

SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2026
Office of Government Relations



FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Staff Requests, and Rep. Khanna Secures, \$1.092M for Pure Water Silicon Valley

Valley Water has secured \$1.092M for planning and design of the Pure Water Silicon Valley demonstration facility, a request that was carried by Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17) as a Community Project Funding (CPF) award in the FY26 Interior-Environment Appropriations bill that the president signed into law on January 23. Staff made the same request in FY25 and it was also carried by Rep. Khanna, but all CPF requests were stripped out of the FY25 bill that was signed into law. Staff is now working to schedule a tour for Rep. Khanna of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center to thank him for his support, highlight the importance of funding Pure Water Silicon Valley, and update him on development of the project.



Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

STATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Legislature Reconvenes for Final Year of 2025-26 Legislative Session & Governor Newsom Released Proposed FY2026-27 State Budget

The California State Legislature returned on January 5 for the final year of the 2025-26 legislative session. As required by legislative deadlines, all bills introduced in 2025 that remain in their house of origin must be passed by January 31, setting an accelerated pace for policy decisions early in the year. On January 8, Governor Gavin Newsom delivered his State of the State address to a joint session of the Legislature, outlining his priorities and signaling key themes for the year ahead. The Governor emphasized the state's fiscal position, ongoing investments, and policy focus areas that will be reflected in his proposed budget, including education, housing affordability, tax policy, climate resilience, and water and infrastructure investments. On January 9, Governor Newsom released his budget proposal for the FY2026-27 State Budget, initiating the Legislature's review process and setting the stage for negotiations that will continue through the May Revision and final budget adoption this summer. Staff will continue to monitor legislative and budget developments and engage as appropriate on issues relevant to Valley Water priorities.



January 8: Governor Gavin Newsom delivers his State of the State Address.

2025-26 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 35 (Alvarez)	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria	Support	Pending - Assembly Natural Resources Committee
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	Failed - Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 454 (Kalra)	Migratory Birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act	Support	Signed by the Governor
AB 514 (Petrie-Norris)	Emergency Water Supplies	Support	Failed - Assembly Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
AB 532 (Ransom)	Water Rate Assistance Program	Support	Pending - Senate Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
AB 707 (Soria)	San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority: B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project	Support	Failed - Assembly Rules Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 810 (Irwin)	Local Government Internet Websites and Email Addresses	Oppose	Failed - Assembly Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
AB 1319 (Schultz)	Protected species: California Endangered Species Act	Oppose Unless Amended	Signed by the Governor
SB 31 (McNerney)	Water Quality: recycled water	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 72 (Caballero)	The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 454 (McNerney)	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
SB 466 (Caballero)	Drinking water: hexavalent chromium: civil liability: exemption	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 496 (Hurtado)	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions	Support	Failed - Senate Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
SB 598 (Durazo)	Construction Manager/General Contractor Project Delivery Method	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 599 (Caballero)	Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
SB 601 (Allen)	Water: waste discharge	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
SB 650 (Cabaldon)	The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009.	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 682 (Allen)	Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
SB 695 (Cortese)	Transportation: climate resiliency: projects of statewide and regional significance	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 753 (Cortese)	Special business regulations: shopping carts	Support	Signed by the Governor

2025-26 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) 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
S. 1760 (Curtis)	Restoring WIFIA Eligibility Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2907 (Stanton)	Save Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (Save BRIC) Act	Support	Introduced
S. 324 (Rosen)	Smarter Weather Forecasting for Water Management, Farming, and Ranching Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
S. 1481 (Wicker)	Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure (LOCAL Infrastructure) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1255 (Kustoff)	Investing in Our Communities Act	Support	Introduced
S. 1246 (Tillis)	FEMA Independence Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4733 (Sorensen)	Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 3572 (Valadao)	Farm to Market Road Improvement Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
S. 1413 (Padilla)	To authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act	Support	Introduced
S. 1477 (Padilla) H.R. 2945 (Lieu)	Housing for All Act of 2025	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 6422 (Stauber)	American Water Stewardship Act	Support	Reported Out of Committee

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