

## FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS



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### Staff Prepares Federal Funding Priorities in Advance of Fall DC Trip

Staff is preparing Valley Water's federal funding priorities for fiscal year 2027, which the Board will consider in September in advance of staff's visit to Washington, DC, at the end of that month. Key funding priorities include securing transportation funding for the Sisk Dam Raise Project, expanding access to federal financing (i.e., EPA and Army Corps WIFIA programs), and preserving critical programs that could fund Valley Water projects in the future, such as disaster preparedness grants at the Federal Emergency Management Agency and recycled water programs at the Bureau of Reclamation. Staff recommends new funding requests prior to each fall and spring advocacy trip to Washington, DC, which form the basis of our advocacy with legislators and officials during the annual budget process.

## STATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS

### The Governor and Legislature Pass Budget Framework

Governor Newsom and the legislature reached a budget agreement that includes sweeping reforms to CEQA and related regulatory processes aimed at speeding up housing development. These laws introduce several exemptions and restrictions, such as CEQA streamlining for infill housing, water, sewer, and wildfire risk reduction projects, along with temporary limits on updates to residential building standards. The temporary moratorium likely prevents local adoption of MWENDO unless it qualifies for an emergency health and safety exception. Due to the focus on housing issues, few of the new statutory provisions will directly affect Valley Water infrastructure projects.

Negotiations between the Governor and the legislature have been intense, reflecting differing priorities. The legislature has aimed to protect funding for key services and social programs, while the Governor has focused on fiscal discipline and maintaining California's credit rating. Several unresolved issues will be addressed in the coming weeks, including Proposition 4 funding allocations, the Delta Conveyance Project streamlining trailer bill, and efforts to address control of golden mussels. Staff continues to advocate for Valley Water funding priorities as the legislative session approaches its end in early September.



*July 16: Valley Water staff Marta Lugo and Joshua Golka and others at the California Resilience Challenge Showcase & Reception.*

### Valley Water attends California Resilience Challenge Celebration

Valley Water staff and Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis joined the Bay Area Council in Sacramento to celebrate the highly successful six-year run of the California Resilience Challenge, which launched with a coalition of business, community, and government leaders to develop a pipeline of innovative climate adaptation projects across the state. Communities with innovative homegrown ideas for how to strengthen local resilience to droughts, wildfires, floods, and extreme heat events were given low-barrier planning grants. The 38 grantees leveraged the program's \$6 million grant total between 2020-2023 to raise an additional \$73 million (and counting), including \$40 million for implementation.



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LOCAL ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS



July 4: Staff at Valley Water informational booth at San Jose Council District 8 Councilmember Domingo Candelas' 4th of July Festival

Valley Water Booth at Councilmember Domingo Candelas' 4th of July Festival

Valley Water staff hosted an informational booth at Councilmember Domingo Candelas' 4th of July Festival, engaging with community members throughout the event. Staff distributed information on Valley Water's projects, highlighting efforts to improve water infrastructure. Staff also shared resources and promoted various water conservation programs available to residents.



July 17: Valley Water Staff at Mountain View Technology Showcase

Valley Water Booth at Mountain View Technology Showcase

The Office of Government Relations and the Office of Civic Engagement continued their collaborative effort in July to advocate for expanding purified water in Santa Clara County through the Community Events Booth Program. On July 17, staff hosted a booth at the Mountain View Technology Showcase and educated the community about purified water, passed out chilled purified water bottles, and also provided information on Valley Water's water conservation programs.

RECENT EVENTS

JUL 4

San Jose Council District 8 4th of July Fireworks Booth

JUL 5

Morgan Hill Chamber Night Music Series Booth

JUL 16-17

AACSA's 44th Annual Juneteenth Festival Booth

FUTURE EVENTS

AUG 5

City of Morgan Hill National Night Out Booth

AUG 15

Morgan Hill Chamber Friday Night Music Series Booth

AUG 21

San Jose Chamber BBQ Booth

AUG 30

Santos Family Car Show Booth

AUG 30-31

Silicon Valley Pride Parade and Festival Booth



## 2025 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 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	Pending - Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 514 (Petrie-Norris)	Emergency Water Supplies	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
AB 532 (Ransom)	Water Rate Assistance Program	Support	Pending - Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 707 (Soria)	San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority: B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project	Support	Pending - Assembly Rules Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 810 (Irwin)	Local Government Internet Websites and Email Addresses	Oppose	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
AB 1319 (Schultz)	Protected species: California Endangered Species Act	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending - Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 31 (McNerney)	Water Quality: recycled water	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 72 (Caballero)	The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 454 (McNerney)	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 466 (Caballero)	Drinking water: hexavalent chromium: civil liability: exemption	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 496 (Hurtado)	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions	Support	Pending - Senate Appropriations Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
SB 598 (Durazo)	Construction Manager/General Contractor Project Delivery Method	Support	Pending - Assembly Consent Calendar
SB 599 (Caballero)	Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 601 (Allen)	Water: waste discharge	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 682 (Allen)	Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 695 (Cortese)	Transportation: climate resiliency: projects of statewide and regional significance	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 753 (Cortese)	Special business regulations: shopping carts	Support	Pending - Assembly Second Reading

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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
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)	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
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)	Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC) Threat Protection Act	Support	Introduced
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

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