



Legislative Platform and 2024 Legislative Priorities



OVERVIEW

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PURPOSE OF THE PLATFORM AND PRIORITIES

Legislative Platform

- Foundation for Western Water's legislative program
- Allows staff to provide timely comments on state and federal legislative issues
- Transparently provides customers information on Western Water's legislative program and activities

Legislative Priorities

- Provides clear direction to staff on annual legislative priorities
- Gives staff authorization to recommend and take legislative positions on behalf of Western Water
- Incorporates legislative session(s) and associations' direction

OVERVIEW OF PLATFORM AND PRIORITIES

- **Legislative Platform (Platform)** is written in plain language but offers detailed description of Western Water's legislative program.
- **Platform** provides clear direction to staff under high-level legislative priorities as basis for taking legislative actions.
- **Legislative Priorities (Priorities)** – both State and Federal—are supporting documents to the Platform.
- **Priorities** outline specific issues that Western Water can support or oppose with the permission of the Board.

PROCESS FOR LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager approves all letters, including coalition letters.
- Letters are addressed from General Manager.
- Controversial issues or issues not laid out in the Platform or Priorities will be brought to Community and Government Affairs Committee for direction.
- Legislative Platform will receive annual review with updates only as needed.
- State and Federal Priorities will be updated annually.

2024 TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **SB 366 (Caballero): The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets**
- **Water infrastructure funding and permit streamlining**
- **Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)**
- **Protection of local revenue sources**
- **Water affordability**



Questions?

