

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

Key Federal Legislation in 2018

2018 marked the second session of a two-year Congress (the 115th). All bills listed below that were not signed into law have died and must be reintroduced in the 116th Congress, which convened on January 3, 2019.

Bill	Author	Subject	District Position	Status
S. 216/ H.R. 660	Barrasso/ Gosar	Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act	Support and Amend	H.R. 660 passed House; S. 216 reported out of Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
S. 677/ H.R. 1654	Barrasso/ McClintock	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	Support	H.R. 1654 passed House
S. 1137	Cardin	Clean Safe Reliable Water Infrastructure Act	Support	Introduced
S. 1696	Udall	Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act	Support	Introduced
S. 2176/ H.R. 4490	Whitehouse/ Cartwright	Safeguarding America's Future and Environment (SAFE) Act	Support	Introduced
S. 2346	Booker	Innovative Workforce Development Act	Support	Introduced
S. 2563	Flake	The Water Supply and Drought Resilience Act of 2018	Support and Amend	Hearing in Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2727	Gillibrand	Protecting Infrastructure and Promoting the Economy (PIPE) Act	Support	Introduced
S. 2800	Barrasso	America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (WRDA)	Support and Amend	Provisions included in compromise WRDA bill (S. 3021) that was signed into law
S. 3012	Baldwin	Water Technology Acceleration Act	Support	Introduced
S. 3015	Harris	Water Affordability Act of 2018	Support	Introduced

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S. 3041	Johnson	Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018	Support	Signed into law as part of FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302)
H.R. 8	Shuster	Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2018	Support and Amend	Provisions included in compromise WRDA bill (S. 3021) that was signed into law
H.R. 519/ S. 1090	Buck/ Crapo	Water and Agriculture Tax Reform Act	Support and Amend	H.R. 519 passed House
H.R. 1669	Delaney	Partnership to Build America Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 3009	Duncan	Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 3859	Waters	Drinking Water Infrastructure for Job Creation Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4419	Newhouse	Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act	Support and Amend	Reported out of Committee on Natural Resources
H.R. 4492/ S. 2329	Mast/ Hoeven	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Reauthorization Act of 2018	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 4525/ S. 3087	Pallone/ Harris	Living Shorelines Act of 2017/2018	Support	Introduced
H.R. 5127	Napolitano	Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 5596	Carbajal	Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act of 2018	Support	Introduced
H.R. 5827	Maloney	Dam Safety Reauthorization Act	Support and Amend	Included in WRDA 2018 bill (S. 3021), which was signed into law
H.R. 6147	Calvert	Fiscal Year 2019 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill	Oppose Section 437	In conference negotiations
H.R. 6752	Speier	San Francisco Bay Restoration Act	Support	Introduced

Key State Legislation in 2018

2018 marked the second year of a two-year legislative session. All bills listed below that were not signed by the Governor by September 30 have died and must be reintroduced in the new session, which convened on December 2, 2018.

Bill	Author	Subject	District Position	Status
\$10 million for SB 492 Acquisition of San José Water Co. Lands	Beall	Appropriate \$10M from the Habitat Conservation Fund for SB 492 implementation	Support	Approved in SB 840 (Mitchell) Budget Act of 2018
Flood Control Funding \$100 million	Nielsen/Pan	\$100M for Flood Control, including \$50M for Flood Subventions	Support	Failed – Flood Subventions not included in SB 840 (Mitchell) Budget Act of 2018
AB 1395	Chu	State highways: Department of Transportation: litter cleanup and abatement: report	Support	Failed—Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense
AB 1668	Friedman	Water management planning (mirrors Governor's Budget Trailer Bill language)	Support	Signed by the Governor
AB 1876	Frazier	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Delta Plan: administration	Oppose	Failed—Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee
AB 1889	Caballero	Santa Clara Valley Water District	Sponsor	Signed by the Governor
AB 1923	Limón	Residential property insurance: wildfires: consolidated debris removal	Support	Failed—Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense
AB 2050	Caballero	Small System Water Authority Act of 2018	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
AB 2166	Caballero	California Farm Bill: agricultural technology	Support	Failed—Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense
AB 2283	Holden	Income taxes: exclusion: turf removal water conservation program	Support	Failed—Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense
AB 2308	Stone	Cigarettes: single-use filters	Support	Failed—Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

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AB 2371	Carillo	Water use efficiency: landscape irrigation	Support	Signed by the Governor
AB 2649	Arambula/ Bloom	Water rights: water management Substantially amended: State Water Project: water supply contract	Removed Opposition No formal position on amended bill	Failed—Senate Rules Committee
AB 2779	Stone	Recycling: single-use plastic beverage container caps	Support	Failed—Assembly Floor
AB 3014	Quirk	Brake friction materials: copper limits: high-performance road- and track-capable vehicle exemption	Oppose	Failed—Senate Environmental Quality Committee
AB 3045	Gallagher	Natural Resources Agency: State Water Project Commission	Oppose	Failed— Assembly Appropriations Committee— Suspense
AB 3170	Friedman	Sales and use taxes: exemptions: water efficiency	Support	Failed— Assembly Appropriations Committee— Suspense
SB 168	Wieckowski	Recycling: beverage containers	Support	Failed—Assembly Floor
SB 262	Wieckowski	Climate change: climate adaption: advisory council	Support	Failed— Assembly Appropriations Committee— Suspense
SB 519	Beall	Santa Clara Valley Water District Substantially amended: State highways: property leases	Sponsor No formal position on amended bill	Signed by the Governor
SB 606	Hertzberg	Water management planning (mirrors Governor's Budget Trailer Bill language)	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 881	Wieckowski	Flood control: County of Santa Clara: South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project	Sponsor	Signed by the Governor
SB 919	Dodd	Water resources: stream gages	Support	Failed—Assembly Appropriations Committee— Suspense

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SB 929	McGuire	Special districts: Internet Web sites	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 966	Wiener	Onsite treated nonpotable water systems	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 1263	Portantino	Ocean Protection Council: Statewide Microplastics Strategy	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 1301	Beall	Expedited permitting for flood protection and dam safety	Sponsor	Vetoed by the Governor
SCR 139	Monning	No Straw November	Support	Chaptered, Governor's signature not required

Key State Ballot Measures in 2018

The District supported two statewide ballot measures that included water infrastructure and flood protection funding for which District projects could be eligible. One measure passed and one failed.

Measure	Author	Subject	District Position	Status
Proposition 68	Legislature (SB 5)	California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (\$4.1B general obligation bonds)	Support	Passed 57%-43% on June 5
Proposition 3	Citizen Initiative (Gerald Meral)	Water supply and quality, watershed, fish, wildlife, water conveyance, and groundwater sustainability and storage (\$8.877B general obligation bonds)	Support	Failed 49%-51% on November 6

Key Local/Regional Ballot Measures in 2018

The District also took positions on four local/regional ballot measures that had potential impacts on District projects and priorities. Voters aligned with the Board on three of the four measures.

Measure	Author	Subject	District Position	Status
San José Measure B	Chop Keenan and Carl Berg	Evergreen senior housing development, plus amending the City's General Plan to rezone employment lands in the city for senior housing	Oppose	Failed 41%-59% on June 5
San José Measure C	San José City Council	Effort to void Measure B, if passed, and restrict future development on certain outlying areas and subject it to special review	Support	Passed 61%-39% on June 5
San José Measure T	San José City Council	\$650M in bonds for disaster preparedness, enhanced emergency services, infrastructure improvements, and open space preservation	Support	Passed 71%-29% (required 2/3 approval) on November 6
San José Measure V	San José City Council	\$450M in bonds for affordable housing development	Support	Failed 64%-36% (required 2/3 approval) on November 6