



Legislation and Communications Committee

2026 Legislative Priorities & Principles

Item 9-2

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Legislative
Priorities and
Principles for
2026

Subject

Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2026

Purpose

Provide recommended updates to the 2025 Legislative Priorities and Principles and seek board input

Next Steps

- Update draft 2026 Legislative Priorities and Principles
- Return for Board adoption December 2025

2026 Legislative Priorities & Principles

Key Changes

- Remove priority on supporting reforms to the CA Water Plan
 - Add new principle on its implementation
- Add priority supporting funding and policy to mitigate against the spread of golden mussels
- Remove section on Metropolitan-sponsored state bills
 - AB 580 enacted
 - Public works contracting threshold changed to Legislative Principle
 - No new legislative proposals at this time

2026 Legislative Priorities & Principles

Key Changes

- Add four new principles on Colorado River
 - Address post-2026 Colorado River operational guidelines
 - Support infrastructure repairs at Glen Canyon Dam
 - Support hydropower generation, infrastructure repairs at Hoover Dam
 - Support projects to address environmental effects of conservation and efficiency
- Update physical and cyber security principles

Solicited Input

- Presented to Member Agency Managers on October 31
- Presented to Member Agency Legislative Coordinators on November 6

Next Steps

- Board action - December 9

