

FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Valley Water and Water Authority Promote Sisk Dam Raise Project in Visit with Interior Official

On June 5, Vice Chair Santos and staff joined the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority in hosting Interior Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Andrea Travnicek, at B.F. Sisk Dam to advocate for the Sisk Dam Raise Project. The group was joined by Bureau of Reclamation officials who discussed the timeline for the Safety of Dams Project, and Vice Chair Santos and Water Authority staff spoke about the importance of the Sisk Dam Raise Project. Assistant Secretary Travnicek was enthusiastic about both projects and appreciated the opportunity to learn about its many benefits. Valley Water continues to strongly advocate for the project with the federal government, including pursuing federal funding.



STATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS

State Budget Update

On Monday, June 15, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 109, Budget Act of 2026, and sent it to the Governor for his consideration. The \$356 billion state budget met the constitutionally required deadline but was widely viewed as a step in ongoing negotiations. Budget discussions will intensify over the next few weeks, with some items, such as Proposition 4 allocations, likely to remain unresolved until much later in the legislative session. Staff continues to advocate for direct budget appropriations for our projects and increased Proposition 4 allocations to vital programs such as the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program.

LOCAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Valley Water Hosts Community Town Hall with Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens

On June 20, Valley Water partnered with Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens to host a community town hall attended by nearly 100 residents interested in learning more about Valley Water's work and regional water issues. Assemblymember Ahrens opened the event and recognized John Tang, Deputy Director of Water Resources for the City of San José, with an Assembly resolution honoring his service to the community. Director Shiloh Ballard then engaged attendees with water-themed trivia before joining Assemblymember Ahrens for a community Q&A discussion. Topics included local water supply, water use, and questions related to data centers.

Valley Water's Water Conservation team also shared information on available programs and rebates. Attendees had the opportunity to connect with staff at informational booths hosted by Valley Water and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. Guests enjoyed aguas frescas prepared by Valley Water staff throughout the event. The event was also attended by Santa Clara Councilmember Suds Jain, Sunnyvale Councilmember Charlsie Chang, Los Altos Hills Vice Mayor Linda Swan, and Open Space Authority Director Helen Chapman.



June 20: Director Ballard and Assemblymember Ahrens with aguas frescas made with purified water.



June 20: Director Ballard welcoming attendees at the community town hall.

RECENT EVENTS

- JUNE 6-7 50th Annual Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival, Sunnyvale
- JUNE 12 WEPA Fest 2026, San José
- JUNE 13 Día de Portugal, San José
- JUNE 13 African American Community Service Agency's 45th Annual Juneteenth in the Streets Festival, San José

FUTURE EVENTS

- JULY 4 San José Council District 8 4th of July Celebration
- JULY 17 Morgan Hill Chamber Friday Night Music Series
- JULY 29-30 Mountain View Technology Showcase

2025-26 State Legislation with Board-Approved Positions

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
AB 11 (Lee)	The Social Housing Act	Support	Pending – Senate Housing Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 35 (Alvarez)	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: Exemption: Program guidelines and selection criteria	Support	Pending – Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
AB 259 (Blanca Rubio)	Open Meetings Teleconferences	Support	Pending – Senate Judiciary Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 269 (Bennett)	Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program	Oppose	Failed – Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee
AB 454 (Kalra)	Migratory Birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act	Support	Signed by the Governor
AB 514 (Petrie-Norris)	Emergency Water Supplies	Support	Failed – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
AB 532 (Ransom)	Water Rate Assistance Program	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
AB 707 (Soria)	San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority: B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project	Support	Failed – Assembly Rules Committee
AB 810 (Irwin)	Local Government Internet Websites and Email Addresses	Oppose	Failed – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
AB 1319 (Schultz)	Protected Species: California Endangered Species Act	Oppose Unless Amended	Signed by the Governor
AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan)	Data Centers: Reporting	Support	Pending – Senate Judiciary Committee
AB 1603 (Schultz)	Pesticides: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)	Support	Pending – Senate Agriculture Committee
AB 1772 (Papan)	Fish and Wildlife: Invasive Mussels	Support	Pending – Senate Judiciary Committee
AB 2032 (Ransom)	Fish and Wildlife: Golden Mussels	Support	Pending – Senate Environmental Quality Committee
AB 2051 (Wicks)	Public Resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group	Support	Pending – Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
AB 2180 (Ward)	Local Government: Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act: Proportional Cost of Service	Support	Pending – Senate Floor
AB 2215 (Calderon)	Water Rights: Permits: State Water Project	Support	Pending – Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
AB 2469 (Papan)	Water Resources: Data Centers	Support	Pending – Senate Local Government Committee
AB 2619 (Papan)	Water Resources: Data Centers	Support	Pending – Senate Local Government Committee
AB 2739 (Soria)	Water: Affordability and System Stabilization	Support	Pending – Senate Environmental Quality Committee
AB 2777 (Committee on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials)	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program: Loans: Outdoor Eating Areas: Water Reuse	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 31 (McNerney)	Water Quality: Recycled Water	Support	Signed by the Governor

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SB 72 (Caballero)	The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 454 (McNerney)	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
SB 466 (Caballero)	Drinking Water: Hexavalent Chromium: Civil Liability: Exemption	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 496 (Hurtado)	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: Appeals Advisory Committee: Exemptions	Support	Failed – Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
SB 598 (Durazo)	Construction Manager/General Contractor Project Delivery Method	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 599 (Caballero)	Atmospheric Rivers: Research: Forecasting Methods: Experimental Tools	Support	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
SB 601 (Allen)	Water: Waste Discharge	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
SB 650 (Cabaldon)	The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009.	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 682 (Allen)	Environmental Health: Product Safety: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
SB 695 (Cortese)	Transportation: climate resiliency: projects of statewide and regional significance	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 753 (Cortese)	Special Business Regulations: Shopping Carts	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 872 (McNerney)	Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund	Support and Amend	Pending - Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee
SB 899 (Grove)	Fire Prevention: Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force: Wildfire Smoke	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 949 (Becker)	Environmental protection: Natural Resources Agency: resource of statewide significance: Santa Cruz Mountains.	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 952 (Laird)	State Water Project: Renewable Energy Resources and Zero-Carbon Resources	Support	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 1085 (Durazo)	Water Supply Planning: California Environmental Quality Act Determination	Support	Pending – Assembly Local Government Committee
SB 1125 (Menjivar)	Water Rate Assistance Program	Support	Pending – Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
SB 1153 (Caballero)	Disaster Preparedness: Urban Retail Water Suppliers and Public Water Systems: Wildfire	Support	Pending – Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

2025-26 Federal Legislation with Board-Approved Positions

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
H.R. 337 (Costa)	Groundwater Technical Assistance Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 338 (Costa)	Every Drop Counts Act	Support	Introduced
S. 322 (Padilla)	Improving Atmospheric River Forecasting Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1267 (Gluesenkamp Perez)	Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act	Support	Introduced

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H.R. 403 (Swalwell)	Preventing Our Next Natural Disaster Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1382 (Huffman)	San Francisco Bay Restoration Program Technical Correction Act	Support	Reported Out of Committee
H.R. 605 (Costa)	Headwaters Protection Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1871 (Huffman) S. 857 (Curtis)	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1894 (Calvert)	Federally Integrated Species Health (FISH) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2594 (Crawford)	Water Risk and Resilience Organization Establishment Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2344 (Schakowsky) S. 1118 (Markey)	Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC) Threat Protection Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2766 (Fallon)	Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2774 (Harder)	Safeguarding Our Levees Act	Support	Introduced
S. 1760 (Curtis)	Restoring WIFIA Eligibility Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2907 (Stanton)	Save Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (Save BRIC) Act	Support	Introduced
S. 324 (Rosen)	Smarter Weather Forecasting for Water Management, Farming, and Ranching Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
S. 1481 (Wicker)	Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure (LOCAL Infrastructure) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1255 (Kustoff)	Investing in Our Communities Act	Support	Introduced
S. 1246 (Tillis)	FEMA Independence Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4733 (Sorensen)	Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 3572 (Valadao)	Farm to Market Road Improvement Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
S. 1413 (Padilla)	To authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act	Support	Introduced
S. 1477 (Padilla) H.R. 2945 (Lieu)	Housing for All Act of 2025	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 6422 (Stauber)	American Water Stewardship Act	Support	Introduced
S. 3693 (Cortez Masto)	Large-Scale Water Recycling Program Reauthorization Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4593 (Fry)	Saving Homeowners from Overregulation With Exceptional Rinsing (SHOWER) Act	Oppose	Passed House
H.R. 6641 (Gray)	Central Valley Water Solution Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 6984 (Menendez)	Data Center Transparency Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 5566 (Carbajal) S. 3590 (Blunt Rochester)	Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act	Support	Introduced

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H.R. 7845 (Peters)	Drought Relief Obtained Using Government Help Today (DROUGHT) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4144 (Mullin)	Groundwater Rise and Infrastructure Preparedness Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
S. 3732 (Gallego)	Water Security and Drought Resilience Act	Support	Introduced
S. 4213 (Durbin)	Data Center Water and Energy Transparency Act of 2026	Support	Introduced
H.R. 3717 (Harder) S. 4603 (Schiff)	Golden Mussel Eradication and Control Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
S. 4536 (Rosen)	Protecting America's Drinking Water from Extreme Temperatures Act	Support	Introduced