

## KEY LEGISLATION AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL/REGIONAL LEVELS

### Key Federal Legislation in 2020

2020 marked the second session of a two-year Congress (the 116<sup>th</sup>). All bills listed below will need to be passed by Congress and signed by the president before the end of 2020, or they will need to be reintroduced in the next Congress (the 117<sup>th</sup>).

Bill (Sponsor)	Subject	District Position	Status
H.R. 548 (Calvert)	Federally Integrated Species Health (FISH) Act	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources
H.R. 357 (Garamendi)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Act	Support	Signed into law as part of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (P.L. 116-9)
S. 40 (Barrasso)	Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act	Support and Amend	Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
H.R. 1137 (Garamendi)	To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to repeal the authority relating to reprogramming during national emergencies	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
S. 326 (Udall)	Restrictions Against Illegitimate Declarations for Emergency Re-appropriations (RAIDER) Act of 2019	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations
H.R. 1162 (Napolitano)	Water Recycling Improvement and Investment Act	Support	Hearing held in the House Committee on Natural Resources (June 13, 2019)
H.R. 1132 (Speier)	San Francisco Bay Restoration Act of 2019	Support	Passed the House by voice vote (September 19, 2019); provisions included in FY21 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (H.R. 133)

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H.R. 1497 (DeFazio)	Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act	Support	Markup held in the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, ordered to be reported favorably (October 29, 2019)
H.R. 658 (DeLauro)	National Infrastructure Development Bank Act of 2019	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services; and Ways and Means
H.R. 1417 (Lawrence) / S. 611 (Sanders)	Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability (WATER) Act of 2019	Support	H.R. 1417: Introduced and referred to the House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; and Agriculture; S. 611: Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
H.R. 1621 (McClintock)	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources
H.R. 2313 (Huffman)	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means
S. 923 (Feinstein)	Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act	Support	Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
H.R. 2473 (Harder)	Securing Access for the central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act	Support and Amend	Hearing held in the House Committee on Natural Resources (June 13, 2019)
H.R. 363 (Calvert)	Reducing Environmental Barriers to Unified Infrastructure and Land	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

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	Development (REBUILD) Act of 2019		
S. 1932 (Gardner)	Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act	Support and Amend	Hearing held in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (July 18, 2019)
S. 1730 (Harris) / H.R. 3115 (Pallone)	The Living Shorelines Act of 2019	Support	S. 1730: Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; H.R. 3115: Markup held in the House Committee on Natural Resources, ordered to be reported favorably (September 25, 2019)
H.R. 3723 (Levin)	The Desalination Development Act	Support	Hearing held in the House Committee on Natural Resources (July 25, 2019)
H.R. 855 (Peters)	The Strengthening The Resiliency of Our Nation on the Ground (STRONG) Act	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
S. 403 (Whitehouse) / H.R. 1159 (Cicilline)	Innovative Materials for America's Growth and Infrastructure Newly Expanded (IMAGINE) Act of 2019	Support and Amend	S. 403: Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; H.R. 1159: Introduced and referred to the House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure; Science, Space, and Technology; and Energy and Commerce
H.R. 4033 (Kildee) / S. 2466 (Harris)	Water Justice Act	Support and Amend	Introduced and referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce; Budget; Ways and Means; Natural Resources; Agriculture; and

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			Transportation and Infrastructure
S. 1837 (Gillibrand) / H.R. 3254 (Delgado)	Protecting Infrastructure and Promoting the Economy (PIPE) Act	Support and Amend	S. 1837: Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; H.R. 3254: Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
H.R. 3091 (Loeb sack)	National Flood Research and Education Center Act	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
S. 2236 (Booker) / H.R. 3923 (Ruiz)	Environmental Justice Act of 2019	Support	Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
H.R. 5752 (Costa)	Conveyance Capacity Correction Act	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources
H.R. 5504 (Brownley)	To amend the National Dam Safety Program Act with respect to the definition of eligible high hazard potential dam, and for other purposes	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; provisions included in FY21 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (H.R. 133)
H.R. 5302 (McNerney)	Western Water Recycling and Drought Relief Act	Support and Amend	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources
H.R. 5316 (Cox)	Move Water Now Act	Support and Amend	Marked up in the House Committee on Natural Resources, ordered to be

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			reported favorably (February 12, 2020)
H.R. XXXX (Pelosi)	Coronavirus Stimulus Phase 3 (became the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act or the HEROES Act, H.R. 6800)	Support and Amend	Passed the House (May 15, 2020)
H.R. XXXX (Pelosi)	Coronavirus Stimulus Phases 3.5 (became the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act, H.R. 7010) and 4	Support and Amend	H.R. 7010 was signed into law on June 5, 2020 (P.L. 116-142)
H.R. 2 (DeFazio)	Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act (INVEST in America Act)	Support and Amend	Passed the House (July 1, 2020)
H.R. XXXX (Huffman)	Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures for Drought Resiliency (FUTURE Drought Resiliency) Act	Support and Amend	Not yet introduced (provisions included as part of H.R. 2)
S. 3591 (Barrasso)	America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020	Support and Amend	Markup held in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, ordered to be reported favorably (May 11, 2020); provisions included in FY21 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (H.R. 133)
S. 3590 (Barrasso)	Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020	Support	Markup held in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, ordered to be reported favorably (May 11, 2020)
H.R. 7073 (Garamendi)	Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act	Support	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the

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			Committee on Financial Services
S. 3811 (Feinstein)	Restoration of Essential Conveyance Act	Support	Hearing held in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (July 22, 2020)
S. 4188 (Harris)	Water for Tomorrow Act	Support and Amend	Hearing held in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (July 22)
H.R. 7575 (DeFazio)	Water Resources Development Act	Support and Amend	Passed the House (July 29); provisions included in FY21 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (H.R. 133)
S. 4308 (Sinema)	A bill to amend the Social Security Act to include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, to direct the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility, and for other purposes.	Support	Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance
S. 2596 (Duckworth)	Voluntary Water Partnership for Distressed Communities Act of 2019	Support	Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
S. 4530 (Feinstein) / H.R. 8041 (Harder)	Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Authorization Act	Support	S. 4530: Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; H.R. 8041: Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources
H.R. 8166 (Cox)	Western Water Storage Infrastructure Act	Support and Amend	Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

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H.R. XXXX – became H.R. 133	Coronavirus Stimulus Bill (Phase 4)	Support and Amend	Passed both the House and Senate, awaiting President's signature (as of Dec. 22, 2020)

## Key State Legislation in 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic made 2020 a challenging year for legislation in Sacramento with only 428 bills making it to the Governor’s desk, less than half the usual number. Of the 2,223 bills introduced in 2020, only 17% were enacted, largely due to the reduced capacity of the Legislature to convene committee hearings and floor sessions.

Bill	Author	Subject	District Position	Status
AB 77	Committee on Budget	Education Finance: Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill	Oppose	Failed – Senate Floor Deadline
AB 292	Quirk	Recycled Water: Raw Water and Groundwater Augmentation	Support	Failed – Senate Floor Deadline
AB 1580	Levine	Major Infrastructure Construction Projects: Oversight Committees	Oppose	Failed – Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense
AB 1659	Bloom	Large Electrical Corporations: Wildfire Mitigation: Securitization	Support and Amend	Failed – Senate Floor Deadline
AB 2060	Holden	Drinking Water: Pipes and Fittings: Lead Content	Support	Failed – Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense
AB 2560	Quirk	Water Quality: Notification and Response Levels: Procedures	Support	Signed by the Governor
AB 3005	R. Rivas	Expedited Dam Safety for Silicon Valley Act	Sponsor	Vetoed by the Governor
AB 3232	Friedman	Commercial Washing Machines: Microfiber Filter	Support	Failed – Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee Deadline

AB 3256	E. Garcia	Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	Support If Amended	Failed – Assembly Rules Committee Deadline
ACA 1	Aguiar-Curry	Local Government Financing: Voter Approval for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure	Support	Failed – Assembly Floor Deadline
ACA 5	Weber	Government Preferences	Support	Chaptered by the Secretary of State
SB 54	Allen	Solid Waste: Packaging and Products	Support	Failed Passage – Assembly Floor
SB 952	Nielsen	Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Backup Electrical Resources: Deenergization Events	Support	Failed – Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee Deadline
SB 971	Hertzberg	Small Water Supplier and Countywide Water Shortage Contingency Planning	Support	Failed – Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Deadline
SB 1044	Allen	Firefighting Equipment and Foam: PFAS Chemicals	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 1188	Stern	The California Water Plan	Support	Failed – Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Deadline

## Key State Ballot Measures in 2020

Valley Water supported two statewide ballot measures in 2020. One included a change to property tax funding, and the other would have allowed public agencies to consider racial and gender diversity when hiring staff and awarding contracts. Both measures failed passage.

Measure	Author	Subject	District Position	Status
Proposition 15	Initiative	Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative	Support	Failed 48%-52% on November 3
Proposition 16	Legislature (ACA 5)	Allows Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education, and Contracting Decisions, Legislative Constitutional Amendment	Support	Failed 42.8%-57.2% on November 3