

Legislative Update

Presentation to Purveyor Meeting

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Today's Update

- Congressional earmark
- Climate Resilience Bond
- Key legislation

Lake Bard Pump Station Federal Funding Request

- Would allow full access to lake (7,500 / 10,500 currently)
- Regionally important project
- On CPF priority project list (Rep. Brownley)
- June 28: passed House subcommittee
- July 9: passed full House Approps cmte (\$1.1M allocated)
- Long way to go; Senate also comes into play
- Thank you for your support!

Climate Resilience Bond - SB 867

- **Prop 4: Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024**
- \$10B bond for Nov. 2024 ballot
- \$3.8B safe drinking water, drought, flood and water resilience programs:
 - Brackish water desalination & recycling (no seawater desal) (\$450M)
 - Safe drinking water / clean water (\$610M)
 - Groundwater management (\$386M)
 - Regional watershed resilience (\$100M)
 - Water use efficiency (\$75M)
 - Dam safety funding (\$480M)
- Some programs require 40% of funding for DACs or SDACs

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- Other non-water categories:
 - Wildfire & forest resilience
 - Coastal resilience
 - Parks creation & outdoor access
 - Extreme heat mitigation
 - Clean air
- Voter appetite for bond?
 - March Prop 1 - 50.2% passage
 - PPIC survey top enviro issues: 1) climate change 2) wildfires 3) water supply / drought

SB 1255 (Durazo) - Water Affordability

- Requires all retailers with 3,300+ connex to create LIRA
- 20% discount for qualifying customers
- Funded by other customers w/automatic charge on bill
- Opt-out program - not opt-in "voluntary contribution"
- Discussion at 6/20 Regional Legislative Group - concerns:
 - Fosters mistrust
 - Administrative burden
 - Unpredictability of funding source
- Calleguas action: letter to legislators expressing concerns

AB 2182 (Haney) - Prevailing Wage

- Allows prevailing wage adjustments during the course of a public works project based on DIR adjustments (every 6 mos.)
- Calleguas implements numerous CIPs ~\$15M annual budget
- Many are multi-year endeavors
- Requires precise budgeting including anticipated cost increases
- Unexpected wage increases = unanticipated costs
- Submitted letters of opposition & notified legislators

State Legislative Session Calendar

July 3: Adjourned for summer recess

Aug. 6: Reconvene

Aug. 31: Adjournment for year

Sep. 30: Last day for Governor to sign / veto bills

1st week of Jan: Legislators reconvene in Sacramento

2025-26 Legislative session begins

Legislative Fall Preview

- September 5: *"California's Climate Change Impacts and Local Response"*
 - Asm. Bennett forum
 - Purpose: How Calleguas plays a role in adaptation to a changing climate through responsible water resource management.
 - Also emergency preparedness / response (Cal Fire, Cal OES, etc.)
- September 16: Community Leaders Briefing w/Metropolitan
- Regional Legislative Group
 - Next meeting: first week of August (virtual)
 - Oct / early Nov - wrap-up & preview (in-person)



**Thank
you**

