

2025 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



WATER SUPPLY AND RESILIENCY

SUPPORT administrative or legislative actions to secure funding to help public water systems defray the cost of monitoring and/or remediation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water supplies, including “polluter pay” provisions that allow for full cost-recovery by drinking water and wastewater providers.

SUPPORT a clearly defined exemption of liability for publicly-owned treatment works (i.e., wastewater treatment facilities) regarding the spread of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

SUPPORT federal funding and permitting acceleration for water projects that would help increase overall water supply for the West, with specific water supply benefits for California.

SUPPORT legislation that reauthorizes the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) that provides customers with an outlet to help with bill assistance but is not overly burdensome on water agencies to implement.

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2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



WATER SUPPLY AND RESILIENCY

SUPPORT legislation that establishes bold water supply targets for California to meet by 2040 and 2050, thereby increasing the State's overall water supply resiliency for urban, agriculture, economic, and environmental use, and significantly increases California's resiliency against all future weather conditions.

SUPPORT measures that would help streamline and modernize the permitting process for water-related projects under the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Endangered Species Act.

SUPPORT Support legislation that deters water theft and protects critical public water infrastructure.

SUPPORT Support legislation that assists water agencies in establishing low-income water rate assistance (LIWRA) programs, but includes all the following:

- Flexibility for agencies to create a program the best suits their customers' needs.
- Exemptions for water agencies who already have their own LIWRA programs.
- Protection from violations to Proposition 218.

OPPOSE measures that would delay or halt the progress of the Delta Conveyance Project or Sites Reservoir.