends that the Board review the Papers and, when appropriate, incorporate revisions.

Special District Consolidations Policy Position Paper:

Recently, staff reviewed IRWD’s Special District Consolidations Policy Position Paper, which was last updated in October 2004. At that time, the District’s Paper stated how it had historically engaged in consolidations. Since that time, the District’s historic approach has become the policies it has advocated for in any special district consolidation.

Staff is recommending proposed revisions to that Policy Position Paper so that the Paper more accurately reflects the District’s updated policy positions. A draft of the proposed revised IRWD’s Special District Consolidations Policy Position Paper is attached as Exhibit “A”. A redline of the 2004 Policy Position Paper, as proposed to be changed, is attached as Exhibit “B”.

County-Wide Urban Runoff Governance and Funding Policy Position Paper:

After the closure of beaches along the central Orange County coast in the Summer of 1999, efforts to improve the water quality in waterways running to the ocean became a topic of conversation in Orange County. With that conversation came a discussion on how to pay for it. In 2005, the Board of Directors adopted the IRWD County-Water Urban Runoff Governance and Funding Policy Position Paper. The Paper outlined five policy principles, which the District advocated for during the discussion, on how manage and fund urban runoff treatment across the county.

Since that time, watershed committees have been formed to help manage and get funding to the County's watersheds, when State funding is available. Additionally, IRWD obtained statutory authority to treat urban runoff and has an extensive Natural Treatment System to do so within the San Diego Creek Watershed.

Because of the governance decisions made two decades ago and the existing management structures for managing water quality in Orange County, IRWD's current Policy Position Paper on urban runoff governance and funding is outdated and no longer relevant. If urban runoff governance and funding becomes an issue again for which an IRWD Policy Position Paper would be helpful, the District can develop one that reflects the policies positions held by the District and relevant to that discussion, at that time. Staff recommends that the Board retire the paper, which is attached as Exhibit "C".

Water Resource Funding Policy Position Paper:

In 2020, when discussions about a climate resilience bond began to surface, the Board adopted a Policy Position Paper on water resource funding. The Paper covered the District's approach to a climate resilience bond and aided in the District's advocacy on the creation of the Proposition 4 bond.

The water community was disappointed with the amount of water infrastructure funding contained in Proposition 4, despite water being a key component of its title. Over the past two years, many in the water community have been discussing the need for a water bond or more ongoing State water infrastructure funding. Those conversations have increased and many would like the new Governor to take on that issue.

Staff has reviewed the District's Water Resources Funding Policy Position Paper and is recommending revisions to it. The revisions remove the reference to the climate bond and broaden the Paper's discussion to include both water bonds and water infrastructure funding. These changes will help ensure the Paper remains relevant to the discussion taking place in Sacramento. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the revised paper.

A draft of the proposed revised IRWD's Water Resources Funding Policy Position Paper is attached as Exhibit "D". A redline of the 2020 Policy Position Paper, as proposed to be changed, is attached as Exhibit "E".

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the updated IRWD Special District Consolidations Policy Position Paper, approve the updated IRWD Water Resources Funding Policy Position Paper, and retire the IRWD County-Wide Urban Runoff Governance and Funding Policy Position Paper.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit “A” – IRWD Special District Consolidations Policy Position Paper – Revised
- Exhibit “B” – IRWD Special District Consolidations Policy Position Paper – Revised with Redlines
- Exhibit “C” – IRWD County-Wide Urban Runoff Governance and Funding Policy Position Paper
- Exhibit “D” – IRWD Water Resources Funding Policy Position Paper – Revised
- Exhibit “E” – IRWD Water Resources Funding Policy Position Paper – Revised with Redlines

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IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT POLICY POSITION
SPECIAL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS

DRAFT PROPOSED REVISIONS- September 2026

Issue Summary:

Since 1996, IRWD has been involved in five successful special district consolidations with the following entities: Santa Ana Heights Mutual Water Company, Carpenter Irrigation District, Santiago Canyon Water District, Los Alisos Water District, and the Orange Park Acres Mutual Water Company. Each of those consolidations was different and presented unique challenges to achieve a successful outcome. These consolidations did exhibit certain similarities that represent key principles on IRWD’s policy on special district consolidations.

Water system consolidations within Orange County has continued to be a topic that comes up every few years. Opportunities for consolidation are considered by special districts, particularly when they seek to enhance reliability, improve services, and/or reduce costs. IRWD’s board members and senior staff can expect to be asked about consolidations in general, and perhaps about specific consolidation scenarios. As such, the District has adopted formal policy principles reflecting its view of consolidations.

Policy Principles:

1. Consolidations of special district retail agencies should benefit ratepayers through improved customer service, increased operational efficiencies, lower administrative costs, enhanced reliability, and equitable treatment of all areas within the consolidated district.
2. Consolidations of special district wholesale agencies should also result in improved service, increased operational efficiencies, lower administrative costs, enhanced reliability, and equitable treatment of all areas within the consolidated district, with deference given to the retail entities served by the consolidating wholesale agencies.
3. Consolidation actions should not result in “cross subsidies” between ratepayers and taxpayers served by the consolidating agencies. The costs and risks associated with each consolidating agency should remain the responsibility of that agency until service, operational, and financial “parity” is established between the resulting ratepayer groups.
4. To optimize benefits to all customers, special district consolidations should ideally be implemented through mutual agreement of the governing boards of the consolidating agencies.
5. Where more than one agency may be able to achieve the benefits of consolidation, entities seeking to consolidate should gauge interest and solicit proposal(s) from other agencies to ensure that the customers of the consolidating agency will realize maximum benefit.
6. IRWD does not support unilaterally initiating consolidations, detachments, or other forced service boundary changes.

7. A consolidating agency may determine that separate rate areas are needed to ensure that a consolidation action does not result in a cross subsidy between ratepayers. The long-term need for separate rate areas should be left to the consolidating agency, just as normal rate setting would, and should comply with legal requirements such as Proposition 218 and / or Proposition 26, as applicable.
8. Establishing equity between the consolidating agencies is of critical importance. Equity is primarily achieved by ensuring that the assets and liabilities of each of the consolidating agencies are fairly recognized and accounted for within the terms and conditions of the proposed consolidation. The methods to achieve equity may vary in each consolidation, but the goal of achieving equity is fundamental to a successful outcome.
9. The Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County (LAFCO) should support and encourage special districts to evaluate the resolution of utility service issues related to urbanization, infill growth, aging infrastructure, increased costs and a more stringent regulatory environment through potential consolidations and should fully analyze the potential benefits of consolidations through the Municipal Service Reviews and other processes. If a special district does not resolve utility service issues, LAFCO should address the failure consistent with existing provisions within the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.
10. The fair treatment of employees is an essential component of any consolidation. In consolidations involving IRWD, all current employees of IRWD's consolidating partner, on the effective date of consolidation, are welcome to join IRWD's workforce within the same compensation and benefit structure in effect for IRWD's existing employees.
11. Strong consideration should be given to the consolidating partner providing interim representation of the consolidated area during a transition phase. This is best accomplished by establishing a management or advisory committee consisting of former board members, which would serve for a fixed term from the effective date of consolidation.

IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT POLICY POSITION
SPECIAL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS

~~October 2004~~

DRAFT PROPOSED REVISIONS- September 2026

Issue Summary:

Since 1996, IRWD
~~Consolidation of special districts~~ has been ~~a fact of life for IRWD since 1996. The District has participated~~ involved in five successful special district consolidations with the following entities: Santa Ana Heights Mutual Water Company, Carpenter Irrigation District, ~~and the Santiago Canyon Water District,~~ Los Alisos Water District, and the Orange Park Acres Mutal Water Company. Each of those consolidations was different ~~in nature~~ and presented unique challenges to achieve a successful outcome. ~~As a group, however, each consolidation effort exhibited~~ These consolidations did exhibit certain similarities that ~~can be helpful in establishing~~ represent key principles ~~to develop on~~ IRWD’s policy on special district consolidations.

~~Interest in pursuing further~~ Water system consolidations within Orange County ~~is likely to continue into the future.~~ has continued to be a topic that comes up every few years. Opportunities ~~to consolidate will be~~ for consolidation are considered by special districts ~~as,~~ particularly when they seek to ~~reduce costs and enhance reliability and may be initiated by the Orange County Local Formation Commission (LAFCO) as part of its mission to,~~ improve governance and encourage orderly growth. The District’s services, and/or reduce costs. IRWD’s board members and senior staff can expect to be asked about consolidations in general, and perhaps about specific consolidation scenarios. As such, the District ~~needs to adopt~~ has adopted formal policy principles reflecting its view of consolidations.

Policy Principles:

● ~~External Considerations~~

1. — Special district consolidations involving IRWD have historically benefited
~~the~~ Consolidations of special district retail agencies should benefit ratepayers through improved customer service, increased operational efficiencies, lower administrative costs, enhanced reliability, and equitable treatment of all areas within the consolidated district.
2. Consolidations of special district wholesale agencies should also result in improved service, increased operational efficiencies, lower administrative costs, enhanced reliability, and equitable treatment of all areas within the consolidated district, with deference given to the retail entities served by the consolidating wholesale agencies.
3. Consolidation — actions should not result in “cross subsidies” between ratepayers and taxpayers served by the consolidating agencies. The costs and risks associated with each consolidating agency should remain the responsibility of that agency until service, operational, and financial “parity” is established between the resulting ratepayer groups.

4. To ~~maximize~~optimize benefits to all customers, special district consolidations should ideally be implemented through mutual agreement of the governing boards of the consolidating agencies.

5. ~~—Where more than one agency may be able to achieve the benefits of consolidation, entities seeking to consolidate should gauge interest and solicit proposal(s) from other agencies to ensure that the customers of the consolidating agency will realize maximum benefit.~~

6. IRWD does not support unilaterally initiating consolidations, detachments, or other forced service boundary changes.

~~——Utility service issues associated with urbanization and infill growth combined with aging infrastructure and a more stringent regulatory environment should prompt all special districts to evaluate consolidations as a method to cost-effectively address these issues on behalf of the public.~~

~~——LAFCO should support and encourage special districts to evaluate the resolution of utility service issues through potential consolidations, and should fully analyze the potential benefits of consolidations through the Municipal Service Reviews and other processes.~~

Internal Considerations:

~~——A consolidating agency may determine that separate rate areas are needed to ensure that a consolidation action does not result in a cross subsidy between ratepayers. The long-term need for separate rate areas should be left to the consolidating agency, just as normal rate setting would, and should comply with legal requirements such as Proposition 218 and / or Proposition 26, as applicable.~~

7. Establishing equity between the consolidating agencies is of critical importance ~~to IRWD~~. Equity is primarily achieved by ensuring that the assets and liabilities of each of the consolidating agencies are fairly recognized and accounted for within the terms and conditions of the proposed consolidation. The methods to achieve equity may vary in each consolidation, but the goal of achieving equity is fundamental to a successful outcome.

~~——Consolidation actions should not result in “cross subsidies” between IRWD ratepayers and the ratepayers of IRWD’s consolidating agency. Each ratepayer group shall pay its fair share, no more or no less.~~

8. ~~Fair~~ The Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County (LAFCO) should support and encourage special districts to evaluate the resolution of utility service issues related to urbanization, infill growth, aging infrastructure, increased costs and a more stringent regulatory environment through potential consolidations and should fully analyze the potential benefits of consolidations through the Municipal Service Reviews and other

processes. If a special district does not resolve utility service issues, LAFCO should address the failure consistent with existing provisions within the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

9. The fair treatment of ~~the~~ employees ~~of IRWD's consolidating partner~~ is an essential component of ~~a~~any consolidation. ~~At~~In consolidations involving IRWD, all current employees of IRWD's consolidating partner, on the effective date of consolidation ~~will be integrated into,~~ are welcome to join IRWD's workforce within the same compensation and benefit ~~package~~structure in effect for IRWD's existing employees.

10. ~~— IRWD believes that consolidations are best implemented when its~~Strong consideration should be given to the consolidating partner ~~provides~~providing interim representation of the consolidated area during ~~the~~a transition phase. This is best accomplished by establishing a management or advisory committee consisting of former board members, which ~~serves~~would serve for a fixed term from the effective date of consolidation.

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IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT POLICY POSITION
COUNTY-WIDE URBAN RUNOFF GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

Revised: June 3, 2005

Issue Summary:

In order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of measures to address county-wide urban runoff issues, regulators and the public are seeking to optimize the coordination of work and identify new sources of funding as needed.

Background:

In the time since the closure of beaches along the central Orange County coast in the summer of 1999, efforts to improve the quality of the water along watercourses and beaches in the County have increased significantly. While the county and cities are legally responsible for improving surface water quality in accordance with the Clean Water Act and the county-wide municipal stormwater permit, it is clear that other entities can contribute their expertise and funding for efforts within their purviews. For example, independent water and wastewater districts can participate in this effort through diversion and/or treatment of dry weather urban runoff, and through water conservation programs. Non-governmental organizations can participate by providing public education and community support.

Going forward, better coordination of these efforts is critical to facilitate economies of scale, develop more complimentary programs, and focus resources on regulatory priorities. Also, with public agency budgets stretched to their limits, there is little or no discretionary funding available for compliance with new regulatory requirements. Thus, many agencies have expressed a need to seek new public funding sources, which could include user fees, parcel taxes, or property taxes, many of which require voter or landowner approvals.

The County of Orange has taken the role of leader/facilitator in interagency discussions of both governance and funding related to urban runoff. The following are the principles that IRWD promotes as the County and other organizations pursue this issue.

Policy Principles:

- No new layers of government or entities should be established to address urban runoff issues. The emphasis should be on better coordination of agencies' resources and a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities.
- The existing San Diego Creek Watershed Committee should be used as a model for application throughout the County. This type of structure is advantageous because it:

- Requires no new governmental entity;
 - Maintains a politically and institutionally supportable separation of powers and individual funding sources from the participating agencies; allowing for agencies to fund separate programs
 - Involves appropriate stakeholders at both the staff and non-governmental organization level (through the Management Committee) and elected official level (through the Executive Committee);
 - Lends itself to cooperative funding arrangements through inter-agency funding agreements;
 - Provides an appropriate mechanism to allocate and manage any newly established county-wide funding source; and
 - Can be implemented almost immediately.
- For purposes of coordinating, implementing and funding urban runoff treatment efforts, the county is most logically divided into three Watershed Management Areas: North, Central and South. Each of these areas has its own distinct physical, institutional, and regulatory characteristics. Each area should be governed by a committee structure, similar to that used in the San Diego Creek watershed.
 - If a new county-wide funding source requiring a vote is pursued, efforts to promote the proposal to the public should not proceed before a list of projects/uses and quantitative funding needs has been established. The other essential provision that needs to be in place before a fundraising drive is initiated is how the funds will be overseen, which leads to the need to identify a feasible and supportable governance structure.
 - After a conceptual governance and funding structure is developed by staff of the various agencies and non-governmental organizations, a comprehensive review process should be implemented to receive elected official input from stakeholder agencies prior to the Orange County Board of Supervisors finalizing the proposal. In addition, early regulatory agency and public input should also be sought.

IRWD WATER RESOURCES FUNDING POLICY PRINCIPLES

DRAFT PROPOSED REVISIONS- September 2026

ISSUE SUMMARY:

As a state and federal leader in water resources public policy and governance, IRWD has worked to promote policy initiatives that allow the District, along with other water purveyors in California, to enhance the quality and reliability of water supplies throughout the state. As a means of providing input into the discussions surrounding water resources funding and to guide the District’s advocacy efforts related to California infrastructure funding, the following policy principles have been adopted by the IRWD Board of Directors.

POLICY PRINCIPLES:

Any water bond or infrastructure funding measure adopted by the Legislature or put before California voters that includes water infrastructure funding should be guided by the following principles:

- 1) The State has a role in financing water infrastructure. The State should play a role in the financing of water infrastructure that is of demonstrated statewide significance and/or benefit.
- 2) Bond titles should reflect the type(s) of infrastructure the bond primarily funds. A statewide bond that includes “water” in its title should include substantial funding for water infrastructure. If substantial funding for water is not included, the title should not include “water.” Funding for flood control, watershed health, and species/habitat restoration and conservation should be included in water bonds if those projects relate to, protect, or enhance water supplies, quality or infrastructure.
- 3) Bond and infrastructure financing measures must be fiscally responsible. Proposed water bonds and water infrastructure funding measures should be fiscally responsible and politically viable.
- 4) Transparency and accountability should be built into all bond and infrastructure financing measures. Statewide bond measures and other water infrastructure financing measures should include specific programmatic funding allocations as opposed to allocations for general categories of infrastructure. Inclusion of programmatic funding allocations provides a spending plan that creates transparency and accountability.
- 5) Distribution of funds should be equitable, balanced and reasonable. Water bond and water infrastructure funding measures must strengthen water supply reliability and water quality for all Californians. Funding should be distributed to beneficial projects throughout the entire State in an equitable, balanced, and reasonable manner.

- 6) Water bonds and infrastructure financing should support the development of safer, more secure and more resilient water supplies for the entire state. To support a safe and secure water supply, the State should allocate funding to programs which will increase water resilience across the state. Because each community has different water supplies and infrastructure needs, in order to build resilience across the state, a bond or infrastructure financing measures should provide funding for a diverse set of water resources programs.

State funding should:

- Support water supply reliability enhancement through the funding of water recycling, water quality (e.g., treatment / removal of PFAS and other contaminants of emerging concern (CECs)), water use efficiency and groundwater recharge, water banking, conjunctive use, protection and quality improvement projects;
 - Provide funding for sustainable safe drinking water solutions and water affordability across the state;
 - Fund new and enhanced regional conveyance facilities that better integrate surface and groundwater storage; and
 - Fund local dam safety improvements at high-risk dams associated with water supplies.
- 7) Funded project must demonstrate cost effectiveness and benefit. Proposed water bond and water infrastructure financing measures should include specific criteria which must be met before a project obtains funding. The specific criteria should include cost-effectiveness, a project proponent's ability to implement the project, specific timelines for project implementation, and a high level of measurable benefit.
- 8) State funding should be leveraged to the maximum extent possible. State funding should be leveraged to the maximum extent possible utilizing local or federal matching funds. Projects funded with a higher percentage of non-state funds should be given priority. Additionally, funds should be allocated in the most cost-effective manner possible. Innovative funding mechanisms such as design-build and public-private partnerships should be encouraged to the greatest extent practicable.
- 9) Administrative costs should be minimized. The administration of water funding should be handled within existing state resources to minimize administration cost.
- 10) A statewide user fee should not be imposed. A "user fee" or "beneficiary pays" program should never be a statewide program and should not be included in a water bond or water infrastructure financing measure. If such a fee is necessary, it should only be regionally administered, collected and distributed. Any such fee should be equitably and proportionally based on the project benefits derived by those who are subject to the fee, and "beneficiary" must be clearly defined to ensure a clear legal nexus between financial responsibility and benefits.

IRWD WATER RESOURCES FUNDING POLICY PRINCIPLES

MARCH 9, 2020

DRAFT PROPOSED REVISIONS- September 2026

ISSUE SUMMARY:

~~The California Legislature is discussing the placement of a climate resilience bond on the November 2020 ballot. As has been discussed by the Governor and key members in the Legislature, water infrastructure funding will likely comprise a substantial portion of the bond.~~

As a state and federal leader in water resources public policy and governance, ~~the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)~~ has worked ~~tirelessly~~ to promote policy initiatives that allow the District, along with other water purveyors in California, to enhance the quality and reliability of water supplies throughout the state. As a means of providing input into the discussions surrounding ~~the climate resilience bond, and in order~~ water resources funding and to guide the District's advocacy efforts related to California infrastructure funding, the following policy principles have been adopted by the IRWD Board of Directors.

POLICY PRINCIPLES:

Any water ~~resources~~ bond or infrastructure funding measure adopted by the Legislature or put before California voters that includes water infrastructure funding should be guided by the following principles:

- 1) The State has a role in financing water infrastructure. The State should play a role in the financing of water infrastructure that is of demonstrated statewide significance and/or benefit.
- ~~2) Bond titles should reflect the type(s) of infrastructure the bond primarily funds. A statewide bond that includes "water" in its title should include substantial funding for water infrastructure. If substantial funding for water is not included, the title should not include "water."~~
 - ~~• In the case of a climate resilience bond, which is designed to fund water infrastructure, wildfire response and climate resilience, no less than one-third of the funding should be allocated to water resource development and water infrastructure; and~~
- ~~• 2) Funding for flood control, watershed health, and species/habitat restoration and conservation should be included in the climate resilience funding contained in the bond~~ water bonds if those projects relate to, protect, or enhance water supplies, quality or infrastructure.
- 3) Bond and infrastructure financing measures must be fiscally responsible. Proposed water bonds and water infrastructure funding measures should be fiscally responsible and politically viable.
- 4) Transparency and accountability should be built into all bond and infrastructure financing measures. Statewide bond measures ~~must~~ and other water infrastructure financing measures

should include specific programmatic funding allocations as opposed to allocations for general categories of infrastructure. Inclusion of programmatic funding allocations provides a spending plan that ~~voters can evaluate when deciding on a bond and be measured against when holding the State accountable for the spending of bond proceeds~~creates transparency and accountability.

5) Distribution of funds should be equitable, balanced and reasonable. Water bond and water infrastructure funding measures must strengthen water supply reliability and water quality for all Californians. ~~Bond proceeds~~Funding should be distributed to beneficial projects throughout the entire ~~state~~State in an equitable, balanced, and reasonable manner.

6) Water bonds and infrastructure financing should support the development of safer, more secure and more resilient water supplies for the entire state. To support a safe and secure water supply, the ~~climate resilience bond~~State should allocate funding to programs which will increase water resilience across the state. Because each community has different water supplies and infrastructure needs, in order to build resilience across the state, ~~the bond~~a bond or infrastructure financing measures should provide funding for a diverse set of water resources programs. ~~The bond~~

6) State funding should:

- Support water supply reliability enhancement through the funding of water recycling, water quality (e.g., treatment / removal of PFAS and other contaminants of emerging concern (~~CECECECs~~)), water use efficiency and groundwater recharge, water banking, conjunctive use, protection and quality improvement projects;
- Provide funding for sustainable safe drinking water solutions ~~within disadvantaged communities without sufficient access to safe drinking water~~and water affordability across the state;
- ~~Establish new funding programs to fund the creation of~~Fund new and enhanced regional conveyance facilities that better integrate surface and groundwater storage, ~~and to fund local dam safety improvements at high-risk dams associated with water supplies;~~ and
- ~~Distribute funding for regional projects through Integrated Regional Water Management Planning programs while distributing fund decisions on projects of statewide significance should be made at the state level.~~
- Fund local dam safety improvements at high-risk dams associated with water supplies.

7) Funded project must demonstrate cost effectiveness and benefit. Proposed water bond and water infrastructure financing measures should include specific criteria which must be met before a project obtains funding. The specific criteria should include cost-effectiveness, a

project proponent’s ability to implement the project, specific timelines for project implementation, and a high level of measurable benefit.

- 8) ~~Bond proceeds~~State funding should be leveraged to the maximum extent possible. ~~Bond proceeds~~State funding should be leveraged to the maximum extent possible utilizing local or federal matching funds. Projects funded with a higher percentage of non-state funds should be given priority. Additionally, funds should be allocated in the most cost-effective manner possible. Innovative funding mechanisms such as design-build and public-private partnerships should be encouraged to the greatest extent practicable.
- 9) Administrative costs should be minimized. The administration of ~~bond funds~~water funding should be handled within existing state resources to minimize ~~bond~~ administration cost. ~~Bond authority should be implemented and allocated in a comprehensive and cohesive manner through either the budget process or legislative consensus. Bond funds should not be allocated through a series of piecemeal legislative efforts.~~
- ~~10)~~ A statewide user fee should not be imposed. A “user fee” or “beneficiary pays” program should never be a statewide program and should not be included in a water bond or water infrastructure financing measure. If such a fee is necessary, it should only be regionally administered, collected and distributed. Any such fee should be equitably and proportionally based on the project benefits derived by those who are subject to the fee, and “beneficiary” must be clearly defined to ensure a clear legal nexus between financial responsibility and benefits.

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