



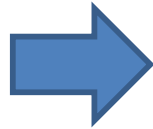
# CEAC Flood Committee Update from the State Capitol

November 15, 2023

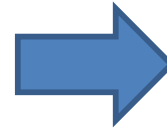
# Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

## Bills

**Mid-February**  
Last day for bills to be introduced.



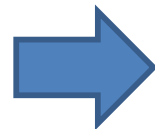
**Late May**  
Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house



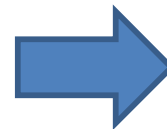
**August 31**  
Last day for bills to be passed (72-hour in-print rule)

## Budget

**January 10**  
Budget introduced



**May 14**  
Governor submits May Revision (based on updated fiscal forecast)



**June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Budget Bill must be passed by midnight. ... (followed by BB Jr. and Trailer Bills and...)



# 2023 Wrap-up—Water/Flood Bills

**Permit Streamlining:** SB 23 (Caballero) would have added permit streamlining for flood and water projects statewide. The majority of this legislation was instead included in the Infrastructure Trailer Bill, where notably all actions related to the Delta Tunnels are explicitly excluded.

**Stream Gaging:** SB 361 (Dodd) would have allocated funding and continued programs for the recommendations of the Stream Gage Advisory Committee. Funding from the bill was shifted to the budget with an allocation of \$26 million over two years.

**Groundwater Liability Bills.** AB 1563 (Bennett) would have forced counties to be liable for any well drilled that did not conform to the local groundwater sustainability plan. This jurisdiction continues to rest with the Groundwater Sustainability Agency whose charge is maintaining and improving groundwater levels. A similar bill did not pass the 2022 Legislative session.



# Water/Flood Updates for 2024

*as of November 15, 2023*

- **Executive Order for Expedited Flood Control Repairs Expired November 1, 2023**
  - Projects may proceed
  - Permits (emergency) required from Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Water Boards (State/Regional)
  - Expedited pathways provided on Cal-OES/DFW/SWRCB websites.
- **Water For All Campaign.** CSAC co-sponsored legislation (SB 366, Caballero) to reform planning for water supply, movement and storage (with water agency partners). *Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.*
- **Legislative Bonds Proceeding**
  - Action around competing Climate Bonds which will likely move early.
  - SB 867 (Allen) and AB 1567 (E. Garcia) both provide \$15 billion for climate actions

# Permitting Beneficial Projects

## **CSAC Partnership with the California Land Stewardship Network, and public works, resource conservation districts...**

- “Cutting the Green Tape” initiative
- Collaborative permitting through state initiatives
- Focus on multi-benefit projects, flood restoration
- Examples to support collaborative work





# Conclusion

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