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Legislative Update



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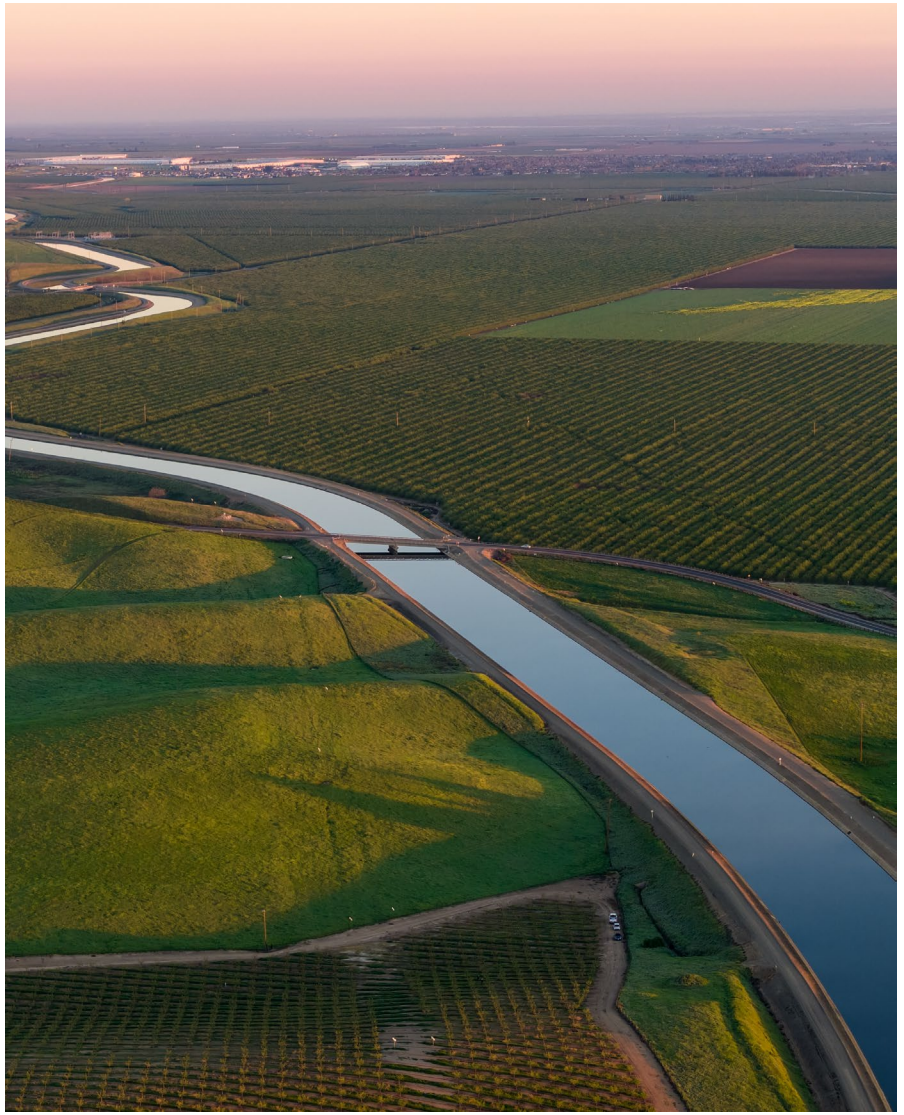
Bills of Interest

Signs

- **SB 895** (Weiner) California Science and Health Research Bond Act.
- **AB 2032** (Ransom) Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels: golden mussels.

Vetoes

- **SB 872** (McNerney) Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund.
- **AB 2218** (Kalra) Water policy: California Native American tribes.



Budgets, Ballots, and Elections

- 2026-27 June budget provides **$6 million** for Delta-based decontamination control stations
- **Proposition 45** rejected by voters
- Delta Caucus Assemblymember Josh Hoover **(AD-7)** will be replaced by Assemblymember-elect Amy Slavensky
- Congressman Mike Thompson **(CA-4)** will be replaced by Congressman-elect Eric Jones
- Congressman Kevin Kiley **(CA-6)** will be replaced by Congressman-elect Richard Pan





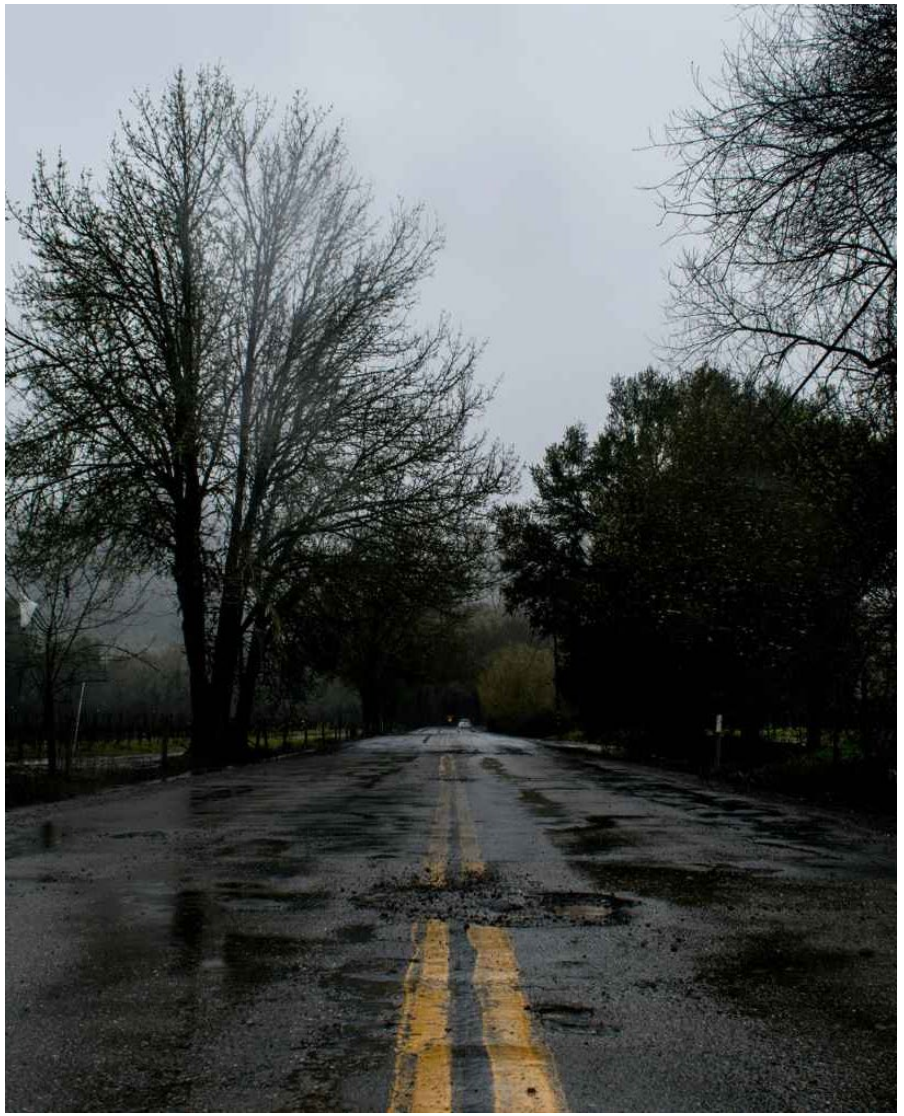


Delta Flood Risk

- **September 21** – Governor Newsom proclaims state of emergency ahead of a likely historic El Niño season

- **October 27** – Governor Newsom issued EO N-14-26 to expedite or support actions to mitigate impacts of flooding

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency** signals intent to shift disaster management to states



Federal Updates

- **December 11** – continuing resolution expires
- Unclear future of 119th Congress appropriations
- **S. 5653** The Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026

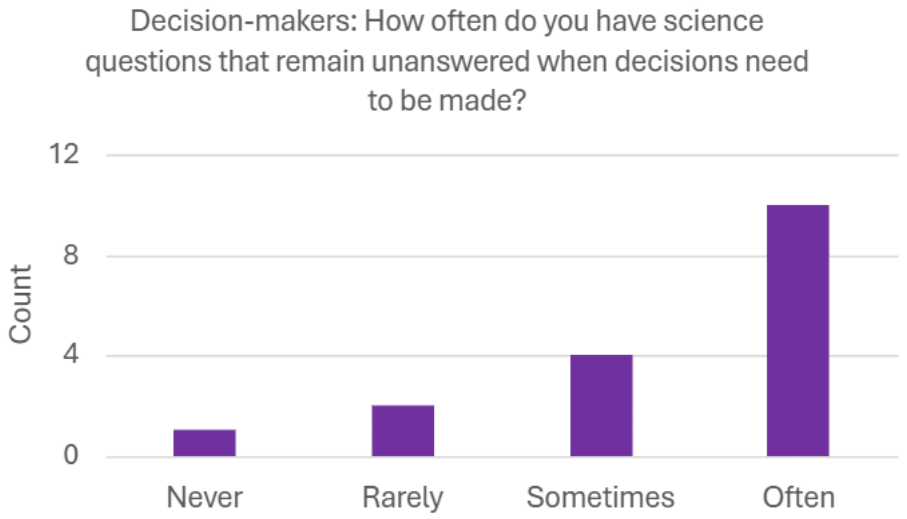


Bay Delta Science Conference

- Featured panels on how to improve science and policy communication

- Key takeaways
  - Bottom line up front
  - Simplify communication for general audiences
  - Address key policymaker questions
  - Create opportunities for policymakers and scientists to connect





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