



April 2026

APWA California is Official!

The APWA California Chapters are now registered with the Secretary of State, so our letters of support and opposition will be on file in the State Archives and automatically sent to the relevant committees and staff!

Important Dates:

- March 26 – April 6, 2026 Spring Recess
- April 24, 2026 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 1, 2026 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 8, 2026 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 1
- May 15, 2026 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 1
- May 25, 2026 Memorial Day.
- May 26, 2026 Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose
- May 29, 2026 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house

National Public Works Week resolution

Assembly Member Caloza is carrying APWACC's NPWW resolution.

Legislation

A report on APWA tracked legislation follows, but APWA members can always access the current report, sorted by measure or subject, here:

[Measure sort](#)

[Subject sort](#)

APM/DB/CMaR

[AB 1786 \(Harabedian, D\)](#) would extend the existing best-value construction contracting authority to general law cities and Joint Powers Authorities. (Based on 03/12/2026 text) 02/23/2026 - Assembly L. GOV. CAAPWA Position: Support

[AB 2033 \(Papan, D\)](#) allows city councils to award yearly job-order contracts, each capped at \$500,000, for repair, remodeling, or repetitive work based on unit prices. These contracts cannot be used for new construction projects. They must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and be based on standard plans and specifications. (Based on 02/17/2026 text) 03/02/2026 - Assembly L. GOV. CAAPWA Position: Support

[SB 935 \(Choi, R\)](#) Existing law, which allows local agencies to use design-build contracts for public projects over \$1,000,000, will be repealed on January 1, 2031. This bill would remove this repeal date, extending the law indefinitely. (Based on 01/29/2026 text) 03/18/2026 - Senate APPR. CAAPWA Position: Support

Business Issues

[AB 1885 \(Carrillo, D\)](#) eliminates retention withholding on public works contracts at state agencies. (Based on 03/16/2026 text) 03/16/2026 - Assembly G.O. CAAPWA Position:

CEQA

[AB 35 \(Alvarez, D\)](#) exempts the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4, from the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). (Based on 01/14/2026 text) 01/27/2026 - Senate RLS. CAAPWA Position: Pending

[SB 887 \(Padilla, D\)](#) The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021 allows certain projects to receive streamlined CEQA processes through the Governor's certification, effective until January 1, 2032, and repealed by 2034. This bill extends the act's provisions to certified data centers. (Based on 03/19/2026 text) 03/18/2026 - Senate E. U., & C. CAAPWA Position: Pending

Codes

[AB 2418 \(González, Mark, D\)](#) streamlines nonresidential building permit applications by creating firm timelines for plan reviews and inspections. It also allows the use of a private plan-checker if a local agency cannot complete a plan review within the specified timeline. (Based on 02/20/2026 text) 03/09/2026 - Assembly L. GOV. CAAPWA Position: Pending

Practice

[AB 2106 \(Patel, D\)](#) recasts the requirements of the certificate of merit to require a practitioner, licensed in this state in the same discipline as the defendant or cross-defendant, not the attorney, to complete the certificate. (Based on 02/18/2026 text) 03/02/2026 - Assembly JUD. CAAPWA Position: Watch

Public Works

[SB 1001 \(Archuleta, D\)](#) requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to issue identification cards to essential utility workers, granting those workers easier access to evacuation zones during an emergency. (Based on 03/17/2026 text) 03/24/2026 - Senate PUB. S. CAAPWA Position: Rec Support

Transportation

[AB 1421 \(Wilson, D\)](#) serves as a legislative vehicle to develop an evidence-based, long-term funding solution to replace declining gas tax revenues in a fair, sustainable and effective way to ensure the state's transportation infrastructure improvements meet Californians' needs. (Based on 01/05/2026 text) 01/29/2026 - Senate RLS. CAAPWA Position: Pending

[SB 922 \(Laird, D\)](#) clarifies long-standing local government authority to recover street maintenance and repair costs from public service and works partners. It does not create a new fee authority, expand local taxing authority, or impose costs on the state. (Based on 03/11/2026 text) 03/19/2026 - Senate THIRD READING CAAPWA Position: Rec Support

Workforce development

[ACR 133 \(Johnson, R\)](#) commemorates February 26, 2026, as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. (Based on 02/11/2026 text) 03/11/2026 - Senate THIRD READING CAAPWA Position: Support

[ACR 140 \(Patel, D\)](#) proclaims March 21, 2026, as California Women in STEM Day. (Based on 02/18/2026 text) 03/24/2026 - Senate RLS. CAAPWA Position: Support