



### Important Dates:

- 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
- June 10, 2026 Joint APWA/ASCE lobby day in Sacramento
- June 15, 2026 Budget bill must be passed
- June 25, 2026 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 3 General Election ballot

### National Public Works Week resolution

Assembly Member Caloza is carrying APWACC’s NPWW resolution – [HR 95](#).

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 20, 2026  
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION  
**House Resolution** **No. 95**  
  
Introduced by Assembly Member Caloza  
  
March 24, 2026

### 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](#)

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[AB 1786 \( Harabedian, D\)](#) AB 1786 would extend the existing best-value construction contracting authority to general law cities and Joint Powers Authorities. (Based on 03/12/2026 text) 04/23/2026 - Assembly APPR. **APWA Position:** Support

House Resolution No. 95—Relative to National Public Works Week.

1 WHEREAS, Public works professionals focus on facilities,  
2 infrastructure, and services that are of vital importance to  
3 sustainable and resilient communities, and to the public health,  
4 high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the State of  
5 California; and  
6 WHEREAS, These facilities, infrastructure, and services could  
7 not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works  
8 professionals, including engineers, managers, and employees, at  
9 all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible  
10 for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's  
11 transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste  
12 systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities  
13 essential for our citizens; and  
14 WHEREAS, It is in the public interest of California communities  
15 to gain knowledge of, and maintain an ongoing interest in and  
16 understanding of, the importance of public works and public works  
17 programs in their respective communities; and  
18 WHEREAS, Public works is often considered "the silent arm  
19 of public safety," usually without fanfare. Public works  
20 professionals provide vital support to emergency response partners,  
21 helping to protect essential services and restore those services

[AB 2033 \( Papan, D\)](#) This bill would allow 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. Requires City JOCs to use a STW unless there is a PLA. (Based on 04/20/2026 text) 03/02/2026 - Assembly L. GOV.

**APWA 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) 04/16/2026 -

Assembly DESK **APWA Position:** Support

## Business Issues

[AB 1885 \( Carrillo, D\)](#) Assembly Bill 1885 limits retention withholding on public works contracts at state agencies to no more than 3.5 percent of the payment (Based on 04/28/2026 text) 04/22/2026 - Assembly APPR. **APWA Position:** Watch

## 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.

**APWA Position:** Pending

[SB 887 \( Padilla, D\)](#) This bill specifies that development and operation of a data center is not eligible for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemption, and authorizes data centers meeting specified criteria to be eligible for the “environmental leadership development” program, which provides CEQA judicial streamlining, among other changes (Based on 04/09/2026 text) 04/21/2026 - Senate APPR. **APWA Position:** Watch

## Codes

[AB 2418 \( González, Mark, D\)](#) Requires, until January 1, 2037, local agencies to contract with or employ, or allow an applicant to retain, a private provider to check plans and specifications for specified nonresidential buildings if there is an excessive delay in the local agency’s estimate or performance of this function; specifies requirements for fees that local agencies may prescribe for nonresidential building permits; and, requires inspections of specified nonresidential buildings or structures to be conducted within 10 business days of a notice of completion of permitted work for those projects (Based on 02/20/2026 text) 04/21/2026 - Assembly APPR.

**APWA Position:** Watch

## Practice

[AB 2106 \( Patel, D\)](#) This bill would recast 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 04/29/2026 text) 04/29/2026 - Assembly SECOND READING **APWA Position:** Watch

[AB 2435 \( Chen, R\)](#) This bill would specify tiered penalties, including specified fines and jail time, for a first, 2nd, or 3rd conviction for practicing land surveying without legal authorization. This bill would require a licensed land surveyor who does not have professional liability insurance, before contracting to provide services, to inform the client in writing that the licensed land surveyor does not have professional liability insurance, and if the licensed land surveyor's professional liability insurance policy lapses or they otherwise no longer have professional liability insurance after contracting, to inform the client. (Based on 04/15/2026 text) 04/21/2026 - Assembly APPR. **APWA Position:** Watch

## Public Works

[HR 95 \( Caloza, D\)](#) Would resolve that the Legislature hereby declares the week of May 17, 18, 2026, to May 23, 24, 2026, inclusive, as National Public Works Week in the State of California, and requests that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great State of California to observe the week with appropriate programs and educational activities. (Based on 04/20/2026 text) 04/06/2026 - Assembly RLS. **APWA Position:** \*Sponsor

[SB 1001 \( Archuleta, D\)](#) SB 1001 (Archuleta) would require 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 04/21/2026 text) 04/27/2026 - Senate APPR. SUSPENSE FILE **APWA Position:** Rec Support

## Taxes

[SB 512 \( Pérez, D\)](#) According to the author, SB 512 reaffirms the ability of Californians to fund transportation projects that benefit their communities by clarifying that voters within transportation districts can qualify a transportation sales tax measure by citizens' ballot initiative. Over the past 40 years, Proposition 218 has granted voters across 25 counties the ability to approve local sales taxes to fund local and regionally significant transportation projects, including public transportation, active transportation, interchanges, roadway improvements, and other transportation infrastructure. Although Proposition 218 acknowledges the power of the people to affect local taxes, California's Elections Code conflicts with that authority due to the lack of explicit authority to allow for residents of local transportation districts to propose and pass transportation transactions and use tax measures utilizing a citizen's ballot initiative. As a result of these inconsistencies, any transportation tax measure that is passed by citizens' ballot initiative may be susceptible to litigation, rendering these crucial transportation projects vulnerable to unnecessary delays and increased costs. This bill addresses this discrepancy that

exists by aligning the state's Elections Code with the provisions of Proposition 218 and other authorizing statutes - bringing much-needed consistency and clarity in California law. (Based on 09/16/2025 text) 10/13/2025 - Senate VETOED **APWA Position:** Watch

## Transportation

[AB 1421 \(Wilson, D\)](#) This bill 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. **APWA Position:** Pending

[SB 922 \(Laird, D\)](#) Senate Bill 922 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 **APWA Position:** Rec Support