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# Legislative Update



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# The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009

**SB 650 (Cabaldon D ) The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009.** +  

**Introduced:** 2/20/2025

**Last Amend:** 4/9/2025

**Status:** 7/17/2025-Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.

**Location:** 7/16/2025-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Brief Summary:** The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to provide for the sustainable management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem, to provide for a more reliable water supply for the state, to protect and enhance the quality of water supply from the Delta, as defined, and to establish a governance structure that will direct efforts across state agencies to develop a legally enforceable Delta Plan. This bill would make the provisions of the Delta Plan severable.

## Assembly Leadership News

- Assemblymember Heath Flora (R-Modesto) unanimously elected as next minority leader
- Taking over for Assemblymember James Gallagher
- Part of the Delta Caucus
- Represents Amador, Calaveras, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties.



## State Budget Update

- Governor Newsom signed the 2025 Budget Act in late June, addressing an \$11.8 billion General Fund deficit for 2025-26
- Also signed into law AB 130 and SB 131 relating to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), taking effect immediately
- Allocations for Proposition 4 are forthcoming
- Does not currently reflect impact of cuts in federal spending in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

# Federal Budget Update

- One Big Beautiful Bill Act signed into law on July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Tracking direct budget requests from federal agencies of interest
  - National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Geologic Survey (USGS), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and more
- Tracking House and Senate Appropriations Committee bills
  - Subcommittees on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; Energy and Water Development; Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- Environmental Protection Agency to close Office of Research and Development
- We will provide updates going forward



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