Office of Government Relations 2026 Legislative Policies & Proposals

Valley Water

2026 Legislative Outlook

FEDERAL

- Challenging Political Environment for Moving Legislation
- California Remains Target of Administration
- Agency Staffing and Program Cuts

- → Greater Reliance on Coalitions, Shared Interests with Partners
- → Continued Engagement with Congressional Allies



2026 Legislative Outlook

STATE

- Projected CA Budget Deficits of \$10-\$20 Billion Annually
- Federal Funding Cuts Increasing Pressure on State Budget
- Prop 4 Insufficient to Offset Lost Federal Funds Local & Regional Funding Outlook

LOCAL

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Continued Local Advocacy Efforts

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- > STATE: Proposition 4 State Budget Appropriations
- > Legislative Guiding Principle: Wildfire Suppression



Staff Recommendation

Approve Recommended 2026 Legislative Policy Proposals and Guiding Principles



