



July 2026

Important Dates:

- July 2, 2026: Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment of session
- July 3, 2026: Independence Day observed
- August 3, 2026: Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (
- August 5, 2026: Joint APWA/ASCE lobby day in Sacramento
- August 14, 2026: Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
- August 17, 2026: Floor Session only. No committee, other than conference and Rules committees, may meet for any purpose
- August 21, 2026: Last day to amend on the Floor (.R.
- August 31, 2026: Last day for each house to pass bills

Legislation

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

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ADA

AB 649 (Lowenthal, D) One of two bills dealing with ADA. This bill extends an existing safe harbor to allow defendants who have corrected all violations identified in a CASp report to have a 120-day period to address new allegations within 10 years. During this period, if defendants meet certain conditions, including pre-inspection correction of violations and lack of prior notice, they can also recover attorney's fees and costs for claims made. (Based on 05/12/2025 text)

Location: 06/30/2026 - Senate APPR. **APWA Position:** Watch

APM/DB/CMaR

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 06/18/2026 text) **Location:** 06/30/2026 - Senate THIRD READING **APWA Position:** Support

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 05/22/2026 text) **Location:** 06/10/2026 - Senate 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Existing law, which allows local agencies to use design-build contracts for public projects over \$1,000,000, will be repealed on January 1, 2031.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) **Location:** 06/24/2026 - Assembly CONSENT CALENDAR **APWA Position:** Support

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 06/11/2026 text) **Location:** 06/25/2026 - Assembly CONCURRENCE **APWA Position:** Pending

[SB 887 \(Padilla, D\)](#) The bill would expand California environmental review rules by defining data centers for CEQA, preventing them from using categorical exemptions, and allowing certain data center and geothermal power plant projects to qualify as environmental leadership development projects. (Based on 06/29/2026 text) **Location:** 06/24/2026 - Assembly APPR. **APWA Position:** Watch

Codes

[AB 306 \(Schultz, D\)](#) This bill would expand the California Building Standards Commission's authority over appeals, code equivalence determinations, and precedent decisions, while requiring that local building interpretations be posted online and establishing new review procedures and standards. (Based on 06/15/2026 text) **Location:** 07/01/2026 - Senate APPR. **APWA Position:** Pending

[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 06/24/2026 text) **Location:** 07/01/2026 - Senate 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 06/15/2026 text) **Location:** 06/24/2026 - Senate CONSENT CALENDAR **APWA Position:** Watch

AB 2435 (Chen, R) The bill authorizes the board's executive officer to issue citations and administrative fines of \$500 to \$20,000 per violation for unlicensed practice or offers to practice in specified engineering, geology, geophysics, or land surveying fields. It applies to civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering, geology, geophysics, and land surveying, unless otherwise authorized by law. (Based on 06/10/2026 text) **Location:** 05/27/2026 - Senate B., P. & E.D. **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) **Location:** 01/29/2026 - Senate RLS. **APWA 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 06/17/2026 text) **Location:** 05/26/2026 - Assembly L. GOV. **APWA Position:** Support

VMT

AB 2059 (Wilson, D) This bill adds a rule that a transportation project is presumed to have a less-than-significant transportation impact under the VMT metric if at least 80% of the project is located in one or more nonmetropolitan counties. (Based on 04/22/2026 text) **Location:** 05/27/2026 - Senate E.Q. **APWA Position:** Pending