

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

- 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**



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