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Legislative Update



State Budget

- January 9 – 2026-27 budget introduced by Governor Newsom
- Total budget: \$348.9 billion addressing a \$2.9 billion shortfall
- Allocations of interest:
 - Prop 4 – \$2.1 billion, including \$232 million for flood control
 - \$14 million for Delta Levees Program Mitigation
 - \$9.5 million for ongoing water supply forecasting
 - \$8.2 million for the Nutria Eradication Program

New Senate Leadership

- Senator Josh Becker as Chair of Committee on Natural Resources and Water
- Senator Angelique Ashby as Majority Leader
- Senator John Laird as Chair of Committee on Budget
- Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes as Chair of Budget Subcommittee on Resources, Environmental Protection, & Energy
- Senator Sabrina Cervantes as Chair of Committee on Appropriations

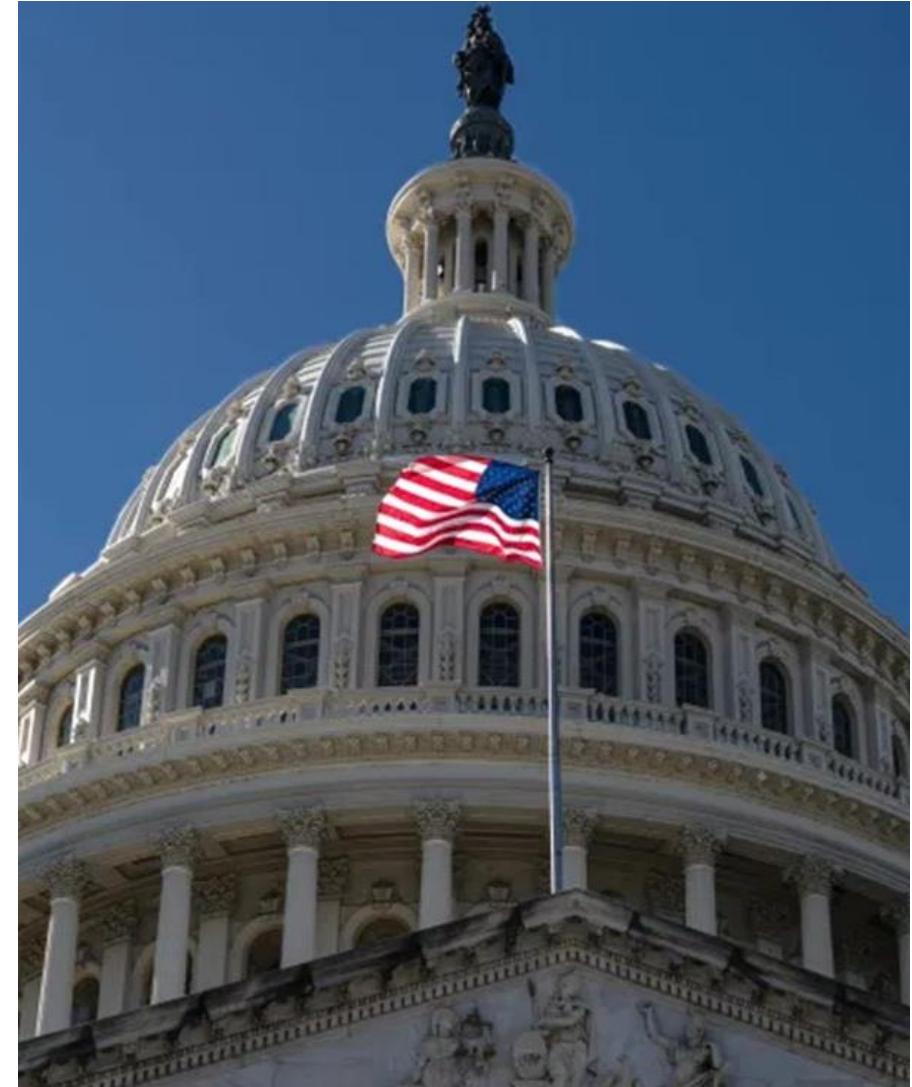


Bills of Interest

- AB 35 (Alvarez) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria
- AB 1551 (Krell) California Rice Commission: Purpose
- AB 1600 (Arambula) Disadvantaged communities: farmworker communities

Federal Water Policy

- January 15 – Congress passes the Commerce-Justice-Science, Energy-Water, and Interior-Environment minibus bill
 - Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area
 - California Bay-Delta Restoration



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