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Meeting Date: September 24, 2026
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Legislative Update



**Delta
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Council**

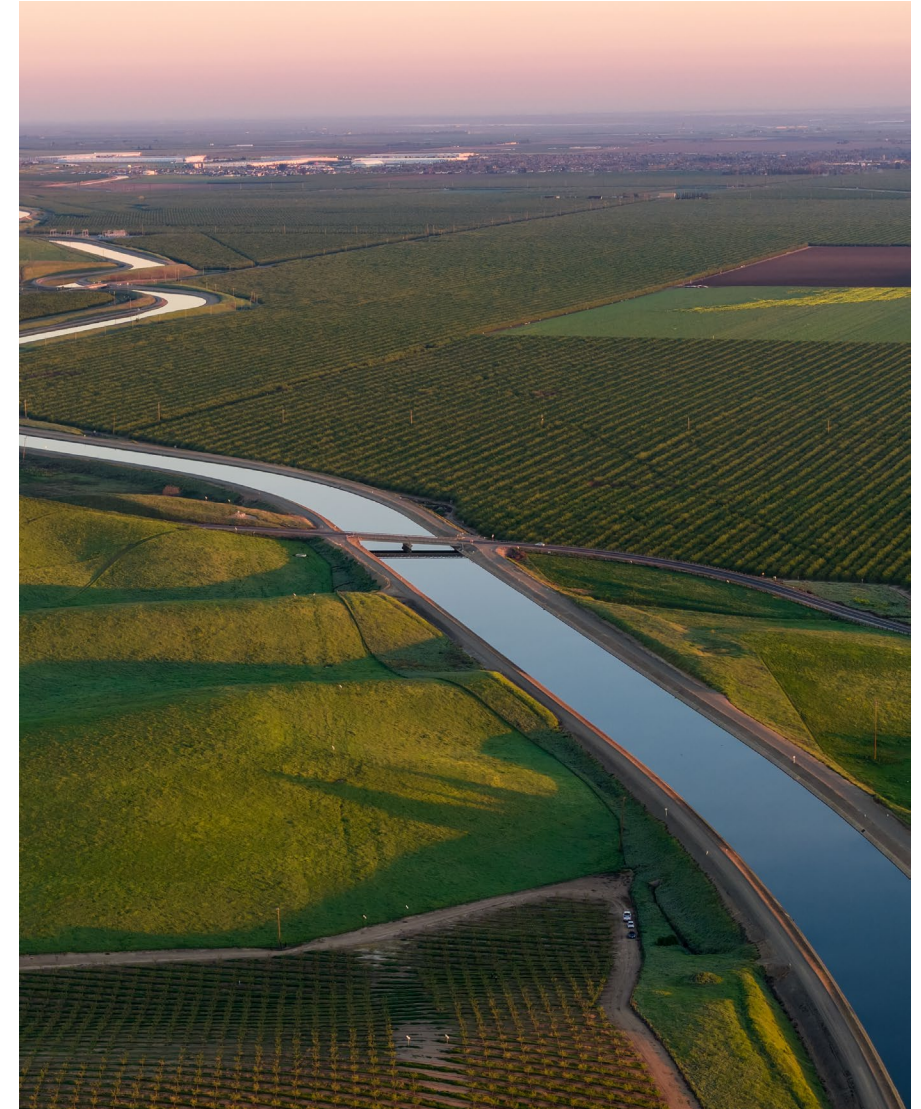
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State Budget

- 2026-27 June budget
 - **6 million** for Delta-based decontamination control stations
- AB/SB 113 Budget Bill Junior allocated \$2.66 billion from Proposition 4
 - **15.2 million** to the Delta Conservancy for restoration, community programs, and outreach
 - **5 million** for the Delta Conservancy for the Jersey Island acquisition and remediation
 - **75 million** for projects in the Delta to improve existing levees
 - **30 million** specifically for the Subventions and Special Projects programs
 - **68 million** for regional conveyance projects or repairs
 - **30 million** for subsidence mitigation on the State Water Project

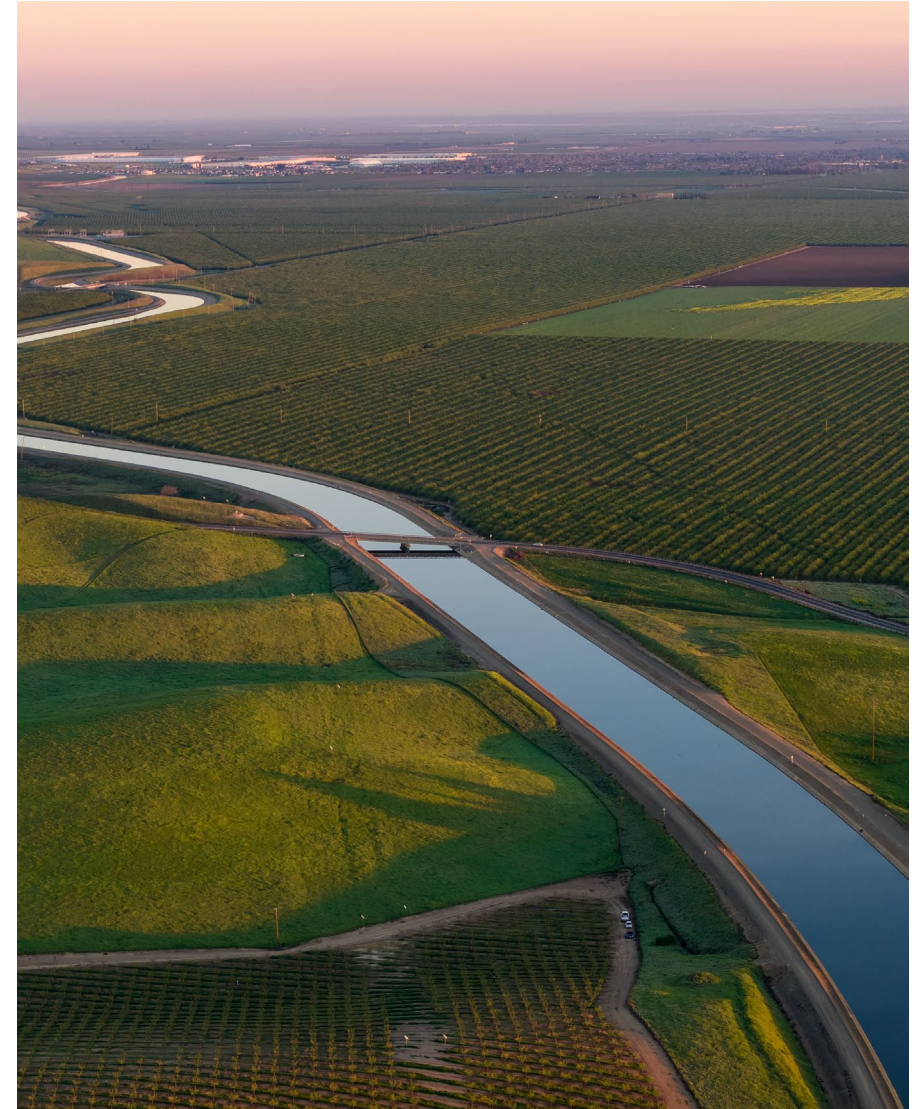
Enrolled Bills of Interest

- **SB 872** (McNerney) Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund.
- **AB 2218** (Kalra) Water policy: California Native American tribes.
- **SB 895** (Weiner) California Science and Health Research Bond Act.



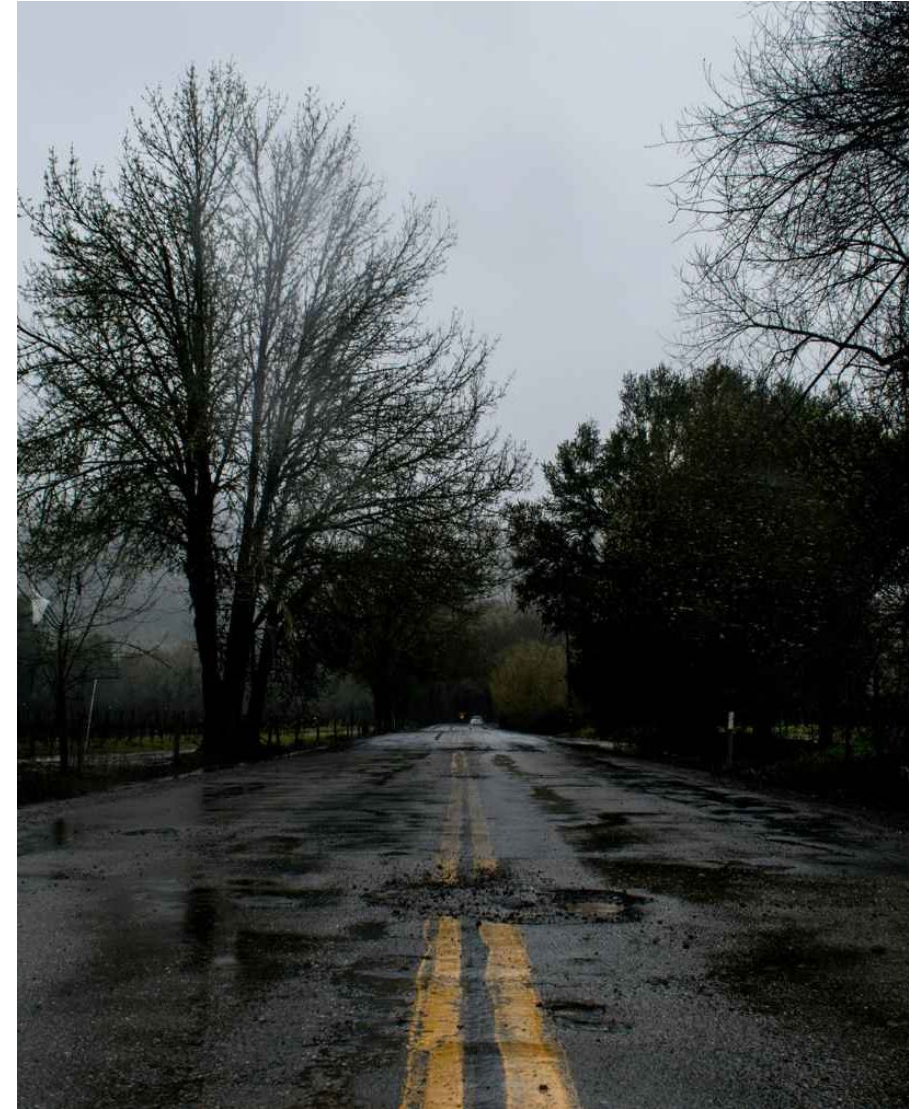
Signs and Vetoes of Interest

- **AB 2619** (Papan) Water resources: data centers
- **AB 2469** (Papan) Data centers: water use disclosures
- **AB 1894** (Blanca Rubio) Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels: imported water



El Niño State of Emergency

- September 21 – Governor Newsom proclaims state of emergency ahead of a likely historic El Niño season
- Proclamation directs state agencies to lead on flood-risk reduction efforts, ensure availability of flood-fighting supplies, pre-position equipment and resources, and cut red tape
- Delta preparations underway



Federal Appropriations

- September 2 – continuing resolution signed by the President to maintain 2026 funding levels through mid-December



Bay Delta Science Conference Policy Focus

3:30 PM – 5:10 PM

Lost in translation: Connecting water policy and science through a common language

 B2

Session Chair: Audrey Cho

Speakers: Sonja Petek, Pablo Garza, Sean Clair, Keith Cialino

8:30 AM – 10:10 AM

Research to results: Re-envisioning scientists as policy partners

 B9

Moderator: Letitia Grenier

Session Chair: Audrey Cho

Speakers: Lisamarie Windham-Myers, Andy Jones, Lenny Grimaldo, Darcy Austin

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