

**LAS VIRGENES TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**  
**Triunfo Water and Sanitation District 370 N. Westlake Blvd. Ste. 100, Westlake Village,**  
**CA 91362**

**AGENDA**  
**JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY - SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 – 5:00 PM**

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## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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#### **4.A Minutes: Regular Meetings of June 01, 2026, and July 06, 2026 (Pg.4)** Approve

### **5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **5.A State and Federal Legislative Update (Pg.12)**

#### **5.B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update (Pg.67)**

### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **6.A Heal the Bay's "Bring Back the Beach" Event: Attendance (Pg.73)**

Authorize one Board Member from each agency and the Administering Agent/General Manager to attend the Heal the Bay "Bring Back the Beach" event at a cost of \$750 per person.

#### **6.B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Grant Application for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Funding (Pg.79)**

Pass, approve, and adopt proposed Resolution No. 41, authorizing the submittal of a grant funding application and execution of a grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

## RESOLUTION NO. 41

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE FUNDS, ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AND ADMINISTER A GRANT FOR THE WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS GRANT**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 41 on file in the JPA's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

7. **ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.A **Urgent and Expedited Pipeline Construction Work at Intersection of Agoura Road and Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village (Pg.85)**

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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REGULAR MEETING**

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5:00 PM

June 01, 2026

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Soderberg.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Coradeschi in the Board Room at Triunfo Water and Sanitation District headquarters at 370 N. Westlake Blvd. Suite 100, Westlake Village California, 91362. Nancy Lawrence, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro  
Tjulander, and Wall  
Absent: Director Levine

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Shapiro moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Wall. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro,  
Tjulander, and Wall  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Director Levine

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tim Powers of the American Public Works Association (AWPA) presented the LV-Triunfo JPA with a Project of The Year Award for the Malibou Siphon Project.

No other public comments were made.

#### 4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A Minutes: Regular Meeting of May 4, 2026.** Approve.
- B Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position: April 2026.** Receive and file Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changing in Net Position for the period ending on April 30, 2026.
- C Rancho Front Distribution Score Conveyor Replacement Project CEQA Determination and call for Bids.** Find that the work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the issuance of a call for bids for the Rancho Front Distribution Screw Conveyor Project

Director Jarecky moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Director Levine

#### 5. **ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS**

- A State and Federal Legislative Update**  
Ana Schwab, federal lobbyist for Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK) reported that the JPA's Brine line project was selected for community project funding by the House of Interior and Environment Appropriations subcommittee with support from congressman Brownley. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released proposed rules to remove the hazard index and amend compliance deadlines for PFOA and PFOS allowing agencies to request extensions.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy, LLC, provided updates on the California Governor's Race. State legislative deadlines include May 29<sup>th</sup> for bills to move out of their house of origin and July 2<sup>nd</sup> for all bills to pass through policy committees before the summer recess.

- B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update**  
Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, reported that progress on the Pure Water Project construction included a second driveway to manage construction traffic, 70k yards of dirt has been removed. The ancillary pipeline Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) is expected by year end. The 30% cost estimate for the ancillary pipelines is \$75 million, and the \$466

million program budget will still be met. Community outreach is planned prior to road construction in August.

## 6. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A Fiscal Year 2026-28 Proposed Biennial Budget.** Review and provide feedback on the Fiscal Years 2026-28 Proposed Biennial Budget.

Debbie Rosales, Finance Manager, presented the report. The proposed budget for fiscal years 2026-28 is \$198 million for FY 26/27 and over \$209 million for FY 27/28. Majority of the budget is for capital improvements. Revenue is generated from recycled water sales, compost sales, grants, and investment earnings. Costs are allocated based on the JPA agreement. The 11% increase in operating expenses is attributed to gearing up for Pure Water operations. This includes additional staffing, certifications, and increases in energy costs. No action was taken.

- B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Authorization to upsize a portion of Reach 3 of Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Pipeline.**

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to instruct Walsh Construction on upsizing a portion of Reach e of the reverse osmosis concentrate ROC pipeline from 12 to 14 inches in diameter and to explore opportunities to recover cost associated with the upsizing the ROC pipeline for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes – Triunfo.

David Pedersen, Administering Agent/ General Manager, presented the report.

Director Jarecky moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Levine

## 7. **ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that a site visit at the Pure Water Facility Construction site is being planned in the coming months.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No future agenda items.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

**A Conference with JPA Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) ((1)):** Rancho Solar Generation Project.

The Board met in closed session to discuss the potential litigation item identified in the agenda. The board received a report from district counsel. No reportable action was taken.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **7:56 p.m.**

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5:00 PM

July 06, 2026

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adrienne Burns.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Coradeschi in the Glen D. Peterson Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Rd, Calabasas California, 91302. Director Randy Levine participated remotely via teleconference from posted location 27657 Peninsula #121 Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352 Nancy Lawrence, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, and Wall

Absent: Director Lewitt

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Wall moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Nye. Motion carried 8-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, and Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Lewitt

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

#### 4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position: April 2026.** Receive and file Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changing in Net Position for the period ending on May 31, 2026.

Director Jarecky moved to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried 8-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, and Wall  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Director Lewitt

#### 5. **ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS**

**A State and Federal Legislative Update**

Christopher Keosian, federal lobbyist for Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK) reported that the JPA's WIFIA loan has cleared the WIFIA program and is now with the Office of Water. Administrator Lee Zeldin will provide final sign-off and approval. Upon approval the loan will be ready to close.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy, LLC, provided an update on SB1153 Wildfire Liability Bill which has cleared its policy committee. The author of AB2215 State Water Project Permits pulled the bill, and it is now no longer on the floor for consideration.

**B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update**

Adrienne Burns, Director of External Affairs, provided an update on coordination efforts with Arellano Associates and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District regarding community outreach on the Advance Water Purification Facility (AWPF) project. Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, reported that the Metropolitan Water District's Local Resources Program (LRP) agreement has been executed. He also reported that additional contract negotiations resulted in a savings of \$1,521,000 from the Builders Risk Insurance Policy. Construction continues at the AWPF site.

#### 6. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A Fiscal Year 2026-28 Proposed Biennial Budget.** Approve the proposed Fiscal year 26-28 Biennial JPA Budget Plan and adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 26-27 JPA Budget.

Debbie Rosales, Finance Manager, presented the report. The proposed budget is \$198 million for FY 26/27, and \$209.4 million for FY 27/28, inclusive of operating and capital. The majority of the budget is for capital improvements. Revenue is generated from recycled water sales, compost sales, grants, and investment earnings. Costs are allocated based on the JPA agreement.

Director Nye moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2026-28 Proposed Biennial Budget and adopt the proposed FY 26-27 JPA Budget. Motion seconded by Director Shapiro. Motion carried 8-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, and Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Lewitt

**B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Amendment No. 9 to Progressive Design-Build Contract for 100 Percent Design Ancillary Pipelines.** Accept the proposal from the Walsh Team and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute Contract Amendment No. 9, in the amount of \$2,608,616, to the progressive design-build contract for completion of 100 percent design of the ancillary pipelines, including additional permitting support and bridge assessment services, for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Amendment No. 9 to Progressive Design-Build Contract for 100 percent Design Ancillary Pipelines. Motion seconded by Director Burns. Motion carried 8-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, and Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Lewitt

## **7. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

David Pedersen, Administering Agent/General Manager, reported that financing for Pure Water WIFIA loan is near closing. Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program loan docs were signed in the amount 84 million and is comprised of 15m in grant funding with the remainder in low interest

loans. The LRP funding for Pure Water Agreement was signed and provides close to \$23 million. Malibu Creek flow is 12.25 cfs.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No future agenda items.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A     Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility Access Control and Video Surveillance Upgrade Project.**

Information was provided; no action was taken.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:13 p.m.**

## Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority

July 21, 2026

Ana Schwab, Lowry Crook, Michael Brain, Chris Keosian, Madeline Voitier, and Alex Dunn

### Congress

Shortly after Congress passed the *21st Century ROAD to Housing Act*, the most significant federal housing legislation in more than 30 years, the bill became the center of a broader dispute over election reform legislation. Specifically, President Trump declined to sign the housing bill after linking it to the *SAVE America Act*—a move that divided congressional leaders. While the housing legislation ultimately became law without the President's signature, the political dispute temporarily stalled the House's broader legislative agenda. The resulting gridlock prompted Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA-04) to adjourn the House early, postponing consideration of several must-pass bills, including the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and the FY27 Energy and Water Appropriations Act.

As Congress races to complete its legislative agenda before the August recess, lawmakers face a compressed calendar with limited legislative days remaining before the November midterms. To date, the House has passed only three FY27 Appropriations bills, while the Senate has passed none. As a result, Congress will likely rely on a continuing resolution (CR) to avoid a government shutdown before the September 30, 2026 deadline.

This week, House leadership plans to consider the FY27 NDAA, a CR to fund the government through December 4, 2026, and a third budget reconciliation package. Speaker Johnson is seeking to pass a clean CR while advancing reconciliation legislation to provide supplemental funding for the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, along with legislation to restrict immigration and the *SAVE America Act*.

Senate support for pursuing a third reconciliation package remains uncertain after Congress enacted a second budget reconciliation measure in February to fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and end the partial government shutdown.

### Senate Farm Bill Draft Published

On June 23, 2026, the Senate Agriculture Committee released a discussion draft of the *Agricultural Act of 2026*, a budget-neutral five-year “farm bill” that includes provisions related to forestry, wildfire resilience, and nutrition programs.

The proposal includes measures to support wildfire prevention and local forest management, including expanded authorities for hazardous tree removal, firebreak construction, and forest thinning projects. It also creates additional opportunities for counties and special districts to partner with the U.S. Forest Service through Good Neighbor Authority agreements, reauthorizes Resource Advisory Committees through FY2031, and provides the Forest Service with direct hire authority for graduates of the Department of Labor’s Job Corps program.

The bill would make targeted changes to the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) but largely maintains current SNAP benefits and eligibility. The proposal also reauthorizes the Nutrition Incentive Program with modifications intended to expand access to healthy foods, particularly in persistent-poverty communities.

The proposal will need to be negotiated among Senators and reconciled with the House-passed version of the bill before it can be enacted into law. Currently, floor time in both chambers is limited as few legislative days remain in the year, and multiple major priorities are competing for Congress’ attention.

### Senator Ricketts Again Pursues PFAS Liability Exemption Amendment

Senator Pete Ricketts (R-NE) has again proposed an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) National Defense Authorization Act that would provide limited liability protections under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) for certain “passive receivers” of PFAS contamination. Passive receivers would include water and wastewater utilities, agricultural producers, solid waste management entities, firefighting organizations, and public airports. The proposal would apply to PFAS currently designated as hazardous substances under CERCLA—PFOA and PFOS—and would preserve liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Supporters argue the measure would protect entities that manage, rather than generate, PFAS contamination. While critics contend the exemptions are overly broad, significantly limit regulatory enforcement, potentially shield hundreds of Department of Defense facilities from liability, and rely on too narrow a definition of PFAS, supporters argue they

are necessary to ensure national security and operational readiness. The proposal is being considered alongside broader Senate negotiations on PFAS legislation, which are currently under consideration by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

### **WRDA 2026 Gains Momentum as Committees Advance Bipartisan Water Investment Bills**

Congress is advancing the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026, a bipartisan biennial water infrastructure bill that authorizes projects and policy changes involving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The legislation addresses national priorities including flood risk management, navigation, ports and harbors, ecosystem restoration, water supply, drought resilience, and infrastructure reliability. Both the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee have advanced bipartisan versions of the legislation, with each chamber focusing on strengthening water infrastructure while differing in the scope of programs included.

On July 14, 2026, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved its WRDA 2026 legislation by a unanimous 66-0 vote. The House proposal authorizes 14 water infrastructure projects and 133 feasibility studies focused on issues such as flood protection, navigation, ecosystem restoration, and other water resource challenges. The bill emphasizes improving Corps' project delivery by streamlining processes, expanding technical assistance, strengthening coordination with local project sponsors, and encouraging nonstructural and nature-based flood mitigation strategies. It also includes provisions related to drought and water conservation, water supply, dam safety, workforce needs, navigation improvements, and congressional oversight of Corps activities.

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee also advanced its WRDA 2026 proposal unanimously on July 15, 2026. The Senate version authorizes eight new Army Corps projects while incorporating a broader water policy package through an EPA title. In addition to Corps' authorities, the Senate bill includes significant reauthorizations for drinking water and wastewater programs. These provisions include reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) at \$3.5 billion annually for fiscal years 2027 through 2030, with eligibility for projects addressing PFAS contamination and lead service line replacement. The bill also reauthorizes the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) with increased funding levels from \$3.75 billion in fiscal year 2027 to \$4.5 billion in fiscal year 2030, while expanding eligibility for PFAS mitigation, lead service line replacement, and projects that improve drinking water systems while supporting wildfire suppression capabilities.

The Senate EPA title also reauthorizes several additional water infrastructure programs, including the Alternative Water Source Projects Grant Program at \$5 million annually from fiscal years 2027 through 2030, and the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program at \$280 million annually during the same period. Additional provisions support drinking water system resilience and sustainability through continued funding for the EPA's midsize and large drinking water grant programs. These investments build on broader efforts to improve water infrastructure resilience, including provisions aligned with the Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act which was supported by the District via an advocacy letter to the Committee.

While the House and Senate versions share priorities such as improving water infrastructure, strengthening flood resilience, supporting navigation, and enhancing partnerships between federal and local entities, differences remain that must be resolved between the chambers before it can be sent to the President for enactment. The House bill is more focused on Army Corps projects and authorities, while the Senate proposal includes a broader package of EPA-administered water programs. The next phase of the process will involve each chamber passing its respective bill, so negotiations between the chambers can take place to reconcile differences and develop a final WRDA 2026 package for congressional approval.

### **Senators Introduce Bill to Change Clean Water SRF Formula Ahead of WRDA Floor Debate**

On July 17, 2026, Senators Mark Kelly (D-AZ) and Rick Scott (R-FL) introduced S. 5016, the *Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act of 2026*, bipartisan legislation that would update the formula used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to distribute Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grants to states. The bill would replace the existing allocation formula, which has remained largely unchanged since 1987.

Under the new methodology, 60% of the allocation would be based on EPA's Clean Watersheds Needs Survey, 20% on state population, and 20% on the share of state residents living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. The bill also establishes a four-year transition period to phase in the revised allocations and requires EPA to update state allotments annually using current population, poverty, and infrastructure needs data.

The legislation was introduced as the Senate prepares for possible floor consideration of the *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026*. The Senate's version of WRDA includes reauthorizations of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs (under current language), but the House version does not. Supporters contend the proposal would better align federal funding with current infrastructure needs and state population changes, while estimates cited by the bill's sponsors indicate the

revised formula would maintain or increase funding for 31 states, including California, and reduce allocations for others under the updated methodology.

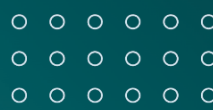
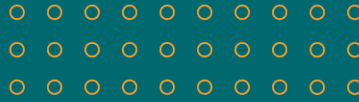
BBK's Government Affairs team is currently reviewing the legislation and will provide an update at a later time.

### House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Holds Hearing on FEMA Reform Legislation

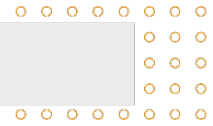
On July 15, 2026, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4669, the *Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act*—bipartisan legislation that would comprehensively reform the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Committee leaders and witnesses broadly supported the bill, which would establish FEMA as an independent agency reporting directly to the President, streamline disaster assistance programs, expand the use of upfront grants in place of reimbursement-based funding, and simplify aid applications for states, local governments, and disaster survivors. Witnesses representing local governments, emergency management, utilities, insurers, and the business community emphasized that the proposed reforms would reduce administrative burdens, accelerate recovery efforts, and strengthen coordination.

Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO-06) and Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-WA-02) also expressed hope at the hearing that the legislation would receive House floor consideration following the release of the Administration's FEMA Review Council recommendations in May of this year. Thus, the July 15<sup>th</sup> hearing provided Members with the opportunity to compare H.R. 4669 against the Administration's recommendations.

The hearing highlighted broad bipartisan agreement that FEMA's disaster assistance programs require significant modernization, while underscoring differing approaches to achieving those reforms. Supporters argued that the *FEMA Act* would create a more efficient, state-led and locally executed disaster response system by reducing bureaucratic delays, expanding mitigation investments, and providing more predictable funding for disaster recovery. Members also discussed related issues, including wildfire resilience, insurance availability, reimbursement delays, and assistance for less traditional disasters such as extreme heat. While some Members raised concerns about FEMA's broader policy direction and the Trump Administration's disaster management proposals, witnesses generally maintained that Congress should advance the *FEMA Act* to improve preparedness, response, and recovery before future disasters occur.



### Federal Budget/Appropriations

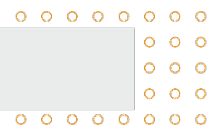


There have been limited developments regarding Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) appropriations since the JPA's June federal report.

The House Appropriations Committee previously approved both the FY27 Energy & Water Development Appropriations Act and the FY27 Interior & Environment Appropriations Act, but neither bill has been considered by the full House due to parliamentary procedure-related logjam. Notably, the Committee-approved Interior & Environment bill includes the JPA's Community Project Funding request. Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee has made no progress on FY27 appropriations bills, as Committee leadership remains at an impasse over topline spending figures and subcommittee allocations.

As a result, House leadership has shifted its focus to a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) to avert a government shutdown before the September 30, 2026, fiscal year deadline. This week, the House is expected to consider a CR to fund the federal government through December 4, 2026, allowing Congress additional time to complete FY27 appropriations after the November midterm elections. The Senate's approach to the CR remains uncertain.

### Administration/Regulatory



#### Trump Administration at Odds with California Coastal Commission

In late May, the U.S. Department of Commerce directed the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to conduct a formal review of California's Coastal Management Program under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). According to the Department, the review is intended to determine whether California is meeting federal requirements to appropriately consider national priorities—such as defense, energy, transportation, and other infrastructure—alongside coastal resource protection. The announcement states that the review was prompted by concerns about California's handling of certain projects, including spaceport-related proposals, and that NOAA will evaluate the state's consideration of issues such as offshore energy, pipelines,

desalination, undersea cables, and other federally significant activities before deciding on any next steps.

In response, California officials criticized the review as an unprecedented action that unfairly targets the state and could weaken California's role in overseeing coastal development. The California Natural Resources Agency argued that the state's Coastal Management Program has a long history of balancing environmental protection, public access, economic interests, and local and tribal priorities under the CZMA. The state encouraged residents, tribes, businesses, local governments, and other stakeholders to participate in NOAA's public meetings and submit comments, while expressing concern that the review could affect California's authority to review future federal offshore development proposals.

### EPA Seeks Public Comment on Draft Guidance To Reduce Risks of PFAS in Biosolids

On June 29, 2026, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released draft guidance outlining voluntary measures to reduce potential exposure to PFOA and PFOS in biosolids. The guidance includes recommendations for wastewater treatment plants, land applicators and the general public. The guidance emphasizes source identification, pollution prevention, monitoring, and voluntary management practices rather than new requirements.

This move signals a sharp shift from the Biden Administration's previous draft biosolids risk assessment. EPA asserts that the agency previously diverged from typical practice "by failing to conduct a national survey to document occurrence of PFOA and PFOS in sewage sludge" and argues that the earlier biosolids assessment overstated potential risks by relying on hypothetical, higher-risk exposure scenarios that do not reflect typical biosolids management practices. EPA also asserts that the previous assessment contributed to public confusion regarding the significance of a modeled 1 part per billion (ppb) metric.

Environmental organizations criticized EPA's approach and argued the pivot away from the risk assessment and towards voluntary guidance could weaken protections against PFAS exposure. There will be a 60-day public comment period on the guidance. **Comments are due on September 4, 2026.**

### EPA Delays Microplastics Monitoring Regulations

On July 1, 2026, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its draft 2026 Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 6). UCMR 6 proposes requiring public water systems to monitor for 30 unregulated contaminants, including several PFAS, but

declined to include microplastics despite requests from multiple states and environmental organizations. EPA stated that standardized definitions and reliable analytical methods for monitoring microplastics are not yet available and that it will instead prioritize developing testing methods for potential inclusion in a future monitoring cycle.

While advocates criticized the decision as delaying action on a potential public health concern, water utility organizations supported EPA's approach, citing current scientific and technical limitations. The proposal also expands monitoring of certain PFAS and other contaminants to improve data collection and inform future drinking water regulations.

UCMR 6 is currently open for public comment, with **comments due August 31, 2026**.

### Trump Administration Clears Regulatory Hurdle for Cadiz Project

On July 9, 2026, the Trump Administration approved a 50-year federal right-of-way permit for Cadiz Inc.'s Fenner Gap Mutual Water Co. This move permits the company to convert a 220-mile natural gas pipeline into a water pipeline on federal land. Ultimately, the project could transport groundwater from the proposed Mojave Groundwater Bank in Southern California, initially supplying up to 25,000 acre-feet of water annually to communities in California's High Desert and Inland Empire.

The permit marks a major milestone for the long-contested project, which has faced decades of opposition from environmental groups, tribes, and California officials over concerns that large-scale groundwater extraction could harm desert ecosystems. Notably, the project still requires financing, additional state approvals, and may face further legal challenges before construction can proceed.

### Trump Administration Finalizes Changes to Endangered Species Act Interpretation

On July 10, 2026, the Trump Administration finalized a change to the interpretation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that narrows the definition of "harm" to threatened and endangered species. Under the previous interpretation, federal agencies considered significant habitat destruction or modification that could affect a species' survival as a form of harm. The new rule limits the definition of harm primarily to direct injury or death of a protected species.

Administration officials assert that the change restores the ESA to its original intent and reduces regulatory barriers for landowners, businesses, and development projects. Supporters, including some industry groups, argued that the previous ESA interpretation created unnecessary restrictions on activities like energy production, mining, and land use.

Environmental groups opposed the change and argue that habitat loss is a leading cause of species decline and protecting ecosystems is necessary to prevent species extinction. The revision is expected to remain the subject of legal and policy debate over the balance between conservation and economic development.

### Western Wildfire Grant Funds Delayed by Administration's DEI Requirements

The U.S. Forest Service has delayed the release of federal wildfire mitigation and forest management funding as states review new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant conditions introduced by the Trump Administration. The revised agreements require recipients to comply with federal policy directives, including restrictions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), certain climate-related activities, immigration, and other executive order provisions, along with expanded compliance requirements for contractors and subcontractors.

Several states have argued that the new conditions conflict with state laws or create significant administrative burdens. Approximately \$28 million in Community Wildfire Defense Grant funding is on hold in both Washington and Oregon, while millions of dollars in wildfire-related grants in California remain delayed pending litigation over the new terms. The affected grants support activities such as community wildfire protection planning, hazardous fuel reduction, forest restoration, and other wildfire resilience projects.

The funding delays come as forecasts indicate an elevated wildfire risk across much of the western United States. While the USDA states that the standardized grant conditions are intended to improve oversight and ensure consistent administration of federal funding, state officials and lawmakers have expressed concern that delays in distributing grants could postpone fuel reduction, community wildfire preparedness, and forest restoration activities ahead of the peak wildfire season.

## Judicial/Courts

### D.C. Circuit Schedules Oral Arguments in Challenge to EPA's PFAS Drinking Water Rule

In late June, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit scheduled oral arguments in the case challenging EPA's 2024 PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for September 18, 2026. The litigation—*American Water Works Association, et al. v. EPA*—

challenges EPA's compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), including the Agency's cost-benefit analysis, regulatory procedures, and use of a Hazard Index approach for PFAS mixtures.

The Trump Administration will continue defending the 4 parts per trillion (ppt) maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for PFOA and PFOS, while pursuing a separate rulemaking to extend the compliance deadline for those MCLs. However, the Agency will not defend the four Hazard Index PFAS and is instead pursuing another rulemaking to rescind those MCLs. The Hazard Index standards are instead anticipated to be defended by environmental groups who intervened in the case.

The D.C. Circuit previously declined EPA's requests to delay judicial review pending completion of those rulemakings, allowing the litigation to proceed.



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**Re:** Legislation to Consider for Support Positions

**S.4812 – FIRE SMART Act of 2026**

*Introduced in the Senate on June 17, 2026, by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA).*

The FIRE SMART Act of 2026 would direct the Environmental Protection Agency to update regulations to allow state revolving funds to be used for water infrastructure projects that support both drinking water and wildfire suppression. The legislation prioritizes funding for rural and high-risk communities, particularly those with wildfire protection plans or other risk-reduction measures, to strengthen water delivery systems and improve wildfire preparedness.

On June 17, 2026, the bill was read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. There is currently no House companion to this bill.

Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) is the lead sponsor of the bill. Senator Adam Schiff (D-CA) is a co-sponsor of the bill.

## July 2026 Bill Tracking Matrix

### House of Representatives

| Legislation                                                                                                               | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Last Action                                                                                               | JPA Delegation Cosponsors |
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| H.R. 168 - Targeted Operations to Remove Catastrophic Hazards (TORCH) Act                                                 | This bill aims to reduce wildfire risks and restore forest health by streamlining forest management projects and removing regulatory delays. Key provisions include expanded wildfire recovery zones, vegetation removal near power lines, grazing initiatives to reduce fire hazards, and strengthened partnerships between federal, state, and local agencies. The bill prioritizes proactive, large-scale wildfire mitigation to protect rural communities and ecosystems.                                                                                 | 04/04/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture                                      |                           |
| H.R. 178 - To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes. | This bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to engage in wildfire suppression and management activities that apply to Forest Service land within 24 hours of identifying a fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 01/08/2026 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources                                       |                           |
| H.R. 204 - ACRES Act                                                                                                      | This bill requires the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior to report annually on hazardous fuels reduction activities, detailing the number of federal acres treated and implementing standardized procedures for tracking and verifying data. It also mandates analysis of the effectiveness of these activities in reducing wildfire risk and distinguishes acres treated within and outside the wildland-urban interface. Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must study the bill's implementation and report findings to Congress. | 03/04/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. |                           |
| H.R. 231 - Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act                                                         | This bill would extend the System Conservation Pilot Program, which was created to test voluntary water conservation measures to manage severe drought in the Colorado River Basin. The legislation extends the current pilot program through 2026.<br><i>Companion bill of S.154.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 02/12/2025 Reported by Unanimous Consent by House Natural Resources                                       |                           |
| H.R. 246 - SALT Fairness for Working Families Act                                                                         | This bill increases the limit on the individual income tax deduction for certain state and local taxes, which is currently \$10,000 per year (\$5,000 for a married taxpayer filing a separate return). The bill increases the limit to \$15,000 (twice that amount in the case of a joint return).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means                                              |                           |
| H.R. 337 - Groundwater Recharge Technical Assistance Act                                                                  | This bill would provide \$3 million annually to support groundwater recharge projects. This would require the Secretary of the Interior to use unobligated funds under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Western Water funding for aquifer storage, clean drinking water, and flood protection efforts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources                                           |                           |
| H.R. 338 - Every Drop Counts Act                                                                                          | This bill would expand the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Small Storage Program by making it easier for groundwater recharge projects to qualify for funding, increase the amount of water they can store, and stabilize underground aquifers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 11/19/2025 Subcommittee Hearings Held                                                                     |                           |
| H.R.345 - Fire Department Repayment Act                                                                                   | This bill would establish standard operating procedures for fire suppression costs agreements; reviews and modify fire suppression costs agreements as necessary; ensure the fire suppression costs agreements align with cooperative fire protection agreements; and expedites reviews of standard operating procedures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 07/23/2025 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent                                          |                           |



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| H.R.430 - SALT Deductibility Act                                   | This bill would eliminate the \$10,000 cap on the federal tax deduction for state and local taxes (SALT). The cap, which applies from 2018 through 2025, would otherwise expire in 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 01/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means                                                                                                    | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b>    |
| H.R.435 - Direct Hire To Fight Fires                               | This bill would grant permanent direct-hire authority to the USDA and Department of the Interior to fill wildland firefighter and support roles more efficiently. It also requires both agencies to adopt policies that improve recruitment and retention, including easing transfers between agencies. Additionally, the bill mandates annual reports to Congress and the public on staffing needs, vacancies by state, and hiring challenges.                                                           | 01/08/2026 Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources                                                                                                       |                               |
| H.R.471 Fix Our Forests Act                                        | This bill aims to simplify and expedite environmental reviews for forest management projects in high-risk wildfire areas. It would also promote innovative technologies, modernize standards, and create a framework for research and development in wildfire and land management, while also providing financial assistance to communities and tribes. Additionally, the bill strengthens the Good Neighbor policy to include tribes, facilitating cooperative forest management among various agencies. | 03/06/2025 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, Natural Resources, and Biotechnology. Hearings held | <b>Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R.517 - Filing Relief for Natural Disasters Act                  | This bill would empower state and territory governors to extend federal tax filing deadlines during state-declared emergencies, providing relief without requiring federal disaster declarations. It also doubles the mandatory filing extension for federally-declared disasters from 60 to 120 days.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S. 132.</i>                                                                                                                                                            | 07/24/2025 Became Public Law No: 119-29                                                                                                                         |                               |
| H.R.527 - Strengthening Wildfire Resiliency Through Satellites Act | This bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a competitive grant program to fund satellite-based wildfire monitoring, with at least three grants awarded for high-resolution imaging and data analysis. The bill authorizes appropriations of \$20 million annually from fiscal years 2026 to 2028 to support the program.                                                                                                                                                           | 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources                                                                                                 |                               |
| H.R.528 - Post-Disaster Reforestation and Restoration Act          | This bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program for reforestation and restoration of federal lands affected by unplanned disturbances. It involves identifying and prioritizing restoration projects, funding them through grants and contracts, and engaging stakeholders. The Secretary must also submit annual progress reports to Congress, focusing on funding needs, project status, and ecological restoration.                                                       | 03/17/2026 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources                                                  |                               |
| H.R.550 - Wildfire Insurance Coverage Study Act                    | This bill would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study on insurance coverage for damages caused by wildfires. The study will assess wildfire risk across the U.S., analyze trends in insurance coverage, and examine factors influencing rates and policy renewals. It will also evaluate the regulatory responses of state insurance agencies, including their actions to address increasing premiums and the availability of coverage.                                   | 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services                                                                                                | <b>Rep. Brad Sherman</b>      |



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| H.R.573 - Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act                                 | The bill would require the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to issue an annual report on the impacts of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on federal projects. The report must detail litigation trends, timelines, and costs associated with environmental reviews, as well as the length of environmental assessments and impact statements.                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12/10/2025 Passed House and Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                |                                                    |
| H.R.582 - Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Act                       | This bill will empower communities to implement science-based methods for mitigating wildfire damage and provide funding to design and implement new Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Plans with community members, first responders, and relevant state agencies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 01/21/2025 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture |                                                    |
| H.R.605 - Headwaters Protection Act                                              | This bill seeks to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. It aims to protect and restore watershed health, water supply and quality, municipal and agricultural water supply systems, and water-related infrastructure, as well as forest health from insect infestation, disease, or wildfire. The bill expands the scope to include "adjacent land" (non-Federal land within the same watershed as National Forest System land).<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.2701</i> | 02/28/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology                                                            |                                                    |
| H.R.743 - Tim's Act                                                              | This bill aims to improve conditions for wildland firefighters by increasing their pay, offering rest and mental health leave, and expanding retirement and healthcare benefits. It includes housing stipends, tuition assistance, and unpaid family leave for those not covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act. The bill also calls for a national database to track job-related health risks and reduce harmful exposures.                                                                                                                 | 03/07/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture                                                                            | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley, Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R.766 - Surveilling Effluent Water for Epidemic Response (SEWER) Act           | This bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a national wastewater surveillance system. The bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the CDC, to coordinate efforts to detect and monitor infectious diseases in wastewater, such as COVID-19, influenza, and other pathogens, for public health emergency preparedness. The bill also authorizes \$150 million in funding annually from 2025 to 2029 to support this initiative.                                                                     | 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce                                                                               |                                                    |
| H.R. 831 - Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act | This bill would ensure that state contributions to conservation projects in the Lower Colorado River Basin are able to earn interest and grow before being allocated. It does this by establishing an interest-bearing account for state contributions to the LCR MSCP.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.291.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 03/17/2026 Passed House and received in the Senate                                                                                              |                                                    |
| H.R.834 - Disaster Assistance Fairness Act                                       | This bill would require FEMA to clear debris from homeowners associations and condominiums when state or local governments deem it a threat to safety or economic recovery. It also clarifies that FEMA should provide financial assistance for repairing essential common elements like roofs, HVAC systems, stairwells, plumbing, and electricity.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.352.</i>                                                                                                                                                       | 02/01/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management                                     |                                                    |

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| H.R.836 - Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act                       | This bill requires the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to jointly evaluate the container aerial firefighting system, which uses airdrop-capable disposable containers of water or fire retardant to increase the number of airlift assets available for wildfire emergencies. The agencies must assess its effectiveness in mitigating and suppressing wildfires and report their findings to Congress.                                                                                                                        | 02/06/2025 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry             | <b>Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R.1235 - Federal Infrastructure Bank Act                                 | This bill would create the Federal Infrastructure Bank and its parent entity, the Federal Infrastructure Bank Holding Company (FIBHC), to finance revenue-generating infrastructure projects through loans, equity investments, and guarantees—reserving at least 10% for rural areas. The bank is barred from funding projects tied to the Chinese government and will be overseen by the Federal Reserve. It also establishes a tax credit for early equity investors and includes financial safeguards like an Infrastructure Guarantee Fund. | 02/12/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit                                                                    |                               |
| H.R. 1267 - Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act                    | This bill would exempt water utilities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 02/12/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure |                               |
| H.R. 1285 - Water Infrastructure Subcontractor and Taxpayer Protection Act | This bill seeks to ensure that federal water infrastructure projects stay on schedule and protect local communities and workers. It requires primary contractors on federally funded water projects to hold a surety bond, ensuring that local sponsors and subcontractors are compensated if the contractor defaults before the project is completed.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S. 570</i>                                                                                                                                                    | 02/13/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b>    |
| H.R.1356 - Mudslide Recovery Act                                           | This bill directs the Departments of Interior and Homeland Security to launch a pilot grant program designed to help communities repair the extensive damage caused by mudflows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 02/13/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management                        | <b>Rep. Brad Sherman</b>      |
| H.R.1721 - Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act           | This bill would direct the Secretary of Commerce to study which high-demand critical infrastructure products are currently imported, assess the costs of domestic production, and evaluate the feasibility of manufacturing these goods in rural communities and industrial parks. The findings must be reported to Congress within 18 months of enactment.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S. 1872.</i>                                                                                                                                             | 04/29/2025 Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation                           |                               |
| H.R.1849 - Disaster Mitigation and Tax Parity Act                          | This bill would exempt rebates that homeowners receive for hardening their homes against natural disasters from federal taxes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 03/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means                                                                       | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b>    |
| H.R.1871 - Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act                        | This bill expands the tax exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include certain subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.857.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 03/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means                                                                       | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b>    |



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| H.R.1894 - FISH Act                                                                           | This bill gives the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) the sole authority to protect endangered or threatened species that are anadromous species (species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and that migrate to ocean waters) or catadromous species (species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh or estuarine waters). Currently, the FWS shares this authority with the National Marine Fisheries Service.                                        | 03/06/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |
| H.R.1897 - ESA Amendments Act                                                                 | This bill aims to improve the Endangered Species Act by clarifying definitions, focusing on species recovery, and streamlining permitting processes. It establishes flexible timelines for species listings, supports state-led recovery efforts, and reduces duplicative procedures. The Act also promotes accountability, improves regulatory certainty, and enhances the review process for species management.                                                                  | 03/24/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 489                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                               |
| H.R.1923 - Modernizing Wildfire Safety and Prevention Act                                     | This bill aims to address the growing threat of large wildfires through firefighter recruitment and retention, updated response technology, and public health measures. It establishes training programs and benefits to support wildland firefighters, improves fire response with risk mapping and a new fire environment office, and creates a nationwide real-time air quality monitoring system.                                                                               | 03/06/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Small Business |                               |
| H.R.1938 - Department of Defense PFAS Discharge Prevention Act                                | This bill seeks to address PFAS contamination from military facilities by requiring updates to stormwater discharge permits. It directs the Secretary of Defense to request permit modifications to include quarterly monitoring of PFAS discharges and the implementation of best management practices to reduce contamination. Additionally, the bill allocates a portion of PFAS remediation funding to annual testing of stormwater runoff at Department of Defense facilities. | 03/06/2025 Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |
| H.R.1943 - Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act                                       | This bill would establish special base pay rates for federal wildland firefighters, increasing their salaries across General Schedule grades. It also introduces premium pay for firefighters deployed to major incidents, provides rest and recuperation leave, and ensures continued funding for pay increases to address recruitment and retention challenges.                                                                                                                   | 03/06/2025 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R. 2093 - To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms | This bill would extend the maximum term for certain permits issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program from 5 years, to 10.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |
| H.R.2269 - WIPPES Act                                                                         | This bill would require the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S. 1092.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 06/23/2025 Passed House via suspension, received in the Senate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |
| H.R.2344 - Water ISAC Threat Protection Act                                                   | This bill would provide funding for clean water and wastewater utilities to become members of the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC). The WaterISAC is a critical source of information and best practices for water systems to protect against, mitigate, and respond to threats.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S. 1118.</i>                                                                                                                                  | 03/25/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                               |



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| H.R.2594 - To establish a Water Risk and Resilience Organization to develop risk and resilience requirements for the water sector | This bill would establish the Water Risk and Resilience Organization (WRRO), a non-governmental entity certified by the EPA to develop cybersecurity risk and resilience requirements for water systems serving over 3,300 people. The WRRO will create and enforce cybersecurity standards, monitor compliance, and assess system vulnerabilities, while the EPA retains approval and oversight authority. The bill also authorizes \$10 million in funding and ensures coordination with state and federal rules without preempting state authority. | 04/02/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce |                                                    |
| H.R.2766 - Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act                                                                        | This bill would create the first formal federal definition of "special district." The bill also directs the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to provide guidance to federal agencies to recognize special districts as local governments, ensuring they have access to appropriate federal financial assistance.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.2014.</i>                                                                                                                                                                              | 03/18/2026 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 32-8                                                             | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley, Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R.2940 - Advancing Water Reuse Act                                                                                              | This bill seeks to establish a new investment credit, specifically the "qualifying water reuse project credit." This proposed credit would equal 30 percent of the qualified investment for projects that install water recycling systems in industrial or manufacturing facilities, replace freshwater use with recycled water, or build municipal water recycling systems.<br><br><i>Companion bill to S.4506.</i>                                                                                                                                   | 04/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means                                                                       |                                                    |
| H.R.3035 - Restoring WIFIA Eligibility Act                                                                                        | This bill would seek to ensure that if a project's funding is repaid entirely through non-federal revenue sources and the recipient is not a federal agency, then the assistance will be classified as non-federal for budgeting purposes under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990. This change is intended to expand access to WIFIA loans and loan guarantees by preventing federal classification from limiting support for state, local, and other non-federal infrastructure projects.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.1760.</i>                 | 04/28/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                         |                                                    |
| H.R.3110 - PFAS-Free Procurement Act                                                                                              | This bill would prohibit the federal procurement of products containing perfluorooctane sulfonate or perfluorooctanoic acid—commonly known as PFAS—and facilitate the procurement of PFAS-free products.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 04/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform                                                      |                                                    |
| H.R.3158 - Help Hoover Dam Act                                                                                                    | This bill would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to access approximately \$50 million in long-stranded, unused funds from the Colorado River Dam Fund for operations, maintenance, and improvements at the Hoover Dam. It also allows Reclamation to partner with hydropower contractors to carry out authorized activities such as upgrades, clean-up efforts, and maintenance.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.1570.</i>                                                                                                                            | 05/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources                                                |                                                    |
| H.R.3272 - COMPOST Act                                                                                                            | This bill would add composting as a conservation practice for USDA conservation programs. Both the act of producing compost from organic waste and using compost on a farm would qualify as a conservation practice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 05/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture                                                                          | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b>                         |
| H.R.3300 - Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act                                                                  | This bill would exempt aerial fire retardant use from NPDES permits during wildfires.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 05/08/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                         |                                                    |



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| H.R.3376 - Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2025 | <p>This bill proposes a range of measures aimed at improving water quality and infrastructure across the country. Key provisions include efforts to address contaminants such as lead and PFAS, expanded grant support for low-income communities to help prevent water service shutoffs, and the creation of a \$35 billion annual trust fund to support water and sewer system upgrades. The legislation also includes workforce development components intended to create jobs in the communities where projects are implemented.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S. 1730</i></p>                                       | 05/13/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                                                               |                                                    |
| H.R.3427 - Water Resources Technical Assistance Review Act                        | <p>This bill would require the Comptroller General of the United States to review all clean water-related technical assistance authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.3317.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 09/16/2025 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                                           |                                                    |
| H.R.3525 - Regulatory Accountability Act                                          | <p>This bill seeks to limit agency overreach by requiring new rules to be clearly tied to congressional authority, ending rulemaking via informal guidance, and strengthening transparency through public comment and data disclosure. It also reforms the Congressional Review Act and ensures courts independently review agency interpretations rather than deferring to them.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S. 1708.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                         | 05/20/2025 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary                                                                                                              |                                                    |
| H.R.3553 - BRUSH Fires Act                                                        | <p>This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a study with respect to the effectiveness of available wildfire mitigation methods in reducing the risk of wildfire and the severity of damages from wildfire in communities within or adjacent to shrubland ecosystems</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 03/05/2026 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent                                                                                                         | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley, Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R.3717 - Golden Mussel Eradication and Control Act                              | <p>This bill would amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to specifically address the golden mussel, with a focus on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The bill authorizes \$15 million annually from FY26–FY30 to support research, demonstration programs, and competitive grants for prevention, monitoring, control, and eradication methods. It also requires the development of guidelines, early warning systems, and coordination among federal, state, and local entities to mitigate ecological and infrastructure impacts.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.4603.</i></p> | 06/05/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                                                               |                                                    |
| H.R.3816 - Weather Act Reauthorization                                            | <p>This bill seeks to enhance the accuracy and effectiveness of weather forecasting and emergency preparedness. It focuses on modernizing research programs, supporting development of advanced forecasting technologies, and improving communication of severe weather events. The legislation also expands NOAA's ability to work with private sector data providers and continues support for key public tools used in drought and soil moisture monitoring.</p>                                                                                                                                                    | 06/06/2025 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs |                                                    |
| H.R. 3857 - Snow Water Supply Forecasting Reauthorization Act                     | <p>This bill would amend the existing program to integrate advanced snowpack measurement and modeling techniques, including airborne laser altimetry and physics-based hydrologic models. The bill removes a prior reporting requirement, emphasizes improved real-time snow and water supply forecasts, and authorizes \$3 million annually for FY 2027 through 2031.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 06/10/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably                                   |                                                    |



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| H.R.3862 - Clean Water SRF Parity Act                                               | This legislation would amend eligibility provisions for the Federal Water Pollution Control Act's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), so that private wastewater providers have the ability to benefit from the program's low-interest loans.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 06/11/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                       |  |
| H.R.3888 - Water Quality Criteria Development and Transparency Act                  | This bill would require the EPA to use a public notice-and-comment process before finalizing new criteria, allowing input from communities, industries, and other stakeholders. The bill also allows for limited judicial review to help ensure that EPA decisions are transparent, legally justified, and within the agency's authority.                                                                                                                                                                                | 06/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                  |  |
| H.R.3892 - Financing Lead Out of Water (FLOW) Act                                   | This bill would simplify the tax process for public water systems to use tax-exempt bonds for replacing private lead service lines by exempting these projects from the "business use test." This change reduces delays and costs caused by the current requirement to verify business operations at each affected residence.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.2007.</i>                                                                                                                                                    | 06/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means                                                     |  |
| H.R. 3897 - Confidence in Clean Water Permits Act                                   | This bill seeks to clarify that permits issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) must include clear and specific pollutant limits. It affirms that permit holders are considered in compliance if they adhere to the terms of their permit, in line with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>San Francisco v. EPA</i> .                                                                                                                                                              | 06/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                  |  |
| H.R. 3898 - Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT) Act | Package of Clean Water Act (CWA) reform bills intended to streamline the federal permitting process for infrastructure projects, including energy and water initiatives. It sets timelines for agency reviews, encourages coordination between federal agencies, and allows the use of prior environmental analyses when new projects are substantially similar. The bill aims to make permitting more efficient while ensuring compliance with existing environmental laws such as NEPA and the Endangered Species Act. | 12/15/2025 Passed House and Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works |  |
| H.R. 3899 - Clarifying Federal General Permits Act                                  | This bill would authorize the EPA to issue general permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and requires the agency to either renew these permits or provide at least two years' notice if a permit will not be renewed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 06/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                  |  |
| H.R. 3900 - Water Quality Technology Availability Act                               | This bill would require that any technology used to meet wastewater discharge standards under effluent limitation guidelines (ELGs) must be commercially available within the United States.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 06/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                  |  |
| H.R.3902 - Restoring Federalism in Clean Water Permitting Act                       | This bill would direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to review and evaluate current regulations governing the process by which states assume authority for issuing Section 404 Clean Water Act permits, with the goal of making the process more efficient and encouraging broader state participation. It also sets a 60-day limit for judicial review of the EPA's approval of state program assumptions.                                                                                   | 06/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                  |  |



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| H.R.3922 - Cross-Boundary Wildfire Solutions Act                                         | <p>This bill seeks to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of wildfire mitigation efforts across different land ownerships by identifying gaps in existing federal policies and encouraging greater coordination among agencies and stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.2033.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 06/15/2026 Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 435 |  |
| H.R.3924 - Wildfire Risk Evaluation Act                                                  | <p>This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out a quadrennial fire review. The findings will be used to guide long-term strategies to improve wildfire preparedness, response, and coordination among federal agencies.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.2039</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                | 05/14/2026 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent      |  |
| H.R.3928 - Improving Water Quality Certifications and American Energy Infrastructure Act | <p>This bill clarifies the scope and process of state water quality certifications under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. It limits evaluations to the direct impacts of the federally licensed or permitted activity on water quality, not unrelated sources. The bill also establishes clearer procedures and timelines, including requiring states to provide written decisions based solely on water quality considerations and to notify applicants within 90 days if additional information is needed to process their request.</p> | 06/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                     |  |
| H.R.3934 - Water Quality Standards Attainability Act                                     | <p>This bill would require that water quality standards (WQS), developed by states and approved by the EPA, consider the feasibility of meeting those standards using commercially available treatment technologies. It also directs that long-term control plans for combined storm and sanitary sewer systems be taken into account during the standard-setting process.</p>                                                                                                                                                               | 06/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                     |  |
| H.R.3991 - Research for Healthy Soils Act                                                | <p>This legislation would authorize the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make grants available to study the incidence and impacts of microplastics and PFAS in biosolids on farmland.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S. 2500.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 06/12/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture                                           |  |
| H.R.4038 - Wildfire Response and Preparedness Act                                        | <p>This bill would create a 30-minute national standard response time to the extent practical to any wildland fire on federal land administered by the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.902.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 01/14/2026 Subcommittee Hearings Held                                                               |  |
| H.R.4075 - Fire Weather Development Act                                                  | <p>This bill would direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a program to improve fire weather and fire environment forecasting, detection, and delivery of products or services through collaboration with other Federal and State agencies or departments, local emergency managers, and relevant entities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                  | 06/23/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology                        |  |



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| H.R.4109 - Recycling and Composting Accountability Act                                                                 | <p>This bill would direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to improve data collection and transparency around recycling and composting infrastructure across the United States. It requires the EPA to collaborate with states, local governments, and tribes to assess and report on the current state of composting and recycling facilities, estimate participation and contamination rates, and evaluate access to these services. The bill mandates regular reporting on federal agency recycling performance, studies how recyclable materials are diverted from reuse markets, and encourages market development for recycled and composted materials</p> | 05/14/2026 Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote |  |
| H.R.4121 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 | <p>This bill provides FY2026 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies, including the following that manage or assist in recovery of wildfire damage:</p> <p>U.S. Forest Service (USFS)<br/>Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</p> <p><i>House version of S.2256</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Signed 11/12/2025 Public Law 119-37                                  |  |
| H.R.4144 - Groundwater Rise and Infrastructure Preparedness Act                                                        | <p>This bill would direct the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to map projected groundwater rise along the U.S. coastline through 2100 and assess its impacts on flooding risk and saltwater intrusion. The bill mandates the creation of public tools for planners and emergency managers and calls for a two-phase study, in collaboration with the National Academies, to evaluate how groundwater rise may affect infrastructure—such as roads, sewers, and building foundations—as well as public health risks, including contamination of drinking water and farmland.</p>                                                                                             | 06/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources      |  |
| H.R.4168 - PFAS National Drinking Water Standard Act                                                                   | <p>This bill would codify the EPA's final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation, establishing enforceable maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for six of the most hazardous PFAS chemicals, including PFOA and PFOS, in public drinking water systems.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 06/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce    |  |
| H.R.4181 - Wildfire Infrastructure and Landowner Tax Relief Act                                                        | <p>This bill aims to encourage homeowners to invest in wildfire mitigation by offering targeted federal tax relief. It excludes from taxable income any government or nonprofit assistance used for hazardous fuel reduction or firefighting infrastructure on personal property, and allows an above-the-line tax deduction for out-of-pocket expenses related to wildfire prevention. The bill is designed to reduce financial barriers to proactive fire risk reduction and support community resilience.</p>                                                                                                                                                          | 06/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means         |  |
| H.R.4192 - Military PFAS Transparency Act                                                                              | <p>This bill would require the Department of Defense to submit annual, site-specific reports on PFAS cleanup progress, funding, and challenges. It calls for improved, risk-based cleanup strategies and expanded lab testing capacity. The bill also mandates the creation of a public dashboard within one year to provide accessible, up-to-date information on PFAS cleanup efforts.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 06/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services         |  |
| H.R.4213 - Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026                                                    | <p>This bill provides FY2026 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including the relevant agencies and activities:</p> <p>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 06/26/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 139            |  |



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| H.R.4302 - Improving Atmospheric River Forecasts Act                                     | <p>This bill would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a forecast improvement program within the National Weather Service.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.322.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 07/07/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology                                        | <b>Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R.4315 - National Infrastructure Investment Corporation (NIIC) Act                     | <p>This bill would create a bank that would be authorized to provide loans and loan guarantees to local infrastructure projects, giving local governments another potential funding source in addition to support provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or other federal and state funding sources.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                     |                               |
| H.R.4466 - Cultivating Investment in Recycling and Circular Local Economies (CIRCLE) Act | <p>This bill would create a 30% investment tax credit to encourage upgrades and expansion of recycling infrastructure in the U.S. This credit would gradually phase out over 10 years. Local governments could also receive direct rebates for their recycling investments.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 07/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means                                                        |                               |
| H.R.4486 - Microplastics Safety Act                                                      | <p>This bill would direct the Food &amp; Drug Administration to submit a report to Congress on the human health impacts of exposure to microplastics in food and water, focusing on risks to children's health, the endocrine system, and reproductive health, as well as associated risks related to cancer and chronic illnesses.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.2353.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 07/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce                                                   | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b>    |
| H.R.4503 - ePermit Act                                                                   | <p>This bill aims to improve environmental reviews and authorizations through the use of interactive, digital, and cloud-based platforms. This is intended to enhance coordination among Federal, State, and local agencies and project sponsors, make community engagement more accessible, and increase transparency by establishing robust data architectures and modern software solutions. The bill seeks to achieve these goals by developing data standards, prototype tools, and a unified interagency data system, including a common authorization portal.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to S.3800.</i></p> | 12/10/2025 Passed in House and Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works |                               |
| H.R.4553 - Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026    | <p>This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies.</p> <p><i>House version of S.3293.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Signed 01/23/2026 Public Law 119-74                                                                                 |                               |
| H.R.4556 - Protect Our Treatment for Enamel, Erosion, and Tooth Health (TEETH) Act       | <p>This bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to consult and publish a rapid response evidence review by independent and nonpartisan experts at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) when proposing new water fluoridation guidance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 07/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce                                                   |                               |

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| H.R.4669 - FEMA Act                                                                               | This bill would restore FEMA as an independent Cabinet-level agency to lead disaster response more effectively. It would speed recovery by providing states with project-based grants, reducing bureaucracy, and encouraging mitigation investments. The bill would reform permitting and procurement, establish a Recovery Task Force to close old disaster cases, simplify aid applications, and improve communication with survivors. It would enhance pre-disaster mitigation, maintain state flexibility on building codes, prohibit political bias in aid, increase transparency, and mandate reviews to improve FEMA's policies and reduce fraud. | 09/03/2025 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 57 - 3                                                           |                                             |
| H.R.4733 - Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act                        | This bill would make permanent a national water assistance program by directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to states, territories, and tribes to help low-income households pay drinking water and wastewater bills. The program would align eligibility with existing federal assistance programs like LIHEAP, TANF, and SNAP, ensuring consistent income requirements. It would also provide technical support to small, rural, and Tribal water systems to improve service delivery.                                                                                                                                | 07/23/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce | Rep. Julia Brownley, Rep. George Whitesides |
| H.R.4754 - Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 | This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and several related agencies including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service.<br><i>House version of S.2431.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Signed 01/23/2026 Public Law 119-74                                                                                                |                                             |
| H.R.4776 - SPEED Act                                                                              | The bill proposes changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) permitting process. It would establish shorter permitting timelines, modify requirements for environmental analyses, and define "Major Federal Action" to clarify when NEPA applies. The bill also includes provisions for judicial review of NEPA claims, such as a 150-day filing deadline, a revised standard of review, and limits on certain procedural measures that can delay projects.<br><i>Counterpart bill to S.3224</i>                                                                                                                                            | 12/18/2025 Passed House 221-196                                                                                                    |                                             |
| H.R.4903 - Plastic Health Research Act                                                            | This bill establishes a comprehensive federal research program on plastic exposure health effects, covering macro-, micro-, and nanoplastics. It authorizes grants for research entities, creates "Centers of Excellence for Plastic Exposure Health Research," and requires annual congressional reporting. The legislation appropriates \$10 million annually from 2026-2030 for each program section, prioritizing improved research methodologies and addressing knowledge gaps in plastic-related health impacts. RetryClaude can make mistakes. Please double-check responses.                                                                     | 08/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce                                                                  |                                             |
| H.R.4961 - Public Utility Remediation and Enhancement for Water Act                               | This bill aims to establish a grant program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help publicly owned treatment works comply with requirements for treating emerging contaminants, PFAS. The legislation authorizes \$200,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2028 to fund these efforts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 08/12/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                                    |                                             |
| H.R.5002 - Protect Americans from Climate Disasters Act                                           | This bill seeks to reinstate all employees and programs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that assist communities in preparing for and mitigating damage from extreme weather events. This includes ensuring the National Weather Service, is fully staffed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 08/19/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology      |                                             |



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| H.R.5072 - Water Crisis Prevention Act                                               | This bill seeks to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review concerning existing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding available to States, localities, individuals, and small businesses after water infrastructure failures. Upon completing this review, the Comptroller General will submit a report to Congress with recommendations for identifying high-risk areas and providing funding to mitigate future water infrastructure disasters.                            | 08/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                                    |                               |
| H.R.5078 - PILLAR Act                                                                | The bill would reauthorize the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for ten years, maintaining a 60% federal cost share for single entities and 70% for multi-entity groups. It offers a 5% bonus in federal cost share for adopting multi-factor authentication by FY2028. The Act broadens coverage to include operational technology, promotes responsible AI use, prioritizes outreach to small communities, and requires state and local entities to plan for sustaining cybersecurity investments long term. | 11/18/2025 Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                      |                               |
| H.R.5089 - Weather Act Reauthorization Act                                           | This bill seeks to reauthorize and amend the 2017 Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act to enhance NOAA's weather research and forecasting capabilities. The legislation focuses on improving public safety through better tornado, hurricane, and tsunami warnings while investing in AI, high-performance computing, and modernized radar systems. It also expands commercial weather data partnerships and provides specialized forecasting services for agriculture and water management.                   | 09/10/2025 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote                                                                          | <b>Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R.5166 - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2026        | This bill provides FY2026 funding for the Department of the Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, the judiciary, the District of Columbia, and several independent agencies.<br><i>House version of S.3290.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Signed 02/03/2026 Public Law 119-75                                                                                                |                               |
| H.R.5342 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 | This bill provides FY2025 appropriations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the science agencies, and several related agencies. Within that includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).<br><i>House version of S.2354.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Signed 01/23/2026 Public Law 119-74                                                                                                |                               |
| H.R.5513 - Water Infrastructure Resiliency Act                                       | This bill seeks to expand eligibility for additional subsidization for various technological investments. Specifically, the amendment targets processes, materials, techniques, and technology—including asset management software and advanced construction systems—used to meet goals related to water-efficiency, energy-efficiency, and stormwater runoff mitigation.                                                                                                                                                 | 09/20/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                         |                               |
| H.R.5566 - Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act                    | The legislation would reauthorize the following three water infrastructure resilience programs for five years (Fiscal Year 2027-2031), at current authorization levels:<br><br>Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program<br>Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program<br>Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program<br><br><i>Companion bill to S.3590.</i>                                                     | 09/26/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b>    |



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| H.R.5610 - Improving Drought Monitoring Act                              | This bill would extend the Drought Monitor program through 2030, create an interagency working group to improve data consistency and reliability, and require coordination between the Farm Service Agency and Forest Service. The group must develop better data methods and report recommendations to Congress within a year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 09/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture                                                   |                               |
| H.R.5652 - Wildfire Recovery Act                                         | This bill would amend the Stafford Act to guarantee that the federal government covers at least 75% of eligible fire management assistance costs. It directs FEMA to establish, within three years, criteria for raising the federal cost share based on the financial burden to state and local governments. The bill also requires FEMA to update its policies to reimburse governments for the predeployment of firefighting assets in anticipation of wildfires.                                                                                                                                                 | 12/01/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management | <b>Rep. George Whitesides</b> |
| H.R.5661 - Water Preservation and Affordability Act                      | This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to promote "resource preservation techniques" such as water and energy efficiency and stormwater mitigation. It requires their use in funded projects and increases funding for wastewater efficiency and clean water resiliency programs through FY2031.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 12/01/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                  | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b>    |
| H.R.5730 - Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Grant Reauthorization Act | This bill would reauthorize federal funding for the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. The bill updates the program's authorization to provide \$350 million annually for fiscal years 2026 through 2031.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12/01/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                  |                               |
| H.R.5823 - Watershed Protection and Forest Recovery Act                  | This bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out emergency watershed protection measures on National Forest System (NFS) land by establishing the "Emergency Forest Watershed Program". These measures are defined as actions necessary for runoff retardation, soil-erosion prevention, and flood mitigation resulting from a natural disaster or natural occurrence that causes sudden impairment to natural resources on NFS land.                                                                                                                                                             | 12/02/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture                                        |                               |
| H.R.5833 - Clean Water Affordability Act                                 | This bill would update the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and clarify how states can provide additional financial assistance through their Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF). The bill raises the cap on how much of a state's annual federal capitalization grant can be used for subsidization—such as grants, negative-interest loans, or principal forgiveness—to the greater of 50% of that grant or the state's 10-year average of excess state contributions. It also requires states to use at least 20% of their federal grant for subsidization if there are eligible applications. | 10/25/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                  |                               |
| H.R.5834 - Critical Water Supplies for Resilient Communities Act         | This bill seeks to modernize and extend the federal program that funds alternative water source projects. The bill removes the "pilot program" designation and converts it into a full grant authority, while updating the definition of "critical water supply needs" to focus on publicly informed local, regional, or statewide water supply and drought-resilience planning. It also requires EPA to submit annual reports to Congress detailing funded projects and how they meet identified water supply challenges. Finally, the bill extends the program's authorization through 2031.                       | 10/25/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                  |                               |



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| H.R.5846 - Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program Reauthorization Act | This bill would reauthorize funding for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program. Specifically, the legislation amends the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to allocate \$65,000,000 annually for the program from fiscal years 2027 through 2036.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/29/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment      |                   |
| H.R.5868 - Water Cybersecurity Enhancement Act                                        | This bill seeks to address the growing threat of cyberattacks against public water systems. Specifically, the legislation seeks to provide grants under the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resilience Program to fund training programs and materials. These new provisions would support public water systems in protecting themselves from and effectively responding to cyberattacks, extending the program's authorization from 2026 through 2031. | 10/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce               |                   |
| H.R.6075 - Water Infrastructure Modernization Act                                     | This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modernize water infrastructure by defining "intelligent water infrastructure technology," including real-time monitoring, AI-driven optimization, predictive maintenance, and advanced digital design tools, and by reauthorizing the alternative water source pilot program while doubling authorized funding to \$50 million through 2028.                                                  | 11/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure |                   |
| H.R.6090 - FRESHER Act                                                                | This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, directing the Interior Secretary to study the environmental impacts of stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations, with findings due to Congress within one year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11/29/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment      | Rep. Brad Sherman |
| H.R.6094 - Fire Innovation Unit Act                                                   | This bill would establish a seven-year public-private wildfire technology pilot, led jointly by the Agriculture and Interior Departments, to test and deploy innovative prevention, detection, and mitigation technologies, with participating agencies and partners defined and annual reports to Congress required.<br><br><i>Companion bill of S.3190.</i>                                                                                                  | 12/02/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture            |                   |
| H.R.6116 - Safe Hydration is an American Right in Energy Development Act              | This bill would require testing and public reporting of underground drinking water sources before, during, and after hydraulic fracturing operations, prohibit injection without compliance, and direct EPA to maintain a public database, with an exemption where no drinking water source exists within one mile of a site.                                                                                                                                  | 11/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce               | Rep. Brad Sherman |
| H.R.6163 - Determination of NEPA Adequacy Streamlining Act                            | This bill would allow federal agencies to rely on prior environmental reviews for new projects deemed substantially the same, or to modify existing documents to meet NEPA requirements when they are not.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 11/19/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources                 |                   |



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| H.R.6204 - Large-Scale Water Recycling Reauthorization Act                    | <p>This bill would reauthorize the Large-Scale Water Recycling by an additional 5 years.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to S.3693.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11/20/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources                                                |  |
| H.R.6229 - Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Amendments of 2025 | <p>This bill would reauthorize the WIFIA program and update it to better support small and rural communities by defining "small community" as those with populations under 25,000 and requiring expanded outreach and technical assistance, including engineering and financial planning support. The bill authorizes the use of collaborative project delivery methods such as design-build and construction management at-risk, directs a study on their effectiveness, reauthorizes Corps of Engineers Water Infrastructure Financing funding of \$68 million for EPA and \$15 million for the Army Corps through FY 2029, and extends secured loan maturities to up to 55 years for projects with useful lives exceeding 35 years.</p> | 11/22/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                     |  |
| H.R.6279 - Urban Canal Modernization Act                                      | <p>This bill would amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work specifically for "urban canals of concern". An "urban canal of concern" is defined as a transferred works or segment that, if it were to fail, would result in an estimated at-risk population exceeding 100 individuals, and which the Secretary of the Interior determines to be an urban canal reach. The bill authorizes the Secretary or the transferred works operating entity to carry out necessary extraordinary operation and maintenance work on these canals.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.2753.</i></p>                                                                            | 11/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources                                                |  |
| H.R.6626 - PFAS Accountability Act                                            | <p>This bill would amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to establish a federal cause of action for individuals significantly exposed to PFAS, require medical monitoring at the expense of responsible manufacturers, and provide detailed provisions for claims, including presumptions of exposure for individual and class-action plaintiffs, while preserving state-law remedies.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to S.3460.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12/11/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary |  |
| H.R.6639 - Water Agency and Transparency Enhancement Review (WATER) Act       | <p>This bill would codify parts of Executive Order 14181 to streamline water resources and disaster-response efforts in California. Specifically, the bill would create interagency coordination at the federal level to address permitting obstacles for water projects, with a focus on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). It directs the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce to identify major surface and groundwater projects, assign compliance officials, and propose changes to regulations or procedures that "unduly burden" these projects by causing unnecessary delays, costs, or obstacles.</p>                                                                         | 12/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources                                                |  |
| H.R.6640 - Build Now Act                                                      | <p>This bill would streamline environmental reviews for Central Valley Project (CVP) enhancement projects by requiring completion within one year of permit submission. The bill defines "CVP enhancement project" and clarifies that "environmental review" includes NEPA and ESA Section 7 compliance. If the deadline is missed, the agency must either grant an extension with the applicant's consent or deny the permit</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources                                                |  |



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| H.R.6641 - Central Valley Water Solution Act                 | This bill would provide financial and technical support for over 20 water infrastructure projects in California's Central Valley, including groundwater banking, recharge basins, reverse osmosis plants, and canal subsidence correction. Most funding would be non-reimbursable and exempt from matching requirements, but projects must comply with environmental laws and coordinate with tribes and state agencies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resource             |  |
| H.R.6667 - PFAS Research and Development Reauthorization Act | This bill would reauthorize EPA's research and development authority on PFAS through 2030. The bill extends funding for projects measuring PFAS in air and water, studying human health impacts, and mitigating environmental contamination.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 02/02/2026 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment |  |
| H.R.6668 - Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act                | <p>This bill would require EPA to develop Clean Water Act water quality criteria for all measurable PFAS or PFAS classes within three years and establish effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) for eight priority industry categories. The bill mandates immediate PFAS monitoring for three additional industries—Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard; Airports; and Electrical and Electronic Components—with a determination on ELG standards by December 31, 2026. It also requires EPA to promulgate Method 1633 by January 31, 2026, authorizes \$1 billion from FY 2026–2030 to help publicly owned treatment works address PFAS contamination, and provides \$12 million annually over the same period to support EPA implementation.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of S.3457.</i></p> | 02/02/2026 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment |  |
| H.R.6669 - No Taxation on PFAS Remediation Act               | This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from federal income tax any reimbursements individuals receive for cleaning up PFAS contamination, particularly in communities without municipal water service. The bill also extends the statute of limitations for related credits or refunds and applies retroactively to reimbursements made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means               |  |
| H.R.6984 - Data Center Transparency Act                      | This bill would require data centers to report on their environmental impacts, including water use, recycling practices, and greenhouse gas and pollutant emissions. The EPA would provide quarterly updates, while the Energy Information Administration would track electricity consumption and effects on residential utility costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 01/08/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce          |  |
| H.R.6990 - PROTECT Act                                       | This bill would require the EPA to classify all PFAS chemicals as hazardous air pollutants within 180 days and, within one year, identify and regulate industrial sources of emissions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 01/08/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce          |  |
| H.R.7376 - Local Water Protection Act                        | This bill would reauthorize \$200 million annually for the voluntary grant fund to give local and state governments the flexibility to make conservation improvements aimed at decreasing water pollutants through partnerships within their communities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 03/20/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 487                  |  |

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| H.R.7461 - FEMA Accountability Act                            | This bill would increase transparency in disaster funding by requiring FEMA to submit monthly reports to Congress on the status of the Disaster Relief Fund. These reports must detail spending, unobligated balances, and delayed projects, follow standardized data formats, and be publicly posted online within ten days to improve oversight and accessibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 02/11/2026 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management                                                |                            |
| H.R.7543 - Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act                     | This bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency to establish regulations prohibiting the discharge of plastic pellets into waterways. The bill directs EPA to incorporate zero-discharge standards into federal and state wastewater and stormwater permits for manufacturers, processors, and transporters of pre-production plastics, aiming to prevent spills and runoff that contribute to microplastic pollution and protect water quality.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 02/13/2026 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                                                 |                            |
| H.R.7567 - Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026      | This is the 2026 iteration of the Farm Bill, which would reauthorize and modify Department of Agriculture programs through FY2031.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 05/19/2026 Received in the Senate                                                                                                                          |                            |
| H.R.7845 - DROUGHT Act                                        | This bill would increase flexibility under the WIFIA program by allowing certain high-priority projects—such as those in extreme drought areas, low-income communities, or of regional or national significance—to receive up to 90 percent federal financing, up from the current 80 percent cap. The bill also prioritizes these projects for funding while maintaining existing loan repayment terms, timelines, and interest rates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 03/05/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce                         |                            |
| H.R.7889 - Advancing Water Research and Collaboration Act     | This bill would reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act (WRRRA) from Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2029 and increase the appropriations authorization for the program from \$15 million to \$16 million per year. The Water Resources Research Act of 1984, established a network of Water Resources Research Institutes (WRRIs) in each state that work to address state & regional water challenges with federal funds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 07/15/2026 Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent                                                                                                     | <b>Rep. Julia Brownley</b> |
| H.R.8016 - Forever Chemical Regulation and Accountability Act | This bill would establish a comprehensive framework to assess, report on, and phase out non-essential uses of PFAS. The bill requires studies on health and environmental risks, mandates reporting and phase-out schedules for manufacturers, and directs EPA to eliminate releases of PFAS into the environment within 10 years. It also sets deadlines for removing PFAS from certain consumer products, creates regional response hubs for cleanup and alternatives, imposes fees to support oversight, strengthens legal accountability for contamination, and updates liability rules to ensure affected individuals can pursue claims.<br><br><i>Companion bill to S.4153.</i>                                                                | 03/20/2026 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                                                 |                            |
| H.R.8027 - Advanced Wastewater Treatment Assistance Act       | This bill would establish a five-year federal grant program to support water utilities in deploying advanced treatment technologies that remove contaminants such as PFAS and reduce harmful algal blooms. The bill authorizes \$1 billion over five years to cover up to 50 percent of project costs, directs at least 49 percent of funding to financially disadvantaged communities with waived cost-share requirements, limits administrative costs, and requires a national study on the effectiveness of these technologies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 03/20/2026 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment                                                                                 |                            |
| H.R.8308 - CERTAIN Act                                        | This bill would establish new federal permitting and environmental review procedures intended to accelerate infrastructure project approvals while increasing coordination and transparency across agencies. The bill sets enforceable timelines for permit application reviews, NEPA analyses, and agency decisions; creates mechanisms for coordinated multi-agency reviews led by a designated lead agency; and allows judicial review of missed deadlines and permitting actions. It also limits when agencies can suspend or revoke issued permits, establishes dispute-resolution and reporting responsibilities for the Council on Environmental Quality, and directs agencies to assess and expand staffing capacity for permitting reviews. | 04/15/2026 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce |                            |

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| H.R.8357 - 6PPD Task Force Act                                                                                         | <p>This bill would establish an interdisciplinary task force of government officials, tribal representatives, and industry experts to address environmental damage caused by 6PPD-Q, a toxic byproduct of a common tire preservative linked to coho salmon die-offs. The task force would accelerate research into safer chemical alternatives, create a public online data repository for mitigation strategies, and issue annual progress reports to protect aquatic ecosystems, public health, and national supply chains.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to S.4325</i></p>                                           | 04/16/2026 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources |  |
| H.R.8409 - Post-Disaster Protection Act                                                                                | <p>This bill would amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to extend the deadline for appealing disaster assistance determinations from 60 days to 90 days. The bill is intended to provide disaster survivors and other applicants additional time to challenge aid decisions and improve fairness in the recovery process.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 04/21/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure                                                                                                            |  |
| H.R.8439 - Commission on Natural Disaster Risk Management and Insurance Act                                            | <p>This bill would establish an independent, bipartisan commission to study how natural disasters affect the availability and affordability of insurance in the United States. Comprised of experts in areas such as insurance, engineering, and emergency management, the commission would evaluate financial risks from disasters, examine potential risk-sharing tools and resilience strategies, and provide Congress with recommendations to improve long-term economic and disaster resilience, particularly for vulnerable and high-risk communities.</p>                                                   | 04/22/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services                                                          |  |
| H.R.8495 - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2027                                          | <p>This bill provides FY2027 funding for the Department of the Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, the judiciary, the District of Columbia, and several independent agencies.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 04/24/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 540                                                                                                                                  |  |
| H.R.8632 - PFAS Cleanup Act                                                                                            | <p>This bill would address health and environmental costs of PFAS chemical pollution by imposing a 45% excise tax on manufacturers and importers of these substances. It also establishes a federal tax credit allowing public water systems to recover 25% of removal costs when contamination exceeds EPA safety standards, holding polluters financially accountable while funding efforts to restore clean drinking water nationwide.</p>                                                                                                                                                                      | 04/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means                                                                                                                               |  |
| H.R.8646 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027 | <p>This bill provides FY2026 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies, including the following that manage or assist in recovery of wildfire damage:</p> <p>U.S. Forest Service (USFS)<br/>Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 06/08/2026 Received in the Senate                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| H.R.8739 - Brownfields Revitalization for a Better Tomorrow Act                                                        | <p>This bill would amend federal environmental law to improve cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated sites by doubling maximum grant funding limits, expanding eligibility to include 501(c)(6) nonprofits, and allowing grant funds to cover demolition. It prioritizes former military installations, provides technical assistance and matching fund waivers for small and disadvantaged communities, and mandates Inspector General audits and public state inventories of brownfield projects. The EPA would also be directed to study loan programs and streamline federal permitting for site reuse.</p> | 05/14/2026 Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote                                                                                                                       |  |



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| H.R.8845 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027              | This bill provides FY2025 appropriations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the science agencies, and several related agencies. Within that includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 05/15/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 567                                                                       |  |
| H.R.8876 - Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention Act                                    | This bill would strengthen the federal response to aquatic invasive species by authorizing grants for research, control, and eradication technologies, supporting rapid response efforts, and requiring a national watercraft inspection and decontamination plan. The bill also establishes a monitoring program for high-risk waterways and expands coordination among federal, state, and tribal agencies to protect ecosystems and local economies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 07/14/2026 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries                                                        |  |
| H.R.9022 - Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027             | This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 05/22/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 581                                                                       |  |
| H.R.9171 - Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027 | This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and several related agencies including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 06/05/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 599                                                                       |  |
| H.R.9183 - Artificial Intelligence Environmental Impacts Act                                      | <p>This bill would establish a federal framework to assess and monitor the environmental effects of artificial intelligence and large-scale computing infrastructure. The bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency to study the impacts of data centers on energy use, water resources, pollution, and waste generation, while requiring the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop standardized measurement and reporting methods. It also creates reporting requirements for major computing facilities to disclose resource consumption and waste, with the goal of improving transparency and supporting sustainable growth of AI technologies.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to S.4727.</i></p> | 06/08/2026 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce |  |
| H.R.9231 - No Toxic Chemicals in Food Packaging Act                                               | <p>This bill would prohibit the use of certain chemicals—including PFAS, bisphenols, and ortho-phthalates—in food-contact materials by amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate safer alternatives with consideration for vulnerable populations and allows states and local governments to maintain or adopt stricter standards. The restrictions would take effect two years after enactment to provide time for industry transition.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to S.4724.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                     | 06/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce                                                               |  |



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| H.R.9243 - Wildfire Smoke Emergency Declaration Act                 | <p>This bill would authorize the President to declare a wildfire smoke emergency when severe smoke events significantly degrade air quality. Upon a declaration, states could access federal assistance through FEMA for resources such as air filtration equipment, air quality monitoring, and community smoke shelters. The bill also authorizes economic assistance for affected businesses and provides funding mechanisms to support federal response efforts, treating major wildfire smoke events as a distinct category of disaster requiring coordinated federal action.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to S.4732.</i></p> | 06/10/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and the Budget |  |
| H.R.9310 - Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2027 | <p>This bill provides FY2026 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including the relevant agencies and activities:</p> <p>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 06/12/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 605                                                                                      |  |
| H.R.9419 - Power and Water for Families Act                         | <p>This bill would establish federal standards requiring large-load customers, such as data centers, to pay for the utility upgrades needed to serve them, preventing infrastructure costs from being shifted to ratepayers. The bill also creates tax credits for companies that develop excess power generation benefiting the broader grid and invests in water recycling systems to reduce industrial reliance on local freshwater supplies. Together, these provisions aim to support AI-driven growth while protecting utility affordability, reliability, and public resources.</p>                                     | 06/24/2026 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce                                |  |
| H.R.9442 - Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act       | <p>This bill would halt the construction and expansion of large-scale AI data centers until the federal government establishes comprehensive safety and economic safeguards. To lift the moratorium, new laws must provide labor protections, environmental standards, and a pre-approval system for AI products. The bill also requires quarterly reporting on data center energy and water use and imposes export controls on AI hardware to countries without comparable regulatory standards.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to S.4214.</i></p>                                                                                  | 06/24/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs                               |  |
| H.R.9497 - Water Resources Development Act                          | <p>This bill is the biennial legislation that authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to study, construct, and modify water resources projects nationwide. WRDA supports flood risk reduction, navigation, ecosystem restoration, and coastal resilience while establishing federal water infrastructure policies and authorizing new projects and program reforms. The House version this year contains a section authorizing a USACE Office of Water Supply.</p> <p><i>House version of S.4949.</i></p>                                                                                                                  | 07/14/2026 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 66 - 0                                                                       |  |
| H.R.9534 - Wildfire Response Modernization Act                      | <p>This bill would require the Department of the Air Force to acquire commercial satellite data and related services to improve wildfire detection, monitoring, and response. The bill supports military readiness while enhancing coordination with federal, state, and tribal firefighting agencies through the Commercial Space Office, helping modernize the nation's wildfire management capabilities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 06/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services                                                                                   |  |
| H.R.9593 - Keep Food Containers Safe from PFAS Act                  | <p>This bill would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the distribution of food packaging containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals. The bill defines PFAS as a class of fluorinated organic chemicals and would ban these materials from interstate commerce to strengthen consumer safety. The prohibition would take effect on January 1, 2027.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 07/06/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce                                                                              |  |



| H.R.9594 - No PFAS in Cosmetics Act                            | This bill would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit intentionally added PFAS in cosmetics. The bill defines PFAS as fluorinated organic chemicals that serve a functional or technical purpose or are intentional breakdown products, and would classify cosmetics containing them as adulterated. The prohibition would take effect on January 1, 2027, providing manufacturers time to reformulate products.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 07/06/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce                                                                      |                                        |
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| H.R.9629 - Protecting Communities from Data Center Impacts Act | This bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the National Academies, to study the impacts of large-scale data centers on human health and the environment. The study would examine noise and air pollution, water use, and electronic waste, identify mitigation strategies, and require a report with findings and recommendations to Congress within six months of enactment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce                                                                      |                                        |
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| Legislation                                                    | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Last Action                                                                                                                            | JPA Delegation Cosponsors              |
| S.77 - The Early Participation in Regulations Act              | This bill would mandate that federal agencies provide an advance notice of proposed rule making for "major rules," which have significant economic or regulatory impact to encourage early public input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 01/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                                      |                                        |
| S.91 - Western Wildfire Support Act                            | The bill mandates the USDA and Department of the Interior to establish spatial fire management plans by FY2026. It creates Treasury accounts for wildfire funding, programs for training volunteer firefighters, grants for slip-on tank units, the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for invasive species management, and a related advisory board. The Department of Defense must reimburse wildfire suppression costs caused by its activities, and the Joint Fire Science Program will advance drone research for firefighting. It also requires disaster preparedness programs to include post-fire assistance and authorizes FEMA to fund state-operated websites for post-fire recovery resources. | 02/04/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably |                                        |
| S.132 - Filing Relief for Natural Disasters Act                | This bill would empower state and territory governors to extend federal tax filing deadlines during state-declared emergencies, providing relief without requiring federal disaster declarations. It also doubles the mandatory filing extension for federally-declared disasters from 60 to 120 days.<br><br><i>Companion bill of H.R. 517.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The text of S.132 is contained in the text of H.R.517, which became Public Law 119-29                                                  |                                        |
| S.133 - Fire Suppression and Response Funding Assurance Act    | This bill would help ensure that state and local fire suppression resources pre-deployed for wildfires qualify for FEMA's Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG). It also allows flexibility to increase the federal cost share above the current 75% limit during extreme events. While the bill doesn't require a higher federal cost share, it permits adjustments for consecutive fires or severe circumstances, providing greater support for wildfire response efforts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 01/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                                      | Sen. Alex Padilla,<br>Sen. Adam Schiff |
| S. 135 - Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act          | This bill seeks to prevent attrition and ensure workforce stability by making permanent pay increases for wildland firefighters, introducing a dedicated pay scale, and providing additional pay for fire deployments and prolonged incidents. It also directs agencies to align work-life balance policies and improve rest and recuperation measures to reduce burnout.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 01/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                                      | Sen. Alex Padilla,<br>Sen. Adam Schiff |



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| S.140 - Wildfire Prevention Act                                               | <p>This bill would streamline environmental processes for removing hazard trees near forest roads, trails, and power lines to reduce fire risks. It also directs land management agencies to use livestock grazing for vegetation management and establishes a pilot program to promote new technologies in wildfire prevention, detection, communication, and mitigation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 06/10/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably |                                            |
| S.154 - Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act                | <p>This bill would extend the System Conservation Pilot Program, which was created to test voluntary water conservation measures to manage severe drought in the Colorado River Basin. The legislation extends the current pilot program through 2026.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R. 231.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 06/23/2025 Held at the desk in House                                                                                                   |                                            |
| S.291 - Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act | <p>This bill would ensure that state contributions to conservation projects in the Lower Colorado River Basin are able to earn interest and grow before being allocated. It does this by establishing an interest-bearing account for state contributions to the LCR MSCP.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R. 831.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 02/04/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably                               | <b>Sen. Alex Padilla, Sen. Adam Schiff</b> |
| S.306 - Fire Ready Nation Act                                                 | <p>This bill would establish an official Fire Weather Services Program within NOAA to enhance wildfire response. It funds research and new technology to improve fire forecasts and creates a Fire Weather Testbed to develop advanced firefighting tools, including unmanned aircraft for data collection. The bill also facilitates data sharing across federal agencies to improve coordination and codifies the Incident Meteorologist Service, ensuring IMET forecasters continue supporting emergency responders while receiving fair compensation for extended deployments.</p>                                                                    | 09/11/2025 Held at the desk in House                                                                                                   | <b>Sen. Alex Padilla</b>                   |
| S.322 - Improving Atmospheric River Forecasts Act                             | <p>This bill would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a forecast improvement program within the National Weather Service.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.4302.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation                                           | <b>Sen. Alex Padilla</b>                   |
| S.350 - Wildfire Emergency Act                                                | <p>This bill would grant the U.S. Forest Service pilot authority to use private financing to expand up to 20 forest restoration projects. It funds workforce development for forest conservation and wildland firefighting and establishes a DOE energy resilience program to keep critical facilities operational during wildfires. The bill expands DOE weatherization grants, providing up to \$13,000 for low-income households to install wildfire-resistant upgrades. It also accelerates wildfire detection efforts, creates a prescribed fire-training center in the West, and authorizes \$50 million for community land stewardship grants.</p> | 07/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry                                                           | <b>Sen. Alex Padilla</b>                   |
| S. 352 - Disaster Assistance Fairness Act                                     | <p>This bill would require FEMA to clear debris from homeowners associations and condominiums when state or local governments deem it a threat to safety or economic recovery. It also clarifies that FEMA should provide financial assistance for repairing essential common elements like roofs, HVAC systems, stairwells, plumbing, and electricity.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R. 834.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 01/30/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                                      |                                            |



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| S. 453 - Wildfire Intelligence Collaboration and Coordination Act      | <p>This bill would create a national Wildfire Intelligence Center to improve the federal response to wildfires. The center, established through a collaboration between the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, and Department of the Interior, would streamline coordination and facilitate information sharing across federal and state agencies, tribal entities, academia, and the private sector.</p> | 02/06/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry                           | Sen. Alex Padilla                      |
| S.570 - Water Infrastructure Subcontractor and Taxpayer Protection Act | <p>This bill seeks to ensure that federal water infrastructure projects stay on schedule and protect local communities and workers. It requires primary contractors on federally funded water projects to hold a surety bond, ensuring that local sponsors and subcontractors are compensated if the contractor defaults before the project is completed.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R. 1285.</i></p>                  | 02/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                   |                                        |
| S.647 - Regional Leadership in Wildland Fire Research Act              | <p>This bill would create regional research centers at universities nationwide to advance wildfire mitigation and research. These centers would develop fire and vegetation models and technologies tailored to their regions. A National Center Coordination Board would oversee their work, while Regional Advisory Boards, including wildfire agencies and Tribal and state governments, would provide guidance.</p>   | 02/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation                          | Sen. Alex Padilla                      |
| S.857 - Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act                       | <p>This bill expands the tax exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include certain subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.1871.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                       | 03/05/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance                                                        | Sen. Alex Padilla,<br>Sen. Adam Schiff |
| S.861 - Disaster Assistance Simplification Act                         | <p>This bill would require the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish a universal application across federal agencies for disaster survivors who are seeking federal assistance to recover from hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and other natural disasters.</p>                                                                                                                                          | 12/17/2025 Held at the desk in House                                                                                  |                                        |
| S.902 - Wildfire Response and Preparedness Act                         | <p>This bill would create a 30-minute national standard response time to the extent practical to any wildland fire on federal land administered by the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.4038.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                         | 12/02/2025 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held |                                        |
| S.1092 - WIPPES Act                                                    | <p>This bill would require the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.2269.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 03/24/2026 Held at the desk in House                                                                                  | Sen. Alex Padilla                      |
| S.1118 - Water ISAC Threat Protection Act                              | <p>This bill would provide funding for clean water and wastewater utilities to become members of the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC). The WaterISAC is a critical source of information and best practices for water systems to protect against, mitigate, and respond to threats.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.2344</i></p>                                                                 | 03/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                   |                                        |



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| S.1462 - Fix Our Forests Act                 | <p>This bill aims to simplify and expedite environmental reviews for forest management projects in high-risk wildfire areas. It would also promote innovative technologies, modernize standards, and create a framework for research and development in wildfire and land management, while also providing financial assistance to communities and tribes. Additionally, the bill strengthens the Good Neighbor policy to include tribes, facilitating cooperative forest management among various agencies.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R. 471.</i></p>                        | 10/27/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 212      | <b>Sen. Alex Padilla</b>                       |
| S.1480 - American Infrastructure Bonds Act   | <p>This bill aims to assist state and local governments finance infrastructure projects. It proposes the creation of a taxable, direct-pay bond program, which would give governments more affordable borrowing options—especially important for rural communities facing high interest rates.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 04/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance                               |                                                |
| S.1481 - LOCAL Infrastructure Act            | <p>This bill seeks to help state and local governments save money by reinstating a financial tool known as advance refunding. This tool allows governments to refinance existing tax-exempt municipal bonds at lower interest rates when market conditions improve—similar to refinancing a mortgage. Advance refunding was previously a common way for governments to reduce borrowing costs and free up funds for local projects like schools, hospitals, and infrastructure. However, it was repealed in 2017. The bill would amend the tax code to restore this option.</p>   | 04/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance                               |                                                |
| S.1484 - FORECAST Act                        | <p>This bill would aim to strengthen the United States' ability to predict extreme weather events weeks to years in advance by enhancing NOAA's subseasonal-to-seasonal (S2S) forecasting capabilities. The bill appropriates \$28.5 million for FY 2026 and 2027, along with additional funds as needed, to improve data models, computing infrastructure, and collaboration with research institutions. It also establishes a workforce development program to train experts in advanced forecasting technologies like AI, machine learning, and high-performance computing</p> | 04/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation | <b>Sen. Alex Padilla</b>                       |
| S.1523 - Water Research Optimization Act     | <p>This bill would seek to modernize and streamline hydrological forecasting within the National Weather Service by placing all 13 River Forecast Centers under the oversight of the Office of Water Protection. The bill also formally designates the National Water Center (NWC)—located at the University of Alabama—as NOAA's lead hub for coordinating water-related operational research and activities across federal agencies.</p>                                                                                                                                        | 10/21/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 196      |                                                |
| S.1549 - Water Cybersecurity Enhancement Act | <p>This bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to expand the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resilience Program by providing grants for cybersecurity training and preparedness. Specifically, it allows funding for training programs, manuals, and guidance materials focused on protecting community water systems from and responding to cyberattacks. The bill extends program eligibility and funding authorization through fiscal years 2026 to 2031.</p>                                                                                                     | 05/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works          |                                                |
| S.1570 - Help Hoover Dam Act                 | <p>This bill would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to access approximately \$50 million in long-stranded, unused funds from the Colorado River Dam Fund for operations, maintenance, and improvements at the Hoover Dam. It also allows Reclamation to partner with hydropower contractors to carry out authorized activities such as upgrades, clean-up efforts, and maintenance.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R. 3158.</i></p>                                                                                                                                             | 05/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources          | <b>Sen. Alex Padilla,<br/>Sen. Adam Schiff</b> |

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| S. 1708 - Regulatory Accountability Act                                         | <p>This bill seeks to limit agency overreach by requiring new rules to be clearly tied to congressional authority, ending rulemaking via informal guidance, and strengthening transparency through public comment and data disclosure. It also reforms the Congressional Review Act and ensures courts independently review agency interpretations rather than deferring to them.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R. 3525.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 05/12/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs |  |
| S.1730 - Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2025 | <p>This bill proposes a range of measures aimed at improving water quality and infrastructure across the country. Key provisions include efforts to address contaminants such as lead and PFAS, expanded grant support for low-income communities to help prevent water service shutoffs, and the creation of a \$35 billion annual trust fund to support water and sewer system upgrades. The legislation also includes workforce development components intended to create jobs in the communities where projects are implemented.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R. 3376.</i></p>                                                                                                                                          | 05/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works               |  |
| S.1743 - Extreme Heat Economic Study Act                                        | <p>This bill directs the National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS) and its partner agencies to conduct and publish a comprehensive study within four years on the economic impacts of extreme heat events. The study must evaluate costs related to public health, insurance and workers' compensation, energy use, infrastructure damage, agricultural losses, labor productivity, and business interruptions. It also requires recommendations for developing a national tracking system for heat-related healthcare costs and labor impacts. The bill authorizes \$3.5 million to carry out the study and aims to inform future policies for mitigating the growing financial toll of extreme heat.</p> | 05/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation      |  |
| S.1760 - Restoring WIFIA Eligibility Act                                        | <p>This bill would seek to ensure that if a project's funding is repaid entirely through non-federal revenue sources and the recipient is not a federal agency, then the assistance will be classified as non-federal for budgeting purposes under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990. This change is intended to expand access to WIFIA loans and loan guarantees by preventing federal classification from limiting support for state, local, and other non-federal infrastructure projects.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.3035.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                              | 05/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget                                 |  |
| S. 1872 - Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act                 | <p>This bill would direct the Secretary of Commerce to study which high-demand critical infrastructure products are currently imported, assess the costs of domestic production, and evaluate the feasibility of manufacturing these goods in rural communities and industrial parks. The findings must be reported to Congress within 18 months of enactment.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R. 1721.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11/10/2025 Held at the desk in House                                                              |  |
| S.1963 - Emergency Disaster Relief Fund Act of 2025                             | <p>This bill would replenish the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) with \$25 billion in supplemental appropriations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 06/05/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs |  |
| S.2007 - Financing Lead Out of Water (FLOW) Act                                 | <p>This bill would simplify the tax process for public water systems to use tax-exempt bonds for replacing private lead service lines by exempting these projects from the "business use test." This change reduces delays and costs caused by the current requirement to verify business operations at each affected residence.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.3892.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 06/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance                                    |  |



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| S.2014 - Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act                                                             | <p>This bill would create the first formal federal definition of “special district.” The bill also directs the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to provide guidance to federal agencies to recognize special districts as local governments, ensuring they have access to appropriate federal financial assistance.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R. 2766.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 06/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                     |  |
| S.2033 - Cross-Boundary Wildfire Solutions Act                                                                       | <p>This bill seeks to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of wildfire mitigation efforts across different land ownerships by identifying gaps in existing federal policies and encouraging greater coordination among agencies and stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.3922</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 12/02/2025 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held |  |
| S.2039 - Wildfire Risk Evaluation Act                                                                                | <p>This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out a quadrennial fire review. The findings will be used to guide long-term strategies to improve wildfire preparedness, response, and coordination among federal agencies.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.3924</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 06/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                     |  |
| S.2247 - Disaster Assistance Improvement and Decentralization (AID) Act                                              | <p>This bill seeks to modernize federal disaster response by improving the Stafford Act and advancing reforms to make FEMA more efficient and locally responsive. It aims to cut red tape, allowing state and local governments—particularly small communities with limited capacity—to better tailor recovery efforts to local needs. The bill provides technical and financial support to help navigate the complex disaster assistance process and ensures more predictable federal funding. It also prevents future presidential administrations from pausing or cutting off aid during active recovery efforts.</p> | 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance                                                        |  |
| S.2256 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 | <p>This bill provides FY2026 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies.</p> <p><i>Senate version of H.R.4121.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Signed 11/12/2025 Public Law 119-37                                                                                   |  |
| S.2353 - Microplastics Safety Act                                                                                    | <p>This bill would direct the Food &amp; Drug Administration to submit a report to Congress on the human health impacts of exposure to microplastics in food and water, focusing on risks to children’s health, the endocrine system, and reproductive health, as well as associated risks related to cancer and chronic illnesses.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.4486.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 07/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions                         |  |
| S.2354 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026                                   | <p>This bill provides FY2025 appropriations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the science agencies, and several related agencies. Within that includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).</p> <p><i>Senate version of H.R. 5342.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Signed 01/23/2026 Public Law 119-74                                                                                   |  |

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| S.2374 - Climate Change Resiliency Fund for America Act                                         | This bill would authorize the Treasury Department to issue \$200 million to \$1 billion annually in tax-exempt "climate bonds." These bonds would be available for purchase by any American to support the fund. The Department of Commerce would administer the Climate Change Resiliency Fund, providing grants to finance infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening the nation's resilience against increasing extreme weather events.                                                                                                                                               | 07/22/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance                                                                         |  |
| S.2388 - Water Infrastructure Modernization Act                                                 | This bill seeks to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize and expand a pilot program for alternative water source projects. Key provisions include defining "intelligent water infrastructure technology" to encompass advanced systems for wastewater treatment, stormwater management, leak detection, and real-time monitoring. Furthermore, the proposed legislation increases authorized grant funding from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 annually until 2028 and outlines reporting requirements for the Administrator regarding project grants and improvements. | 07/23/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                                    |  |
| S.2421 - CLEAR Waters Act                                                                       | This bill aims to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act by explicitly defining and adding exclusions to the term "navigable waters." Specifically, it seeks to exclude waste treatment systems, ephemeral features that only flow due to precipitation, and groundwater from this classification. The bill empowers the Administrator and the Secretary of the Army to identify additional features for exclusion.                                                                                                                                                                   | 07/23/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                                    |  |
| S.2430 - Wildfire Insurance Coverage Study Act                                                  | This bill would require a federal study to better understand how increasing wildfire risks affect homeowners' and commercial property insurance coverage. The study would assess the scope of wildfire risks, the availability and cost of insurance, insurer refusals to renew policies based on location, state regulatory responses, and the need for a national wildfire risk map. The goal is to provide clearer data to address rising premiums, coverage losses, and improve protections for homeowners in wildfire-prone areas.                                                      | 07/24/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs                                             |  |
| S.2431 - Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 | This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and several related agencies including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service.<br><br><i>Senate version of H.R.4754.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Signed 01/23/2026 Public Law 119-74                                                                                                    |  |
| S.2437 - Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Reauthorization Act                              | This bill aims to amend the existing Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Authorization Act. The proposed changes focus on enhancing the program through the development and deployment of integrated snowpack measuring and modeling technologies, including imaging spectroscopy and machine learning. It also seeks to improve water supply forecasting for better water management decisions across multiple jurisdictions and reauthorizes funding for the program from fiscal years 2027 through 2031.                                                                                | 06/10/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably |  |
| S.2472 - Department of Defense PFAS Discharge Prevention Act                                    | This bill would mandate the Secretary of Defense to request modifications to stormwater discharge permits for military facilities. These modifications would require quarterly monitoring of PFAS discharges and the implementation of best management practices or control technologies to reduce these pollutants. Furthermore, the bill stipulates that at least one percent of funds allocated for PFAS remediation efforts must be used annually to support these monitoring and reduction activities.                                                                                  | 07/28/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services                                                                  |  |



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| S.2500 - Research for Healthy Soils Act                     | <p>This legislation would authorize the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make grants available to study the incidence and impacts of microplastics and PFAS in biosolids on farmland.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.3991.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 07/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry                                            |  |
| S.2583 - NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act               | <p>This bill would mandate the expansion and modernization of the NOAA Weather Radio network, ensuring its 24/7 operation, resilience to emergencies, and improved coverage, especially in underserved or high-risk areas. Additionally, the bill calls for the development of national standards for flash flood alert systems and proposes a reclassification of certain NOAA employee positions as protective services, along with a 10-year staffing plan to support critical forecasting and warning functions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 07/31/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation                                           |  |
| S.2701 - Headwaters Protection Act                          | <p>This bill seeks to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. It aims to protect and restore watershed health, water supply and quality, municipal and agricultural water supply systems, and water-related infrastructure, as well as forest health from insect infestation, disease, or wildfire. The bill expands the scope to include "adjacent land" (non-Federal land within the same watershed as National Forest System land).</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.605.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 09/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry                                            |  |
| S.2753 - Urban Canal Modernization Act                      | <p>This bill would amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work specifically for "urban canals of concern". An "urban canal of concern" is defined as a transferred works or segment that, if it were to fail, would result in an estimated at-risk population exceeding 100 individuals, and which the Secretary of the Interior determines to be an urban canal reach. The bill authorizes the Secretary or the transferred works operating entity to carry out necessary extraordinary operation and maintenance work on these canals.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.6279.</i></p>                                                                                                                                 | 06/10/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably |  |
| S.3140 - Flood Protection and Infrastructure Resilience Act | <p>This bill would update USDA conservation and watershed programs to strengthen flood protection and long-term watershed resilience. It allows the Emergency Watershed Protection Program to implement restoration measures that go beyond addressing immediate damage when doing so benefits the watershed's long-term health and reduces repeated impairments. The bill increases federal cost-share options for rehabilitating aging watershed infrastructure, including higher support—up to 90% of total costs—for projects in limited-resource areas. It also updates the Regional Conservation Partnership Program to explicitly include flood and drought mitigation, improved watershed-scale resilience, and broader conservation of soil, water, wildlife, and agricultural land.</p> | 11/06/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry                                            |  |
| S.3190 - Fire Innovation Unit Act                           | <p>This bill would establish a seven-year public-private wildfire technology pilot, led jointly by the Agriculture and Interior Departments, to test and deploy innovative prevention, detection, and mitigation technologies, with participating agencies and partners defined and annual reports to Congress required.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.6094.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                                      |  |
| S.3224 - SPEED Act                                          | <p>This bill would amend NEPA to streamline environmental reviews by clarifying its procedural role, limiting analysis to proximate and reasonably foreseeable impacts, and excluding speculative effects. The bill also imposes expedited judicial review timelines to reduce delays in permitting and economic development projects.</p> <p><i>Counterpart bill to H.R.4776.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11/19/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                                    |  |



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| S.3290 - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2026         | <p>This bill provides FY2026 funding for the Department of the Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, the judiciary, the District of Columbia, and several independent agencies.</p> <p><i>Senate version of H.R.5166.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Signed 02/03/2026 Public Law 119-75                                                         |                         |
| S.3293 - Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 | <p>This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies.</p> <p><i>Senate version of H.R.4553.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Signed 01/23/2026 Public Law 119-74                                                         |                         |
| S.3317 - Water Resources Technical Assistance Review Act                            | <p>This bill would require the Comptroller General of the United States to review all clean water-related technical assistance authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.3427.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works         | <b>Sen. Adam Schiff</b> |
| S.3353 - Relief for Farmers Hit with PFAS Act                                       | <p>This bill would provide state-level funding to support farmers affected by PFAS contamination. Authorized uses include financial assistance, PFAS testing for soil and water, health monitoring, equipment upgrades, alternative production or remediation strategies, educational programs, and research on remediation systems. The bill also establishes a USDA task force to identify additional eligible programs for PFAS-related assistance and provide technical support to states for coordinated responses.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry |                         |
| S.3457 - Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act                                         | <p>This bill would require EPA to develop Clean Water Act water quality criteria for all measurable PFAS or PFAS classes within three years and establish effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) for eight priority industry categories. The bill mandates immediate PFAS monitoring for three additional industries—Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard; Airports; and Electrical and Electronic Components—with a determination on ELG standards by December 31, 2026. It also requires EPA to promulgate Method 1633 by January 31, 2026, authorizes \$1 billion from FY 2026–2030 to help publicly owned treatment works address PFAS contamination, and provides \$12 million annually over the same period to support EPA implementation.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.6668.</i></p> | 12/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works         |                         |
| S.3460 - PFAS Accountability Act                                                    | <p>This bill would amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to establish a federal cause of action for individuals significantly exposed to PFAS, require medical monitoring at the expense of responsible manufacturers, and provide detailed provisions for claims, including presumptions of exposure for individual and class-action plaintiffs, while preserving state-law remedies.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.6626.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 12/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works         |                         |



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| S.3465 - UPGRADE Act                                            | <p>This bill would strengthen the Safe Drinking Water Act by providing sustained technical and financial support for small, rural, and economically disadvantaged water systems through FY 2031. The bill expands the Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program to include unincorporated communities, allowing them to work with states and local partners to address contaminated wells, failing septic systems, and other water access challenges. It also reauthorizes funding for qualified nonprofits to assist small systems in improving water quality, mitigating contaminants, and maintaining safe drinking water for vulnerable populations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | 12/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                                    |                   |
| S.3590 - Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act | <p>The legislation would reauthorize the following three water infrastructure resilience programs for five years (Fiscal Year 2027-2031), at current authorization levels:</p> <p>Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program<br/>Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program<br/>Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.5566</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 01/07/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                                    |                   |
| S.3609 - Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Act       | <p>This bill would establish a new FEMA-led grant program, in coordination with the Forest Service, to help states, tribes, and local governments strengthen wildfire preparedness and community resilience. The bill authorizes \$1 billion annually to support the development and implementation of Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Plans, funding activities such as early detection, evacuation planning, protection of vulnerable populations, home and infrastructure hardening, defensible space, and emergency communications. Grants would prioritize high-risk, low-income, and recently impacted communities, expand eligibility for structure hardening under existing programs, and require studies on insurance incentives, federal wildfire authorities, hazard mapping, and first-responder radio interoperability.</p> | 01/08/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                                      | Sen. Alex Padilla |
| S.3693 - Large-Scale Water Recycling Reauthorization Act        | <p>This bill would reauthorize the Large-Scale Water Recycling by an additional 5 years.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.6204.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 06/10/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably |                   |
| S.3709 - Streamlining Federal Grants Act of 2026                | <p>This bill seeks to modernize federal grant management by establishing a Grants Council and requiring agencies to designate senior officials to oversee grant policies and improve service delivery. The bill standardizes data practices, promotes plain-language funding notices, and aims to reduce administrative barriers, particularly for underserved applicants. It also requires agencies to develop publicly reviewed improvement plans and enhances oversight and reporting to improve the accessibility and effectiveness of federal grant programs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 01/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                                      |                   |
| S.3732 - Water Security and Drought Resilience Act              | <p>This bill would reauthorize and expand the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Small Storage Program, which supports projects that increase surface or groundwater storage between 200 and 30,000 acre-feet. The bill also establishes a new grant program for natural water retention and release projects—such as aquifer recharge, floodplain restoration, and runoff timing adjustments—that enhance water availability using nature-based approaches and existing storage systems.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 03/17/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power hearings held                                     | Sen. Alex Padilla |

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| S.3737 - GROW SMART Act                                                  | This bill would update federal drought policy by funding collaborative water-sharing projects among agricultural, municipal, and industrial users. The bill supports water-efficient approaches—such as water-thrifty crops and advanced technologies like agrovoltatics and hydroponics. Eligible participants, including irrigation districts, Tribes, and nonprofits, could receive up to 75 percent federal cost-sharing for long-term drought resilience projects, with funding authorized to help protect groundwater supplies and stabilize rural economies during severe water shortages.           | 03/17/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power hearings held              | Sen. Alex Padilla |
| S.3738 - MORE WATER Act                                                  | This bill would reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation's large-scale recycled water program, providing federal grants covering up to 25 percent of project costs. In addition to restoring funding authority, the bill streamlines the approval process by reauthorizing expired programmatic approvals and creating a new framework that allows projects to move forward without requiring separate congressional authorization for each one. The goal is to accelerate construction timelines, reduce costs, and expand water recycling capacity.                                                          | 03/17/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power hearings held              | Sen. Alex Padilla |
| S.3800 - ePermit Act                                                     | This bill aims to improve environmental reviews and authorizations through the use of interactive, digital, and cloud-based platforms. This is intended to enhance coordination among Federal, State, and local agencies and project sponsors, make community engagement more accessible, and increase transparency by establishing robust data architectures and modern software solutions. The bill seeks to achieve these goals by developing data standards, prototype tools, and a unified interagency data system, including a common authorization portal.<br><br><i>Companion bill to H.R.4503.</i> | 02/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                             | Sen. Alex Padilla |
| S.3854 - Advanced Weather Model Computing Development Act                | This bill would establish a partnership between the Department of Energy and NOAA to improve weather and climate forecasting through advanced computing technologies. The bill supports the creation of research centers at national laboratories, promotes collaboration on tools such as artificial intelligence and high-performance computing, and requires regular reporting to Congress to track progress in enhancing forecasting capabilities and workforce development.                                                                                                                            | 02/12/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation                    |                   |
| S.3895 - Fairness in Federal Disaster Declarations Act                   | This bill would revise how FEMA evaluates requests for disaster assistance by requiring standardized, weighted criteria for determining eligibility. The bill directs FEMA to consider localized impacts, community trauma, and economic conditions such as poverty levels and tax base, and applies these criteria retroactively to certain past denials. The goal is to create a more consistent and transparent process for distributing federal disaster aid.                                                                                                                                           | 02/24/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs               |                   |
| S.3923 - Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Reauthorization Act | This bill seeks to strengthen federal forecasting and emergency communication systems by improving atmospheric river prediction, wildfire weather forecasting, and drought monitoring. The bill directs NOAA to enhance coordination with agencies like FEMA, upgrade weather radio technology, and expand research and tools for hazard prediction, while also requiring NOAA and USGS to incorporate atmospheric river risks into landslide preparedness efforts.                                                                                                                                         | 03/04/2026 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably |                   |
| S.4022 - Disaster Recovery Improvement Act                               | This bill would establish an interagency task force to evaluate and improve federal disaster recovery programs. The task force—led by FEMA and including multiple federal agencies, as well as state and local officials—would identify gaps in existing programs, gather input from local leaders, and develop recommendations to streamline aid delivery and reduce delays, including during transitions between presidential administrations.                                                                                                                                                            | 03/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs               |                   |



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| S.4146 - Local Data for Better Conservation Act             | <p>This bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to incorporate relevant data collected by state agencies when making decisions to list or delist species under the Endangered Species Act. The goal is to ensure that federal determinations are based on the most complete and available scientific information.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 03/19/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works          |                                                |
| S.4153 - Forever Chemical Regulation and Accountability Act | <p>This bill would establish a comprehensive framework to assess, report on, and phase out non-essential uses of PFAS. The bill requires studies on health and environmental risks, mandates reporting and phase-out schedules for manufacturers, and directs EPA to eliminate releases of PFAS into the environment within 10 years. It also sets deadlines for removing PFAS from certain consumer products, creates regional response hubs for cleanup and alternatives, imposes fees to support oversight, strengthens legal accountability for contamination, and updates liability rules to ensure affected individuals can pursue claims.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.8016.</i></p> | 03/19/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works          |                                                |
| S.4213 - Data Center Water and Energy Transparency Act      | <p>This bill would require large data centers—those with at least 25 megawatts of capacity—to report annual electricity and water usage to federal or state agencies. The bill also mandates five-year projections and efficiency plans, enabling better assessment of impacts on utility systems, communities, and the environment. It includes enforcement mechanisms such as fees and penalties for noncompliance, with the goal of improving transparency and accountability in the data center industry.</p>                                                                                                                                                                              | 03/25/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources          |                                                |
| S.4214 - Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act | <p>This bill would halt the construction and expansion of large-scale AI data centers until the federal government establishes comprehensive safety and economic safeguards. To lift the moratorium, new laws must provide labor protections, environmental standards, and a pre-approval system for AI products. The bill also requires quarterly reporting on data center energy and water use and imposes export controls on AI hardware to countries without comparable regulatory standards.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.9442.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                | 03/25/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation |                                                |
| S.4325 - 6PPD Task Force Act                                | <p>This bill would establish an interdisciplinary task force of government officials, tribal representatives, and industry experts to address environmental damage caused by 6PPD-Q, a toxic byproduct of a common tire preservative linked to coho salmon die-offs. The task force would accelerate research into safer chemical alternatives, create a public online data repository for mitigation strategies, and issue annual progress reports to protect aquatic ecosystems, public health, and national supply chains.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.8357.</i></p>                                                                                                                    | 04/16/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works          |                                                |
| S.4506 - Advancing Water Reuse Act                          | <p>This bill seeks to establish a new investment credit, specifically the “qualifying water reuse project credit.” This proposed credit would equal 30 percent of the qualified investment for projects that install water recycling systems in industrial or manufacturing facilities, replace freshwater use with recycled water, or build municipal water recycling systems.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.2940.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 05/13/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance                               |                                                |
| S.4603 - Golden Mussel Eradication and Control Act          | <p>This bill would amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to specifically address the golden mussel, with a focus on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The bill authorizes \$15 million annually from FY26–FY30 to support research, demonstration programs, and competitive grants for prevention, monitoring, control, and eradication methods. It also requires the development of guidelines, early warning systems, and coordination among federal, state, and local entities to mitigate ecological and infrastructure impacts.</p> <p><i>Companion bill of H.R.3717</i></p>                                                                        | 05/20/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works          | <b>Sen. Adam Schiff,<br/>Sen. Alex Padilla</b> |

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| S.4724 - No Toxic Chemicals in Food Packaging Act               | <p>This bill would prohibit the use of certain chemicals—including PFAS, bisphenols, and ortho-phthalates—in food-contact materials by amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate safer alternatives with consideration for vulnerable populations and allows states and local governments to maintain or adopt stricter standards. The restrictions would take effect two years after enactment to provide time for industry transition.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.9231</i></p>                                                                                                                                                      | 06/09/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions                                                  |                                        |
| S.4727 - Artificial Intelligence Environmental Impacts Act      | <p>This bill would establish a federal framework to assess and monitor the environmental effects of artificial intelligence and large-scale computing infrastructure. The bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency to study the impacts of data centers on energy use, water resources, pollution, and waste generation, while requiring the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop standardized measurement and reporting methods. It also creates reporting requirements for major computing facilities to disclose resource consumption and waste, with the goal of improving transparency and supporting sustainable growth of AI technologies.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.9183.</i></p> | 06/09/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                                            |                                        |
| S.4728 - Combat Emerging Threats to Critical Infrastructure Act | <p>This bill would require the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and sector-specific federal agencies to update security strategies for the nation's critical infrastructure sectors. The bill focuses on addressing emerging risks from technologies such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, digital assets, and cyber-enabled social engineering, while strengthening coordination, information sharing, and risk management across sectors. It also requires regular reporting to Congress and biennial reviews to ensure infrastructure protection efforts keep pace with evolving threats.</p>                                                                                        | 06/10/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs                                              |                                        |
| S.4732 - Wildfire Smoke Emergency Declaration Act               | <p>This bill would authorize the President to declare a wildfire smoke emergency when severe smoke events significantly degrade air quality. Upon a declaration, states could access federal assistance through FEMA for resources such as air filtration equipment, air quality monitoring, and community smoke shelters. The bill also authorizes economic assistance for affected businesses and provides funding mechanisms to support federal response efforts, treating major wildfire smoke events as a distinct category of disaster requiring coordinated federal action.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.9243.</i></p>                                                                                             | 06/10/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and the Budget | Sen. Adam Schiff,<br>Sen. Alex Padilla |
| S.4757 - Federal Flood Risk Management Act                      | <p>This bill would require federal agencies to use climate-informed flood risk standards when planning and funding projects in flood-prone areas. The bill establishes updated elevation and floodplain requirements, mandates consideration of safer alternatives and public disclosure of flood risks, and promotes long-term resilience while providing limited exemptions for emergencies and national security.</p> <p><i>Companion bill to H.R.9291.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 06/11/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs                                                     |                                        |
| S.4812 - FIRE SMART Act                                         | <p>This bill would direct the Environmental Protection Agency to update regulations so state revolving funds can be used for water infrastructure projects that support both drinking water and wildfire suppression. The bill prioritizes funding for rural and high-risk communities, particularly those with wildfire protection plans or other risk-reduction measures, to strengthen water delivery systems and improve wildfire preparedness.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 06/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works                                                            | Sen. Alex Padilla,<br>Sen. Adam Schiff |



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| S.4844 - PFAS Alternatives Act                     | <p>This bill would authorize grants through the Department of Health and Human Services to support the research, development, and testing of PFAS-free firefighter protective equipment. The bill also funds training on the proper use, maintenance, and decontamination of the new gear, with the goal of reducing firefighters' exposure to harmful chemicals and lowering occupational health risks, including cancer.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 06/18/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions     | <b>Sen. Adam Schiff</b> |
| S.4949 - Water Resources Development Act           | <p>This bill is the biennial legislation that authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to study, construct, and modify water resources projects nationwide. WRDA supports flood risk reduction, navigation, ecosystem restoration, and coastal resilience while establishing federal water infrastructure policies and authorizing new projects and program reforms.</p> <p><i>Senate version of H.R. 9497.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 07/15/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 457           |                         |
| S.4962 - Securing America's Water Supply Act       | <p>This bill would establish an Office of Water Supply, Water Conservation, and Drought Resiliency within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve water resource management. The office would evaluate water infrastructure projects, reduce administrative backlogs, support drought mitigation and stormwater capture, optimize reservoir storage, and provide technical assistance to state and local partners. The bill also requires a report to Congress within two years on implementation progress and remaining challenges. Similar language was included in the House version of the Water Resources Development Act.</p>   | 07/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works               |                         |
| S.4970 - Wildfire Prevention and Recovery Act      | <p>This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Army to conduct periodic wildfire risk assessments for water infrastructure in Arizona. The bill focuses on protecting dams and reservoirs from wildfire-related damage, identifying mitigation strategies, and reducing risks to flood control, water supplies, and other critical infrastructure.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 07/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works               |                         |
| S.4971 - Western Water Infrastructure Fairness Act | <p>This bill would amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 to increase the federal cost share for certain rural water projects in the West. The bill would raise the federal share to 90% for projects serving economically disadvantaged communities, reducing local costs and improving access to critical water infrastructure.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 07/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources               |                         |
| S.5016 - Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act   | <p>This bill would replace the current formula for distributing Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grants with a needs-based formula that accounts for water infrastructure needs, state populations, and economic burden. The bill supports the FY2027–FY2030 CWSRF reauthorization at \$3.5 billion annually and the Drinking Water SRF (DWSRF) reauthorization at \$3.75 billion in FY2027, \$4.0 billion in FY2028, \$4.25 billion in FY2029, and \$4.5 billion in FY2030. It is intended to address decades of population growth in more than 30 states while maintaining safeguards to limit annual funding fluctuations.</p> | 07/16/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works               |                         |
| S.5018 - Disaster Relief Fairness Act              | <p>This bill would require the President to approve certain major disaster declaration requests submitted by governors or Tribal leaders between January 1, 2025, and January 20, 2029, if they meet specified damage thresholds or qualify for FEMA Individual Assistance. The bill also prohibits requests from being denied solely because of procedural deadlines, with the goal of speeding federal disaster assistance to affected communities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | 07/16/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs |                         |



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| To:   | Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA |
| From: | Syrus Devers             |
| Date: | Aug 10th, 2026           |
| Re:   | State Legislative Report |

### **Legislative Report**

The Legislature returns from its summer recess on August 3rd. This report will be brief since the Legislature has been out since the start of the 4th of July weekend. Upon return, the first order of business will be a mountain of bills awaiting a hearing in the fiscal committees of each house.

Senate Appropriations will meet the first day back where it will hear a list of bills that runs for 28 pages in the Daily File, and that will be followed by the Assembly on Wed., Aug 5th. All legislation has until August 14th to pass out of the fiscal committees.

Here are the outcomes that were not yet available in time for the previous report:

AB 2215 (Calderon–support): This bill extends the Department of Water Resources water permits for the SWP until 2085, but expressly excludes any benefit to the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP). As reported last month, the Chair asked for unacceptable amendments to the bill and the author made the rational decision to pull the bill from the hearing. Having failed to meet the policy committee deadline, this bill is now dead.

SB 1085 (Durazo–support): This bill would close a loophole in the requirement to prove up a water supply for a residential development over 500 units. This bill was assigned two policy hearings in the same week, which it passed with ease and now awaits assignment to a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations.

### **In other news.**

Discussions continue within the Association of California Water Agencies about SB 1153 (Caballero) on wildfire liability, but in an unusual turn of events the discussions are not about the language of the bill itself. Instead, the discussions concern required reports following a declared state of emergency in existing law. The reason for the concern is that SB 1153 would, if signed into law, amend these same sections, and it appears that few agencies were aware of the existing requirements.

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## Bill Matrix – Aug 2026

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**[AB 1383](#) (McKinnor, D) Public employees' retirement benefits.**

**Current Text:** 07/01/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/01/2026 - From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Calendar:** 08/03/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

**Location:** 06/24/2026 - Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** The Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) establishes the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) to provide a defined benefit to members of the system based on final compensation, credited service, and age at retirement, subject to certain variations. Existing law creates the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, which is continuously appropriated for purposes of PERS, including depositing employer and employee contributions. Under the California Constitution, assets of a public pension or retirement system are trust funds. The California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) establishes a variety of requirements and restrictions on public employers offering defined benefit pension plans. In this regard, PEPRA restricts the amount of compensation that may be applied for purposes of calculating a defined pension benefit for a new member, as defined, by restricting it to specified percentages of the contribution and benefit base under a specified federal law with respect to old age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits. Existing law, the Teachers' Retirement Law, establishes the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) and creates the Defined Benefit Program of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan, which provides a defined benefit to members of the program, based on final compensation, creditable service, and age at retirement, subject to certain variations. This bill, for service performed on and after January 1, 2027, would prohibit the pensionable compensation for calendar year 2027 used to calculate the defined benefit paid to a new member of a retirement system subject to PEPRA who retires from the system from exceeding specified percentages of the contribution and benefit base under the specified federal law with respect to old age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits. (Based on 07/01/2026 text)

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**[AB 1873](#) (Bennett, D) County of Ventura: fire suppression: backup energy source.**

**Current Text:** 05/27/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 06/17/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (June 16). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Calendar:** 08/03/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

**Location:** 06/16/2026 - Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** Existing law requires, by July 1, 2030, a water supplier, as defined, to have access to sufficient backup energy sources to operate critical fire suppression infrastructure, as defined, needed to supply water for at least 24 hours for the purpose of fire suppression in high or very high fire hazard severity zones in the County of Ventura, or to have access to alternative sources of water supplied by a different water supplier or agency that can serve this same purpose of supplying backup water to critical wells and water pumps for 24 hours, as provided. Existing law authorizes a water supplier that uses a

backup energy source that is not permanent and stationary to use mobile backup energy sources or procure an energy source via an established mutual aid agreement provided that the backup energy source can provide power within 12 hours of the National Weather Service alerting the County of Ventura of a red flag warning and provide power for at least 24 hours after a loss of power and within 60 minutes of a loss of power. Existing law requires, if any fire damages and makes uninhabitable more than 10 residential dwellings within the service area of a water supplier, a report be made by the Ventura County Fire Department in cooperation with the water supplier, as specified. This bill would authorize a water supplier to use a backup energy source that is not permanent or stationary, provided that the backup energy source can, among other things, provide power within 90 minutes of a loss of power, or as soon as practically possible after deenergization. The bill would require a water supplier that uses a backup energy source that is not permanent and stationary to notify the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services as soon as practically possible, but no later than 3 business days after a loss of power, if that backup energy source does not provide power within 90 minutes of a loss of power. (Based on 05/27/2026 text)

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**[AB 1893 \(Gallagher, R\)](#) Wildfire prevention: local assistance grant program: eligible activities.**

**Current Text:** 02/12/2026 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 05/14/2026 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/22/2026)

**Location:** 05/14/2026 - Assembly DEAD

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a local assistance grant program for fire prevention and home hardening education activities in California and extends eligibility for grants to specified entities, including local agencies. Existing law provides that eligible activities under the local assistance grant program include, among other things, technical assistance to local agencies to improve fire prevention and reduce fire hazards and projects to improve public safety, including, but not limited to, access to emergency equipment and improvements to public evacuation routes. Existing law makes funding for this program subject to an appropriation by the Legislature. This bill would expand eligible activities under the local assistance grant program to include projects undertaken by a local governmental entity involving the acquisition or installation of mobile rigid dip tanks or similar mobile and permanent infrastructure that is capable of providing helicopter-accessible water supplies for firefighting response or suppression purposes in very high fire and high fire hazard severity zones, as provided. (Based on 02/12/2026 text)

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| Support  | High     |

**[AB 2013 \(Bennett, D\)](#) High and very high fire risk areas: community water systems: preparedness and resiliency.**

**Current Text:** 04/06/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 04/23/2026 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT on 4/7/2026)

**Location:** 04/23/2026 - Assembly DEAD

**Summary:** Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. This bill would require a community water system that services more than 100 customers that are located in a high or very high fire risk area, as defined, to include an annex to its disaster preparedness plans, as provided, that includes information regarding system preparedness and resiliency during a wildfire. The bill would require the annex to contain several things, including, among others, an assessment that identifies the minimum number of and type of water

pumps that are necessary to maintain average daily capacity, including, but not limited to, the operation of fire hydrant systems at the rated capacity. (Based on 04/06/2026 text)

| Position              | Priority |
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| Oppose Unless Amended | High     |

**[AB 2180 \(Ward, D\)](#) Local government: Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act: proportional cost of service.**

**Current Text:** 05/22/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 06/11/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 06/11/2026 - Senate THIRD READING

**Summary:** The California Constitution specifies various requirements with respect to the levying of assessments and property-related fees and charges by a local agency. As part of those requirements, the California Constitution mandates that such fees or charges that are extended, imposed, or increased satisfy certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the amount of the fee or charge imposed upon any parcel or person as an incident of property ownership not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. Existing law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (act), prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements and, among other things, authorizes an agency providing water, wastewater, sewer, or refuse collection services to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation under certain circumstances. This bill would authorize a local government to demonstrate the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel by any method that reasonably allocates the ascertainable cost of providing service to all parcels, if substantiated as provided. The bill would, however, provide that for water or sewer service fee or charge impositions, a local government is not required to provide an exact measure of the cost of the service at each parcel and may instead impose uniform or tiered rates to parcel or customer classes that are defined based on common characteristics indicative of likely water or sewer use. (Based on 05/22/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Support  | High     |

**[AB 2215 \(Calderon, D\)](#) Water rights: permits: State Water Project.**

**Current Text:** 04/16/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/01/2026 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 6/10/2026)

**Location:** 07/01/2026 - Senate DEAD

**Summary:** The Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Resources Development System, commonly referred to as the State Water Project.

Existing law requires that construction work for a project that will put appropriated water to beneficial use be commenced, prosecuted with due diligence, and completed within the time period specified in the water right permit. Existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to extend the deadline specified in the permit to commence or complete construction work and to put appropriated water to beneficial use for good cause shown. This bill would require that the time periods for the application of water to beneficial use and for the completion of construction work for specific water right permits held by the Department of Water Resources for the operation of the State Water Project be December 31, 2046. (Based on 04/16/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Support  | High     |

**[AB 2529 \(Johnson, R\)](#) Civil claims: public entities and employees: declaration.**

**Current Text:** 04/09/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/01/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (June 30). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Calendar:** 08/03/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

**Location:** 07/01/2026 - Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** The Government Claims Act governs the tort liability and immunity of, and claims and actions against, public entities, officers, and employees. Existing law requires that a claim against a public entity or public employee be signed by the claimant or by some person on the claimant's behalf. This bill would require a claim against a public entity or public employee to include a declaration that, upon information and belief, the contents of the claim are true and correct. (Based on 04/09/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Support  | High     |

**[SB 872 \(McNerney, D\)](#) Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund.**

**Current Text:** 07/02/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/02/2026 - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 06/30/2026 - Assembly Appropriations

**Summary:** Existing law, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, declares that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) is a critically important natural resource for California and the nation and it serves as both the hub of the California water system and the most valuable estuary and wetland ecosystem on the west coast of North and South America. Existing law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources (department). Existing law requires the department and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine the principal options for the Delta and requires the department to evaluate and comparatively rate each option for its ability to do specified things, including, among others, to maintain Delta water quality for Delta users, and to preserve, protect, and improve Delta levees. Existing law establishes in the agency the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. Existing law requires the conservancy to act as a primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta and to support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents. Existing law provides for the preservation of specified management areas of the Suisun Marsh, pursuant to a protection plan prepared and adopted by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as provided. Existing law establishes the Delta Stewardship Council, and requires the council to develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive long-term management plan for the Delta, known as the Delta Plan, as provided. Existing law requires the department, upon appropriation, to reimburse an eligible local agency for costs incurred for the maintenance or improvement of specified levees, in an amount not to exceed 75% of costs incurred in excess of a set amount per mile, as provided. This bill would require the department to reimburse 100% of the excess costs if a local agency demonstrates economic hardship and the reimbursement is for a project that addresses a threat to life, property, water supply, or habitat. (Based on 07/02/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Support  | High     |

**[SB 1001 \(Archuleta, D\)](#) Local agency, public utility, or mutual water company: personnel access: Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable.**

**Current Text:** 04/21/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 05/14/2026 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/27/2026)

**Location:** 05/14/2026 - Senate DEAD

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes officers of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, police departments, marshal's office or sheriff's office, and officers or employees of the Department of Forestry

and Fire Protection or the Department of Fish and Wildlife designated as peace officers to close to all unauthorized persons an area where a menace to the public health or safety created by a calamity exists for the duration of the menace and the immediate area surrounding any emergency field command post or any other command post activated for the purpose of abating a calamity, riot, or other civil disturbance, as specified. Under existing law, an unauthorized person who enters or remains in a closed area, as prescribed, is guilty of a misdemeanor. This bill would, beginning on July 1, 2028, require the Office of Emergency Services, upon request, to issue a local agency, public utility, or mutual water company responsible for public works and critical infrastructure with specified credentialing to facilitate personnel access to an area during or following a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other man-made disaster. The bill would specify that the credentialing, a Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable (PIV-I), would conform with the federal Personal Identity Verification standards pursuant to federal National Incident Management System guidelines. (Based on 04/21/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Support  | High     |

**SB 1085 (Durazo, D) Water supply planning: housing developments.**

**Current Text:** 06/17/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/02/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (July 1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 07/02/2026 - Assembly Appropriations

**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to be responsible for determining whether a project is exempt from CEQA and whether an environmental impact report, a negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is required. Existing law requires a city or county that determines a certain type of project is subject to the requirements of CEQA to identify any public water system that may supply water for the project and to request those public water systems to prepare a specified water supply assessment, as provided. This bill, among other things, would instead require a city or county, upon receipt of a preliminary application for a housing development project that meets certain conditions, or upon a development application for certain projects being determined as complete or deemed complete, to make that identification of public water systems. The bill would require a city or county, within 15 days of receiving an application that meets either of the above-mentioned criteria, to request each identified public water system to determine whether the projected water demand associated with the proposed project was included in the most recently adopted urban water management plan. (Based on 06/17/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Support  | High     |

**SB 1153 (Caballero, D) Disaster preparedness: urban retail water suppliers and public water systems: wildfire.**

**Current Text:** 06/22/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/01/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (June 30). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 06/30/2026 - Assembly Appropriations

**Summary:** The California Emergency Services Act requires all public water systems, as defined, with 10,000 or more service connections to review and revise their disaster preparedness plans in conjunction with related agencies, including, but not limited to, local fire departments and the Office of Emergency Services, to ensure that the plans are sufficient to address possible disaster scenarios. A person, as defined, who violates the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor. This bill, beginning January 1, 2028, would require all urban retail water suppliers, as defined, serving a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to include incident-specific response procedures for wildfires as part of their disaster preparedness plans, including any applicable emergency response plan as required by federal law. The

bill would require these plans to include, among other things, mitigation actions, including actions, procedures, and equipment, that can obviate or significantly lessen the impact of a wildfire on the water system and the supply of drinking water provided by the water supplier. (Based on 06/22/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Support  | High     |
| Low      |          |

**[AB 1894 \(Rubio, Blanca, D\)](#) Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels: imported water.**

**Current Text:** 05/28/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 06/23/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 06/23/2026 - Senate THIRD READING

**Summary:** Existing law, until January 1, 2030, generally prohibits a person from possessing, importing, shipping, or transporting in the state, or from placing, planting, or causing to be placed or planted in any water within the state, invasive mussels, and authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife, or the director's designee, to engage in various enforcement activities with regard to invasive mussels. Existing law, until January 1, 2030, requires a public or private agency that operates a water supply system to cooperate with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement measures to avoid infestation by invasive mussels and to control or eradicate any infestation that occurs in a water supply system. Existing law requires any person, or federal, state, or local agency, district, or authority that owns or manages a reservoir, where specified activities are permitted, except as specified, to develop and implement a program designed to prevent the introduction of invasive mussel species, as provided. Existing law requires any entity that discovers invasive mussels within the state to immediately report the discovery to the department. This bill would prohibit a public agency from prohibiting imported water deliveries for groundwater replenishment, as defined, due to invasive mussels if the importation complies with a specified invasive mussel control plan and unless there is substantial, documented evidence of a proven health and safety risk as a result of the invasive mussels. (Based on 05/28/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Watch    | Low      |

**[AB 1895 \(Hadwick, R\)](#) Surplus Land Act: exemptions: land unsuitable for housing.**

**Current Text:** 02/12/2026 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 04/23/2026 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/2/2026)

**Location:** 04/23/2026 - Assembly DEAD

**Summary:** Current law requires land to be declared either surplus land or exempt surplus land, as supported by written findings, before a local agency may take any action to dispose of it consistent with an agency's policies or procedures. Current law establishes procedures for the disposal of surplus land. These procedures do not apply to the disposal of exempt surplus land. Current law establishes various categories of exempt surplus land, including surplus land that is a former street, right-of-way, or easement, and is conveyed to an owner of an adjacent property. This bill would broaden the definition of exempt surplus land to include land that is unsuitable for housing development due to the presence of one or more specified characteristics, including land with slope instability that increases risk of mudslides, landslides, subsidence, liquefaction, and other seismic hazards. (Based on 02/12/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Watch    | Low      |

**[AB 2322 \(Papan, D\)](#) Water discharge: commercial, industrial, or institutional sites.**

**Current Text:** 04/06/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/02/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (July 1).  
Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Calendar:** 08/03/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES,  
SABRINA, Chair

**Location:** 07/02/2026 - Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** The State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge of stormwater by municipalities and industries in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program, established by the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Under existing law, the state board and the 9 regional water quality control boards issue permits for the discharge of stormwater from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). For purposes of issuing permits for the discharge of stormwater from MS4s, this bill define "commercial, industrial, or institutional site" or "CII site" as a privately owned parcel or contiguous parcels of land that are commercial, industrial, or institutional based on the appropriate county tax assessor land use codes, as specified. (Based on 04/06/2026 text)

| Position  | Priority |
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| SPOT BILL | Low      |

**[AB 2568 \(Johnson, R\)](#) Water district directors: compensation.**

**Current Text:** 04/27/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 06/18/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 06/18/2026 - Senate THIRD READING

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes a water district, as defined, to adopt an ordinance that provides compensation to members of the governing board, as specified. Existing law prohibits a water district from adopting an ordinance that compensates members of the governing board for more than a total of 10 days in any calendar month. This bill would, until January 1, 2032, authorize a water district that has at least 90,000 residents within its jurisdiction to adopt an ordinance that compensates members of the governing board for up to a total of 15 days in any calendar month, but would require the members of the governing board of a water district that compensates its members for more than 10 days in a calendar month to annually adopt a written policy describing, based on a finding supported by substantial evidence, why providing compensation for more than 10 days per calendar month is necessary for the effective operation of the water district. (Based on 04/27/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Watch    | Low      |

**[AB 2728 \(Soria, D\)](#) Groundwater: de minimis extractors: fees: exemption.**

**Current Text:** 06/11/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/02/2026 - Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.

**Location:** 07/02/2026 - Senate CONSENT CALENDAR

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes a groundwater sustainability agency to impose fees, including, but not limited to, permit fees and fees on groundwater extraction or other regulated activity, to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, and investigations, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration, as provided. Existing law prohibits a groundwater sustainability agency from imposing those fees on a de minimis extractor, as defined, unless the agency has regulated the user, as provided. This bill would authorize a local government, including, but not limited to, a groundwater sustainability agency, that imposes a fee, levy, charge, or exaction for groundwater monitoring or management, upon making specified findings, to exempt de minimis extractors, including the above-described regulated users, from the payment of the fee, levy, charge, or exaction, as provided. (Based on 06/11/2026 text)

| Position  | Priority |
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| SPOT BILL | Low      |

**SB 1313 (McNerney, D) Drinking water: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.**

**Current Text:** 04/27/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 05/14/2026 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/11/2026)

**Location:** 05/14/2026 - Senate DEAD

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board for the provision of grants and revolving fund loans to provide for the design and construction of projects for public water systems that will enable suppliers to meet safe drinking water standards. Existing law provides that moneys in the fund and its special accounts may be expended for additional purposes provided in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. This bill would provide that moneys in the fund and its special accounts may be considered eligible and expended for projects that address perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water. By expanding the purposes for which a continuously appropriated fund may be expended, the bill would make an appropriation. (Based on 04/27/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Watch    | Low      |

**SB 1417 (Pérez, D) Mutual water companies: assessments and water charges: notice.**

**Current Text:** 06/29/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 07/02/2026 - Withdrawn from committee pursuant to Assembly Rule 96. Ordered to second reading.

**Location:** 07/02/2026 - Assembly SECOND READING

**Summary:** Would prohibit a mutual water company from charging, issuing a bill, or otherwise seeking to hold tenants of shareholders responsible for the costs of water or its delivery, except for specified tenants, and would require all notices of charges for water to be sent to the last known address of the shareholder or tenant, as applicable, or by electronic mail if the shareholder or tenant, as applicable, has provided and verified the use of an electronic mail address to the company within the last year. (Based on 06/29/2026 text)

| Position | Priority |
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| Watch    | Low      |

Total Measures: 18

Total Tracking Forms: 18

**DATE:** August 10, 2026

**TO:** JPA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Engineering and Facilities

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**SUBJECT: Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update**

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**SUMMARY:**

On August 1, 2016, the JPA Board selected Scenario No. 4, use of Las Virgenes Reservoir for indirect potable reuse, as the preferred alternative for the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Basis of Design Report. The selected alternative was subsequently renamed the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (PWP). Staff was also directed to report back to the Board on the next steps for implementation of the project.

Staff released a request for proposals (RFP) for Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services for the (PWP) on May 8, 2020. The selection of an Owner's Advisor/Program Manager to support the effort was an important next step to begin implementation of the Pure Water Program. Utilization of an Owner's Advisor/Program Manager is consistent with the approach taken by other public agencies pursuing potable reuse projects of similar scope and complexity. Among the critical elements of the proposed scope were completion of the preliminary design and environmental documentation, procurement of a progressive design-build (PDB) firm, and regulatory support.

On September 8, 2020, the JPA Board accepted a proposal from Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and authorized the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a professional services agreement for Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services for the PWP.

On March 4, 2024, the JPA authorized Amendment No. 2 for Jacobs to provide Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services, which defined the next phase of their support for the program during the 60 percent design of the Advanced Water Purification Facility. Additionally, on December 8, 2025, the JPA authorized the award of a progressive design-build contract, in the amount of \$303,733,342, for the Phase 2 final design and construction of an Advanced Water Purification Facility and Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Pipeline for the project, together with a JPA-controlled allowance reserve, in the amount of \$12,720,542

These important steps bring the PWP program into the construction phase of work following a groundbreaking event on April 10, 2026.

This report serves to provide a summary of the progress to-date on the work performed, including major monthly milestones, key program accomplishments, key considerations and a look-ahead of upcoming activities.

**GOALS:**

Lead in Sanitation and Recycled Water Services Focusing on Maximum Reuse

Prepared by: Oliver Slosser, PE, Engineering Program Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Pure Water Project Dashboard 8.10.26 JPA.pdf](#)

To: Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA Board of Directors  
From: Oliver Slosser, Las Virgenes Municipal Water  
District Date: August 3, 2026  
Re: Pure Water Project JPA Board Monthly Update

## Pure Water Project Overview

The Pure Water Project (PWP) is an opportunity to proactively address three major challenges facing the Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA:

- Comply with more stringent regulatory requirements for discharging to Malibu Creek,
- Balance seasonal variation of recycled water demand, and
- Create a valuable resource to supplement the region's water supplies, enabled by California's reservoir water augmentation requirements.

By 2030, the plan is to have an operational advanced water purification facility (AWPF) to treat tertiary effluent from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility for indirect potable reuse, and convey the product water to the Las Virgenes Reservoir, where it will be blended with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) supply.

## Monthly Major Milestones

The PWP achieved the following in July:

### **Phase 2 – AWPF and ROC Pipeline**

- Met with the City of Westlake Village and local business representatives to continue development of traffic control through the City during ROC installation.
  - Coordinated with City of Westlake Village to allow a single lane of traffic throughout construction, avoiding the need to have a full closure of westbound lanes for 6 weeks.
  - Presented updated alignment and construction strategy to Westlake Village on July 22.
  - Scheduled to begin Reach 2b and the waterline relocation in late August.
- Pipeline construction began on ROC Pipeline on Hillcrest Rd. in Thousand Oaks.
- JPA Board visited the AWPF site in two sessions and observed construction of the soil nail wall.
- Mass excavation at the AWPF site continued. Haul away of material has been substantially completed and new material will be brought in to balance the site.

- Soil nail walls are progressing on schedule; multiple lifts have been completed.
- Construction management staff conducted ongoing inspection of the site and construction progress. Supported confirmation of pay apps and schedule management.
- Processed allowance draw request for:
  - AOR-005 – Upsize of ROC to 14” past Amgen. Board has already authorized.
- Coordination with Calleguas, City of Thousand Oaks, and private parties regarding upsizing the ROC line to allow for future connections by industrial users in Thousand Oaks.
- Continued planning for ongoing encroachment permits, easement modifications, and road restriping with the City of Agoura Hills.
- Finalized draft contract with TreePeople for the Sweetwater Canyon mitigation site, including development of agreement
- Finalized interior finishes for the AWPf.
- Discussion with Jacobs on Phase 3 contract amendment for remainder of PWP construction, through December 2028. .

### **Phase 1 – Ancillary Pipelines**

- Negotiation of change order with Walsh for additional permitting support and development of 100% design during Guaranteed Maximum Price negotiations. Expected to execute amendment by August 11.
- Utility research along the ancillary pipeline alignments.
- Worked with staff to identify portions of the ancillary pipelines in Agoura Rd. and Lindero Canyon Rd. intersection that will be completed with waterline relocation.
- Progressed 60% design which will form the basis for Guaranteed Maximum Price negotiations.
- Developed RFP for construction management support for pipeline work and released RFP.

### **Funding and Financing**

- Drafted new application for BOR Title XVI grant.
- Finalized WIFIA agreement.
- Finalized State Revolving Fund loan and water recycling grant agreements.
- Met with Bureau of Reclamation staff about pending BABA waiver, federal environmental signoff, and financial capability analysis. Executed extension of

current agreement

- Local Resources Program agreement with Metropolitan Water District continues to go through internal approval at Metropolitan.

### **Construction Photos**



Soil Nail Wall Construction



AWPF Owner's Trailer, Walsh Trailer, and Warehouse



Mass Grading of AWPF site

## Look Ahead

The PWP is focused on the following activities for August 2026:

- Begin construction on Reach 1B and the waterline relocation at Lindero Canyon Rd and Agoura Rd.
- The PWP and the Walsh team will continue to coordinate with other agencies on the project, including City of Agoura Hills, City of Thousand Oaks, City of Westlake Village, and Calleguas MWD.
- Import of soils to site and continued construction of soil nail wall.
- Prepare for Guaranteed Maximum Price negotiation for GMP 3, Ancillary Pipelines.
- Process change order for 100% design of ancillary pipelines and allowance draw for ROC upsize.
- Completion of application for new round of Bureau of Reclamation funding for the Title XVI program, for submission in August.

**DATE:** August 10, 2026  
**TO:** JPA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** General Manager

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**SUBJECT: Heal the Bay's "Bring Back the Beach" Event: Attendance**

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**SUMMARY:**

Each year, the environmental group Heal the Bay holds its "Bring Back the Beach" event in Santa Monica as one of its key fundraising activities. This year the event will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the Jonathan Club in Santa Monica. Over the years, JPA Directors have attended the event to build relationships, not only with Heal the Bay, but also with other environmental group representatives attending the function. Previously, the JPA reserved a 10-seat table, but when the costs rose from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and currently at \$10,000, it was decided to only send the Chairs of each Board, or their designees. Individual seats for the event are \$750.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Authorize one Board Member from each agency and the Administering Agent/General Manager to attend the Heal the Bay "Bring Back the Beach" event at a cost of \$750 per person.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Yes

**ITEM BUDGETED:**

Yes

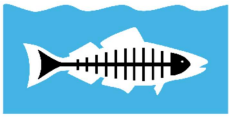
**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Sufficient funds for the event are available in the adopted Fiscal Year 2026-27 JPA Budget.

Prepared by: Nancy Lawrence, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

**ATTACHMENTS:**

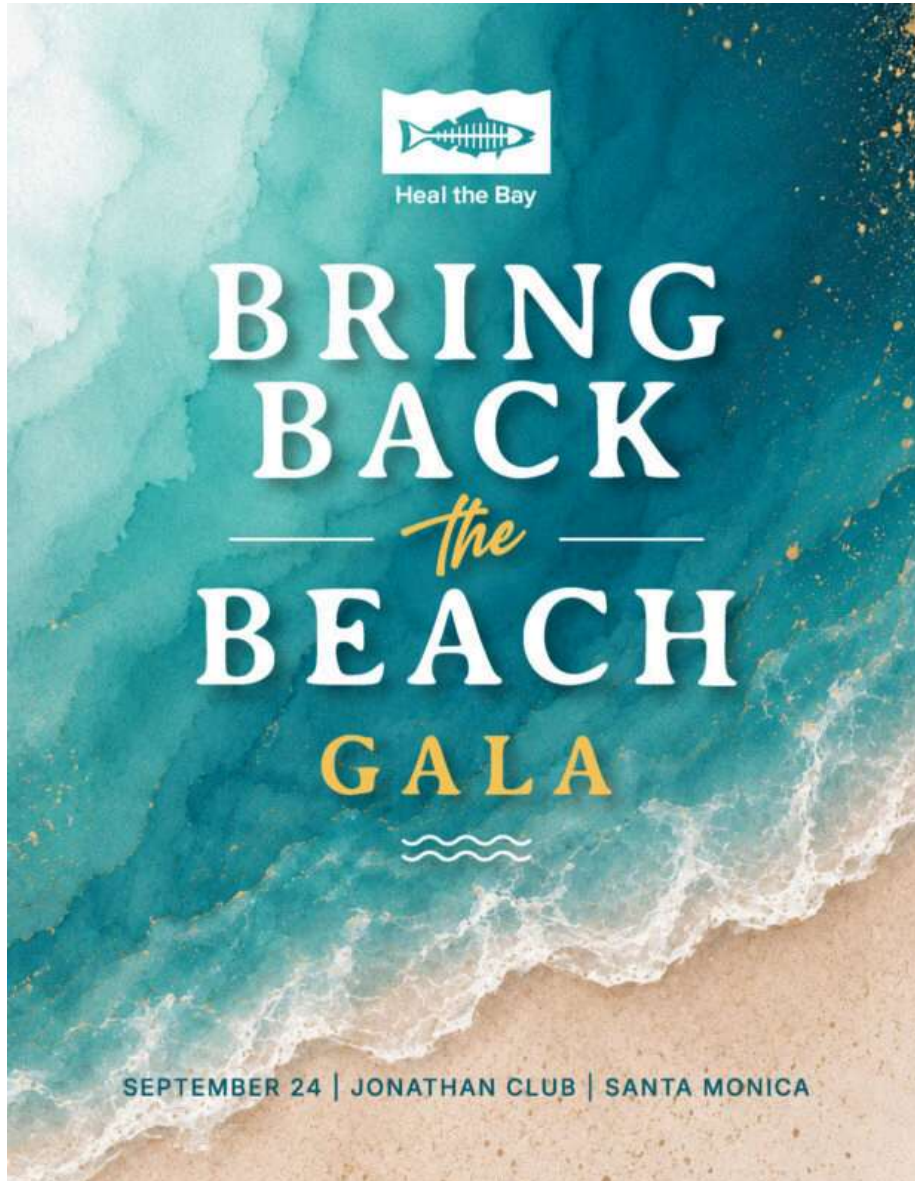
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## 2026 Bring Back the Beach Gala

September 24 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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## Every Beach Deserves to Come Back.

A few years ago, the beach at the Santa Monica Pier reappeared on our annual Beach Report Card as the most polluted in the state. At Heal the Bay, we believe a day at the beach should not make anyone sick, that's why we're on a mission to clean up our home beach and we're celebrating that

mission right here on the sand.

Millions of people visit the Santa Monica Pier and its beach every year. Most visitors don't know they are swimming at the most bacteria-impacted beach in California.

Heal the Bay has been grading this beach, and nearly every beach in California, for decades. Beyond just tracking the problems, we are leading the scientific work to solve them.

Our scientists have been out in the water collecting data to find the source of bacteria so we can stop it. Together with the City of Santa Monica, we're leading the Santa Monica Pier Task Force: a first-of-its-kind collaborative bringing together government agencies, scientists, businesses, and community members to advance real, lasting solutions at this beach and creating a model to spread far beyond this one beach.

The Bring Back the Beach Gala is a celebration of our mission and our commitment to see it through.

## Join Us as a Sponsor!

The Bring Back the Beach Gala brings together 750+ community leaders, scientists, advocates, and changemakers for an evening worthy of the mission. Expect a curated dinner, creative cocktails, live and silent auctions, mission experiences, and meaningful connection with the Pacific Ocean as your backdrop at the historic Jonathan Club in Santa Monica.

### Experience Highlights:

- Exclusive Sponsor Reception, including early access for our sponsors
- Live & Silent Auctions featuring curated experiences and items
- Mission experiences and activations celebrating Heal the Bay's science and impact
- Step-and-repeat and table branding for premier sponsors
- Unique brand activation and partnership opportunities throughout the event
- Tribute Book with sponsor recognition
- 750+ community leaders, advocates, and business changemakers

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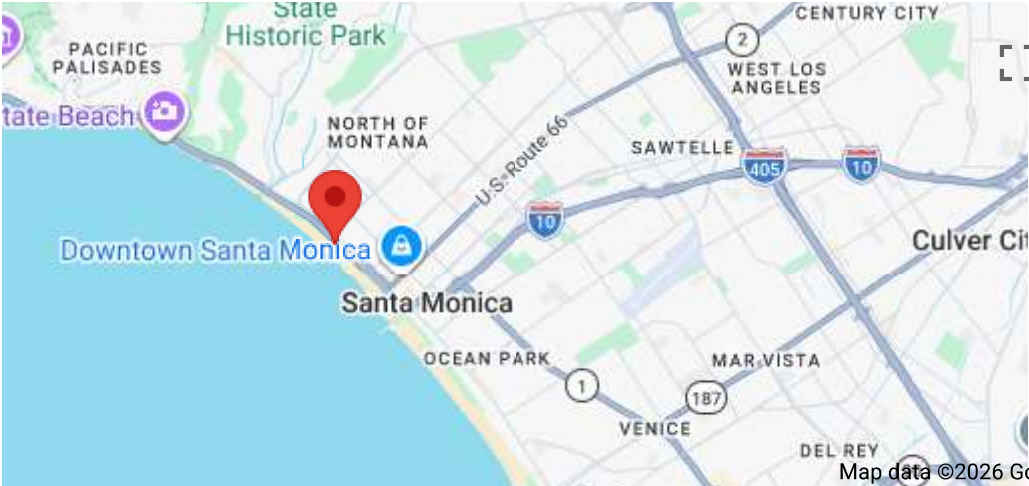
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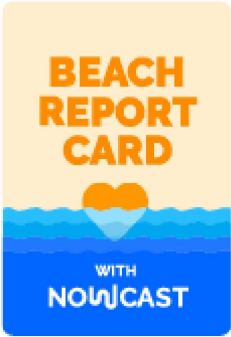
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**DATE:** August 10, 2026  
**TO:** JPA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Engineering and External Affairs

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**SUBJECT: Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Grant Application for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Funding**

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**SUMMARY:**

Established in 1902, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is a contemporary water management agency providing initiatives and activities that serve to help the Western States, Native American Tribes, and others meet new water needs and balance the multitude of competing uses of water in the West. The BOR's mission is to assist in meeting the increasing water demands of the West, while protecting the environment and the public's investment in infrastructure that serves this purpose.

Staff proposes to submit an application for additional funding from the BOR WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects Grant Program. The project has previously been awarded roughly \$26 million in previous funding rounds from this program. The grant would cover up to 25 percent of eligible construction expenses. If successful, the JPA could receive up to \$14.0 million in additional grant funding. Proposed Resolution No. 41 is needed to submit the grant application by the first-round deadline.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Pass, approve, and adopt proposed Resolution No. 41, authorizing the submittal of a grant funding application and execution of a grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE FUNDS, ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AND ADMINISTER A GRANT FOR THE WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS GRANT**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 41 on file in the JPA's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Yes

**ITEM BUDGETED:**

Yes

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The cost for preparing the grant application is estimated to be approximately \$25,000, which is included as part of the scope of work for the existing, Board-approved agreement with Jacobs Engineering for Owner's Advisor/Program Manager (OA/PM) Phase 2 services for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. The JPA is eligible to receive up to \$14.0 million in additional grant funding from the BOR.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD), collectively as part of the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA), currently rely entirely on imported drinking water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). The JPA is pursuing the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (Pure Water Project) that will diversify the drinking water supply portfolio for the JPA's members by initially creating at least 2,100 acre-feet per year of new, local drinking water supply that is sustainable, reliable and drought-proof. The project involves further treating recycled water through advanced water treatment processes for replenishment of Las Virgenes Reservoir, which is critical for local supply reliability and emergency potable water supply within the region during a catastrophic emergency.

Through collaboration and partnerships with cities and unincorporated areas within the region, the JPA is also exploring additional alternate sources, such as impaired groundwater and urban runoff, that could be added to the project. These additional supplies could potentially enable the Pure Water Project to yield up to 5,000 acre-feet per year of total drinking water supplies. The water supplies generated by the project will help reduce imported water demands from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta, as well as the Colorado River Basin. The additional source water for Las Virgenes Reservoir will enable the region to better prepare for frequent and intensified drought conditions brought on by climate change. From a compliance and environmental perspective, the utilization of all treated wastewater from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility will effectively eliminate treated wastewater discharges to Malibu Creek by the year 2030, meeting regulatory requirements for the facility.

The Pure Water Project supports the BOR's Title XVI project objectives to develop and supplement local water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving water reliability by providing communities with new sources of clean, drought-resilient water supplies, and is, therefore, an eligible project under the grant program. The project is currently in the design and construction phases of work. The JPA previously received \$24.2 million in grant funding under this program for planning, permitting, pre-design, and design, leaving approximately \$14.0 million available for activities beyond the original September 2025 eligibility period, given that the grant program will provide up to a maximum of \$40 million per project. This grant application will be for construction efforts, and all expenditures toward this work within three years from the application deadline of this submittal period on September 30, 2026, are eligible for reimbursement under the grant program.

On March 7, 2022, the JPA Board adopted Resolution No. 17, authorizing the submittal of a grant funding application and execution of a grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (Pure Water Project). The application resulted in award of a \$10.2 million grant from BOR supporting design of the Pure Water Project.

On July 1, 2024, the JPA Board adopted Resolution No. 34, authorizing the submittal of a grant funding application and execution of a grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (Pure Water Project). The application resulted in an additional award of a \$14 million grant from BOR supporting the final design and construction of the Pure Water Project.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is being used to allocate up to \$40 million in available funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), P.L. 117-58 in funding. Funds made available for infrastructure projects are subject to the Buy America Act, as well as Wage Rate Requirements (Davis Bacon Act). Staff is currently working with BOR to determine if the Buy America Act waiver obtained for the project with WIFIA can be applied to the construction awards from BOR. It is noted that all awards are subject to a determination by the BOR that appropriations and/or BIL funds are available. Additional projects may be funded under this NOFO if additional funding becomes available.

Proposed Resolution No. 41 authorizes and directs the Administering Agent/General Manager, or designee, to prepare and submit a grant funding application and execute a grant funding agreement, if successful in the application process for the WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects Grant. By including these actions in the resolution, all of the required steps to receive the grant funding would be completed.

If the grant is awarded, the funding would provide financial assistance to the JPA and minimize the impact of costs for the Pure Water Project, which are currently estimated to be \$466 million, on the JPA's customers.

**GOALS:**

Ensure Effective Utilization of the Public's Assets and Money

Prepared by: Oliver Slosser, PE, Engineering Program Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Proposed Resolution No. 41](#)

## **RESOLUTION NO. 41**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE FUNDS, ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AND ADMINISTER A GRANT FOR THE WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects is authorized under Title XVI of Public Law (P.L.) 102-575, as amended (43 United States Code [U.S.C.] 390h), including amendments in Title II, Subtitle J of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act to invite sponsors of projects eligible under Section 4009(c) of the WIIN Act (Project) to request cost-shared funding for planning, design, and/or construction of those Projects;

**WHEREAS**, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Water and Sanitation District together as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) currently provide water to approximately 89,000 residents within its jurisdiction. The Pure Water Project Las Virgenes - Triunfo, will provide conservatively a minimum of 2,100 acre-foot per year of new, reliable, and drought-proof potable water supply to the JPA by diverting excess wastewater discharges from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility to a new Advanced Water Purification Facility;

**WHEREAS**, the Pure Water Project will provide much-needed diversification of the JPA's water supply portfolio and effectively reduce the its sole reliance on imported supplies from both the California State Water Project and the Colorado River System – two sources that continue to be stressed and unable to provide consistent supplies of water due to climate change and prolonged drought;

**WHEREAS**, the Pure Water Project supports the BOR's Title XVI project objectives to develop and supplement local water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving water reliability by providing communities with new sources of clean, drought resilient water supplies;

**WHEREAS**, applicants for grant funding from the WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects are required to adopt a Resolution pursuant to provisions of the grant application and cooperative agreement to commit the applicants to the financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of a financial assistance award under the Notice of Funding Opportunity Number No. R23AS00464;

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2024, the JPA Board passed Resolution No. 34, authorizing the submittal of the second-round grant funding application and execution of a grant funding

agreement to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo, which resulted in an award a \$14.0 million grant for a total of \$24.2 million;

**WHEREAS**, the grant program allows up to \$40 million to be awarded for any project; and

**WHEREAS**, the JPA is submitting a third-round application for funding to support its Pure Water Project's project construction, which will cover up to an additional \$14.0 million of eligible expenditures, which will be submitted to the BOR by September 30, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Administering Agent/General Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the JPA, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit a grant funding application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation to obtain a WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects FON: R22AS00115.

**Section 2.** The Administering Agent/General Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the JPA, is hereby authorized and directed to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents associated with the WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects, including, but not limited to, a grant contract and any amendments or change orders, and to work with BOR to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement.

**Section 3.** The Administering Agent/General Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the JPA, shall review and support the application submitted to BOR. The Administering Agent/General Manager, or his designee, has confirmed that the JPA is committed to the financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of the financial assistance award under the WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects and the JPA has the capability to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions as specified in the funding plan of the application. The JPA will work with BOR to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

**Section 4.** This Resolution will take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Andy Coradeschi, Chair

ATTEST:

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Carl Jarecky, Vice Chair

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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W. Keith Lemieux, District Counsel

**DATE:** August 10, 2026  
**TO:** JPA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Engineering and Facilities

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**SUBJECT: Urgent and Expedited Pipeline Construction Work at Intersection of Agoura Road and Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village**

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The Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) approved funding for this matter in the JPA Budget. On July 7, 2026, the LVMWD Board authorized the General Manager to increase the contract limit for LVMWD's on-call pipeline repair and paving/concrete services contract with Toro Enterprises, Inc. to complete the urgent and expedited relocation of two potable water pipelines at the intersection of Agoura Road and Lindero Canyon Road in the City of Westlake Village. Based on discussions with the City of Westlake Village and to minimize overall impact to the City's residents, the JPA plans to have Toro Enterprises, Inc., install the reverse osmosis concentrate (ROC) and ancillary pipelines for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (PWP) within the intersection at the same time. The work will be performed on a time and materials basis with PWP-related costs funded by the JPA and potable water main relocation costs funded by LVMWD.

**SUMMARY:**

This report is provided for informational purposes only. On May 5, 2026, a leak occurred on a 24-inch steel potable water main at the intersection of Lindero Canyon Road and Agoura Road in Westlake Village. The leak was repaired immediately. Staff has determined that advancing the planned replacement of this line is necessary and that this emergency repair presents a strategic opportunity to simultaneously advance the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (PWP). By aligning the construction timelines for the urgent and expedited water main relocation work with installation of the PWP infrastructure, the JPA can minimize overall disruption to the intersection and the residents of Westlake Village, while completing the necessary pipeline construction work expeditiously.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Yes

**ITEM BUDGETED:**

Yes

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Staff estimates that approximately \$3,500,000 will be needed to complete the work, which

consists of relocating two LVMWD potable water pipelines, extending a JPA recycled water pipeline, and installing a reverse osmosis concentrate pipeline. The work will be performed on a time and materials basis utilizing LVMWD's existing on-call pipeline repair contract with Toro Enterprises, Inc. Sufficient funding for the work is available. No additional appropriation is required. The cost of the work will be tracked and allocated with funding for the PWP-related elements from the JPA through the approved PWP Budget and potable water main relocation work from LVMWD.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The intersection of Agoura Road and Lindero Canyon in the City of Westlake Village has experienced several water main breaks as recently as July 2023 and August 2023. Due to the history of breaks and knowledge of the deteriorated condition of the pipeline's coating, relocation of the potable water main was planned by LVMWD as an upcoming, capital improvement project for the current budget cycle.

On May 5, 2026, another water main break occurred along the 24-inch steel potable water main at the intersection of Agoura Road and Lindero Canyon Road. The break resulted in major disruption of traffic and damages to the roadway at one of the busiest intersections in the City of Westlake Village.

In conjunction with construction of the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF), the JPA was preparing for installation of a reverse osmosis concentrate (ROC) pipeline and extension of a recycled water pipeline that was scheduled to begin construction in the same intersection starting next fiscal year. Staff determined it would be beneficial to expedite design and construction these PWP facilities to align them with the urgent and expedited pipeline relocation work in this intersection. Aligning the construction timelines minimizes overall disruption to the residents of Westlake Village and allows staff to complete the construction work expeditiously. Staff estimates that approximately \$3,500,000 is needed to complete all the work at the intersection of Agoura Road and Lindero Canyon Road.

On July 7, 2026, the LVMWD Board authorized an amendment to LVMWD's existing on-call pipeline repair and paving/concrete services contract to accomplish this work. Staff has worked closely with representatives of the City of Westlake Village to ensure that the construction work is completed in the most efficient manner feasible and minimizing impact to the City's residents.

## **GOALS:**

Construct, Manage and Maintain all Facilities and Provide Services to Assure System Reliability and Environmental Compatibility

Prepared by: Devin Taylor, Assistant Engineer