



Important Dates:

- 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
- August 31, 2026: Last day for each house to pass bills
- September 7, 2026: Labor Day.
- September 30, 2026: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1

APWA/ASCE LVD

Over 40 APWA and ASCE members convened in Sacramento on August 3rd for the joint legislative visit day. The morning kicked off with a presentation by Assembly Transportation Chair Lori Wilson, who informed the group on transportation topics, including the gas tax/VMT debate and High Speed Rail. Wilson was followed by Chief Deputy Legislative Analyst Ross Brown, who explained the recent budget enactment, ongoing State deficits, and took questions from the group about state support for local agencies. Before leaving for over 100 visits with members of the Assembly and State Senate, Vice-Chairman of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Pat Hume, highlighted the \$1.8 billion SMForward expansion at Sacramento Inter-Galactic Airport and other projects in the county.

See Joubin's LinkedIn Post on the event and pictures [Here](#)

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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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 07/02/2026 text) **Location:** 08/03/2026 - Senate APPR. SUSPENSE FILE **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 CEQA

[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:** 08/05/2026 - Assembly APPR. SUSPENSE FILE **APWA Position:** Watch

Climate

[AB 1777 \(Garcia, D\)](#) Would have authorized CARB to adopt regulations to reduce or mitigate emissions from indirect sources of pollution. (Based on 02/09/2026 text) **Location:** 05/18/2026 - Assembly THIRD READING **APWA Position:** Pending

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 07/02/2026 text) **Location:** 08/03/2026 - Senate APPR. SUSPENSE FILE **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:** 08/04/2026 - Senate THIRD READING **APWA Position:** Watch

Infrastructure

[SB 769](#) ([Caballero, D](#)) Establishes the Golden State Infrastructure Corporation (Corporation) within the State Treasurer's Office as a not-for-profit corporation to finance infrastructure projects. (Based on 07/02/2025 text) **Location:** 09/04/2025 - Assembly
THIRD READING APWA Position: Pending

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:** 07/02/2026 - Assembly **CONCURRENCE APWA Position:** Watch

Taxes

[SB 762](#) ([Arreguín, D](#)) Existing law authorizes cities and counties, subject to certain limitations and approval requirements, to levy a transactions and use tax for general or specific purposes in accordance with the procedures and requirements set forth in the Transactions and Use Tax Law, including a requirement that the combined rate of all taxes that may be imposed in accordance with that law in the jurisdiction not exceed 2%. This bill would authorize, until December 31, 2031, 2030, or December 31, 2031, as specified, various jurisdictions to levy taxes pursuant to the Transactions and Use Tax Law at specified rates, as prescribed. The bill would authorize those taxes to exceed the 2% limit described above. (Based on 08/03/2026 text) **Location:** 08/03/2026 - Senate **ENROLLED APWA Position:** Pending

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](#)) 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 07/02/2026 text) **Location:** 08/06/2026 - Senate **CONCURRENCE 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: 08/03/2026 - Senate APPR. SUSPENSE FILE **APWA Position:** Pending