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Legislative Update



**Delta
Stewardship
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The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009

- Certainty on legal timelines
 - A clear 90-day statute of limitations for filing legal challenges related to:
 - Changes to the Delta Plan or its appeals procedures
 - The Council's determination on appeals regarding the consistency of covered actions with the Delta Plan
- Clearer definitions
 - Defines state and local public agencies as authorized participants in the Council's appeals process
- Severability
 - If one part of the Delta Plan is found invalid, the rest of the Plan remains in effect

Signed Bills of Interest

- AB 43 (Asm. Schultz) – Wild and Scenic rivers
- AB 454 (Asm. Kalra) – Migratory Birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act
- AB 1319 (Asm. Schultz) – Protected Species: California Endangered Species Act

Signed Bills of Interest

- AB 149 (Committee on Budget) – Public Resources Trailer Bill
- AB 764 (Asm. Gonzalez) – Birds and mammals: nongame birds: mute swans
- AB 900 (Asm. Papan) – Environmental protection: 30x30 goals: land conservation: stewardship

Signed Bills of Interest

- SB 72 (Sen. Caballero) – The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets
- SB 31 (Sen. McNerney) – Water quality: recycled water
- SB 856 (Committee on Natural Resources and Water) – California Coastal Act of 1976: filing fee waiver: Marine Invasive Species Act: biennial reports: semiannual updates

State Budget and Proposition 4

- 2025-26 budget provides \$19.7 billion from various sources
 - 72% of 2024-25 spending levels
- Authorizes \$3.5 billion from Proposition 4 for the first year of implementation



Federal Update

- Dr. Andrea Travnicek confirmed as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the U.S. Department of Interior
- Jessica Kramer confirmed as Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Scott Cameron appointed Acting Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation



Federal Update

- Federal shutdown
- 2026 appropriations process
- The National Flood Insurance Program
 - Established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency



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