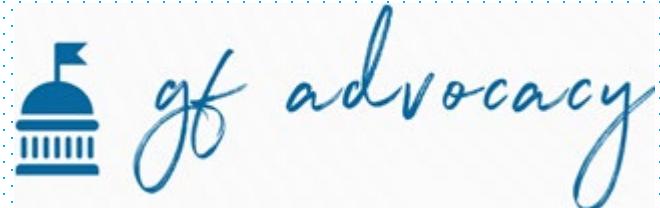


# San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency State Legislative Update



October 6, 2025

# State Legislature

- Notable legislative deadlines/milestones:
  - **September 13** – Final day of 2025 legislative session
  - **October 13** – Deadline for Governor to act on legislation
  - **November 4** – Special election – Proposition 50
  - **January 5, 2026** – Two-year legislative session reconvenes



## By the numbers:

- 2,833 bills introduced
- 805 bills on Governor's Desk
- 418 bills already signed
- 43% of introduced bills made it to the Governor's Desk

# Governor's Actions on Legislation



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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 72, which directs the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to modernize the California Water Plan and develop a water supply target to be achieved in 2050 and beyond.

The California Water Plan is the state's primary strategic document guiding the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, management, and efficient utilization of the state's water resources. Primarily a technical document focused on water supply development, the plan includes information on various strategies to help meet the water needs of the state.

This bill will require DWR, in its next plan update, to analyze current and future water needs trends, including identifying additional water necessary to sustain public trust resources. This is a welcome opportunity to ensure the next plan update recognizes the impacts of climate change, ensures safe drinking water for all Californians, and reflects statewide, regional, and local planning efforts that include critical infrastructure for California's future – including the Delta Conveyance Project.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature of Gavin Newsom in black ink, featuring a stylized script and a cursive "G".

# Major Issues – Delta Conveyance Streamlining Trailer Bill

- **Final Disposition** – Failed to get a Floor vote for consideration during 2025 legislative session
- **Positive Developments**
  - Massive statewide coalition developed and activated – approx. 150 signatories
  - Inland Empire legislative delegation – present and accounted-for!
    - SGPWA answered the call from MWD Board Chair – continued personal presence important
  - Legislative champions in both Houses identified
  - Broad education/outreach throughout Legislature
  - Partners'/allies' relationships strengthened
  - Messaging content strengthened
- **Ongoing Challenges**
  - Legislative leadership break-through remains challenging
  - Key regions of state require additional attention – Bay Area, San Diego
- **Next Steps:** Re-group and explore alternatives/options for Fall and into 2026

# End of Session Actions: Proposition 4 Allocations

- **SB 105** – “Budget Bill Junior”
- Appropriates \$3.2B in Prop 4 bond funds out of total \$10B
  - **\$1.2B allocated from the water resilience chapter** - key allocations include:
    - **\$183M – to SWRCB for drinking water quality** – important funding component for state revolving loan program
    - **\$153M – to SWRCB for water recycling**
    - \$231.5M – to DWR for dam safety
    - \$170M – to DWR for levee subventions
    - \$148M – to DWR and CNRA for Salton Sea
    - \$28M – to DWR for groundwater storage, banking, and recharge
    - **\$74M – to CA Water Commission for Water Storage Investment Program**
    - **\$2M – to DWR for conveyance subsidence repairs**
- **Next steps:** State administering agencies will develop guidelines and begin soliciting competitive grant applications later in the Fall and into 2026

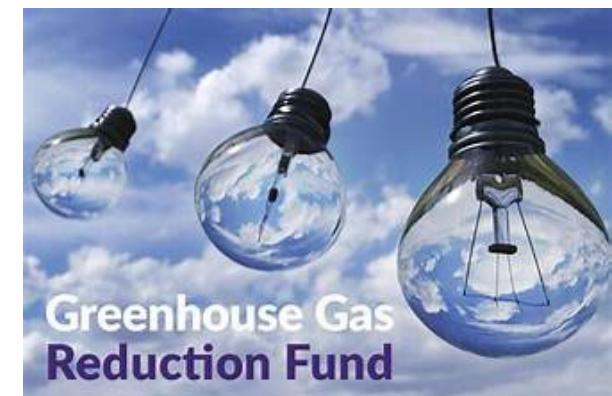
# End of Session Actions: Water/Resources

- **Golden Mussels** – Statutory language approved through AB 149 – Signed by Governor
  - Statutory language to authorize golden mussel control/eradication plans
  - Increases mussel infestation prevention fee paid by boaters
  - Appropriates \$20M from Prop 4
- **Water Quality Control Plan CEQA Exemption**
  - Failed to get a Floor vote for consideration during 2025 legislative session
  - Intended to expedite SWRCB proceeding toward approval of Healthy Rivers and Landscapes approach to Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan update



# End of Session Actions: Cap/Trade

- **Cap and Trade/Invest**
  - Legislature approved cap-trade reauthorization program through 2045
- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**
  - CalFire backfill: \$1B this year; \$1.25B next year + potential out-year backfill
  - High-Speed Rail: \$1B annually ongoing
  - **\$1B reserved for appropriation by the Legislature in the annual budget**
  - Additional continuous appropriations:
    - Strategic Growth Council - \$800M
    - Transit and Intercity Rail - \$400M
    - CARB – community air protection programs - \$250M
    - Low Carbon Transit Operations Program - \$200M
    - CalFire – forestry health and fire prevention - \$200M
    - **SAFER Program - \$130M**



# End of Session Actions: Energy

- **Grid Regionalization**
  - Legislature approved AB 825 (Petrie-Norris), which authorizes the CAISO and the electrical corporations whose transmission is operated by CAISO to use voluntary energy markets governed by an independent regional organization
- **State Water Project Renewable Energy – SB 1020 Modifications**
  - Failed to be amended into trailer bill legislation during end of legislative session
  - Intended to address energy affordability challenges for state water contractors



# Fall State Legislative Workplan

- **Prop 4 allocation programming**
  - Explore grant funding opportunities through first round of Prop 4 allocations
  - Advocate for additional allocations during next budget cycle
- Development of **San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency-specific budget requests** for submittal to legislative delegation
- Engage with colleague agencies and organizations to explore opportunities for leadership roles related to **legislative concepts for 2026**
- **Begin planning for SGPWA visit to Sacramento in early 2026**

# QUESTIONS?