

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Requested Advocacy Position/Changes

State			
Bill	Brief Description	District Position	Recommended Position
SB 937 (Wiener)	This bill makes numerous changes to development fees . Limits when a local agency can collect development fees and connection fees. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB937 Previously removed language affecting Water Agencies, language has since been put back in which includes water/sewer/wastewater districts. At the very least, their is unequivocabe exposure to water agencies. Current position (Neutral/Watch) Recommended Position: Oppose (other Agencies: CSDA, RWA)	Neutral/Watch	Oppose
9/4 - Presented to the Governor			

District Positions

Federal			updates
Bill	Brief Description	District Position	
S 3830 LIHWAP ACT	Would make the LIHWAP program permanent (US sunset - May 2024) https://www.congress.gov/bills/118th-congress/senate-bill/3830/text	Support	In Senate: referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
H.R.8812 - Water Resources Development Act of 2024	GDPUD has a Bill amendment for \$20.5 million in the Bill.	Support	Passed House - 7/22 In Senate - 7/23

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SB 1110 (Ashby)	Would specify that the Water Board can forgo strict enforcement of water efficiency requirements if there are lower cost water supply options and extends the timeline by two years. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1110&showamends=false	Support	Passed Senate. August 15 hearing: Held in Assembly Approp committee and under submission (suspense file)
SB 1072 (Padilla)	Would amend and remedy issues with Prop 218. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1072	Support	Passed Assembly 8/28 Senate 8/29 Enrolled 8/29
AB 2257 (Wilson) ACWA sponsored	This bill would aid member agencies in defending against Proposition 218 lawsuits by requiring litigants to have participated and raised specific objections during the public administrative process. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2257	Support	Passed Senate 8/27. Enrolled 8/29
SB 1088 (Alvarado-Gil)	It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a Rural and Small Community Fire Resilience Program within the Office of Emergency Services to work in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, and other appropriate state entities to develop a program for the distribution of state matching funds to communities within the Wildland Urban Interface, or WUI, to improve water system infrastructure, including upgrading and upsizing waterlines, installing additional fire hydrants of water systems, and enhancing water system delivery to ensure adequate water flow for fire prevention and suppression activities https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1088	Support	Passed Senate. August 15 hearing: Held in Assembly Approp committee and under submission (suspense file)
AB 1827 (Papan)	Would provide that the fees or charges for property-related water service imposed or increased, as specified, may include the incrementally higher costs of water service due to specified factors, including the higher water usage demand of parcels. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1827	Support	8/27 Passed, Enrolled to Governor

SB 1218 (Newman)	Would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies, and to support their use during times of water shortage. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1218	Support	Passed Senate. August 15 hearing: Held in Assembly Approp committee and under submission (suspense file)
SB 1393 (Niello)	Would require the State Air Resource Control Board to establish the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee for purposes of reviewing appeals of denied requests for exemptions from the requirements of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1393	Support	4/3 Failed Senate Environmental Quality Committee. Reconsideration Granted.
SB 867 (Dodd)	Climate Resiliency Bond https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1393	Support	Passed. Approved by Governor 7/3/24; going to Nov Ballot
Advocacy Coalition	Join ACWA's Coalition to Maintain Funding for Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes	Support	
AB 1337 (Wicks)	This bill would authorize the board to issue a curtailment order for any diversion, regardless of basis of right, when water is not available under the diverter's priority of right. Violation would be considered a trespass. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1337	Oppose Unless Amended	Hearing cancelled by author
SB 1255	LIRA Program Bill. Water agencies - must have a Low Income Rate Assistance Program, and funding would be by customers that would not qualify. Customers would automatically be charged a fee unless they "Opt-out" of the contribution fee. Maximum of 10% voluntary contributions for administrative costs. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1255	Oppose Unless Amended	Passed Senate. August 15 hearing: Held in Assembly Approp committee and under submission (suspense file)

Neutral/Watch

AB 1820 (Schiavo)	This bill would authorize a development proponent that submits a preliminary application for a housing development project to request a preliminary fee and exaction estimate, as defined. The bill would require a local agency to comply with the request within 10 business days of the submission of the preliminary application. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1820		Passed Senate 8/27. Enrolled 8/29
AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan)	Was a water rights bill. Text amended now only refers to Fines and Penalties. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB460		Passed Senate 8/29 enrolled 9/5