

STATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Legislative Days in Sacramento

On May 20 and 21, Director Ballard and Director Beall led senior staff in a series of 19 meetings with state legislators and Governor Newsom's Administration's officials. Several priority issues were discussed, including Valley Water's budget priorities, the Delta Conveyance Project, the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, and numerous other state policy issues regarding water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship for the people of Santa Clara County.

These trips to Sacramento help Valley Water effectively advocate for our policy and funding priorities to state-level decision makers. The success of this 2025 trip will be revealed by state policy outcomes in the coming months, most notably the state budget and other legislation.



May 20: Director Jim Beall with Assemblymember Gail Pellerin (D-Santa Cruz) and staff during Legislative Days in Sacramento: (Left to right) Antonio Alfaro, Rachael Gibson, Assemblymember Pellerin, and Director Beall.



May 20: Director Shiloh Ballard with Assemblymember Ash Kalra (D-San Jose) and staff during Legislative Days in Sacramento: (Left to right) Chris Hakes, Melanie Richardson, Director Ballard, Assemblymember Kalra, Rachael Gibson, and Antonio Alfaro.

FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Directors and Staff Engage with Partner Agencies, Regulators at ACWA Spring Conference

Several directors and staff attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference in Monterey on May 13-15 to meet with partner organizations and federal regulatory agencies, as well as to learn from subject matter experts on issues of concern to the California water community.

Valley Water attendees met with these stakeholders to identify opportunities for collaboration and advocate for shared priorities, including advancing the Sisk Dam Raise Project. Staff also met with the Bureau of Reclamation to express appreciation for the agency's support and collaboration, and to advocate for federal priorities like CVP operations, conveyance capacity repair, and the Sisk Dam Raise Project. The Office of Government Relations coordinates and participates in these side meetings in order to advocate with these agencies to advance Valley Water projects and initiatives.

LOCAL ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

On May 24 and 25, Valley Water staff participated in the Morgan Hill Mushroom Festival to kick off a collaborative effort between the Office of Civic Engagement and the Office of Government Relations to advocate for expanding purified water in Santa Clara County. Staff educated the community about purified water, handed out chilled purified water bottles, and also provided information on additional programs and resources Valley Water offers the public. Booth patrons left the table more knowledgeable about our agency and excited about purified water!



May 25: Valley Water staff tabling at the Morgan Hill Mushroom Festival.

RECENT EVENTS

- MAY 10 Berryessa Art Festival Booth
- MAY 25-26 Morgan Hill Mushroom Festival Booth
- MAY 29 Gilroy Chamber Garlic City Car Show & Business Expo Booth

FUTURE EVENTS

- JUN 7-8 Sunnyvale Chamber Art and Wine Festival Booth
- JUN 13 MACLA WEPA Fest Booth
- JUN 14 AACSA's 44th Annual Juneteenth Festival Booth
- JUN 14 Dia de Portugal Festival Booth

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2025 State Legislation with Board-Approved Positions

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
AB 259 (Blanca Rubio)	Open Meetings Teleconferences	Support	Pending - Senate Local Government Committee
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 Committee - Suspense File - 2 Yr. Bill
AB 532 (Ransom)	Water Rate Assistance Program	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor
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 Committee - 2 Yr. Bill
SB 31 (McNerney)	Water Quality: recycled water	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 72 (Caballero)	The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 454 (McNerney)	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 496 (Hurtado)	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions	Support	Pending - Senate Appropriations Committee - Suspense File - 2 Yr. Bill
SB 598 (Durazo)	Local Water Infrastructure Projects: Construction Manager/General Contractor Project Delivery Method	Support	Pending - Assembly Local Government Committee
SB 599 (Caballero)	Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 601 (Allen)	Water: waste discharge	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 682 (Allen)	Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 695 (Cortese)	Transportation: climate resiliency: projects of statewide and regional significance	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 753 (Cortese)	Special business regulations: shopping carts	Support	Pending - Senate Floor

2025 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
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) 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