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QUARTERLY

Report

1st Quarter Update

April 15, 2026



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FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATES

Congress entered the FY 2027 appropriations cycle

- Community Project Funding (CPF) / Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) remained key funding pathways for local projects
- House request portal opened February 25, with deadlines throughout March
- Senate offices (including Schiff and Padilla) closed their CDS applications in March

What This Meant for JBWD

- **Focus shifted from application development → project positioning**
- **Competitive projects demonstrated:**
 - Supports federal infrastructure and public policy goals
 - Project readiness
 - Broad community support

Key Upcoming Dates

- **Early April 2026:** Final House CPF submission & public posting deadlines
- **April 17, 2026:** House public posting deadline (select subcommittees)
- **Spring–Summer 2026:** Congressional review of submitted projects
- **June–July 2026:** House Appropriations Committee markups (projects begin to be included)



STATE ADVOCACY UPDATES

The Governor released the proposed 2026–27 budget in January

- The proposal reflected a more cautious fiscal environment
- The Administration balanced the budget for 2026–27 while projecting future pressure

What This Meant for JBWD

- **State funding (Prop 4) opportunities were expected to be more competitive**
- **Projects needed to demonstrate:**
 - Strong regional or statewide value
 - Clear public benefit
 - Alignment with state priorities (water, resilience, infrastructure, public safety)

Key Takeaway:

- Early advocacy was critical during the initial phase of the budget process

Key Upcoming Dates

- **Spring 2026:** Prop 4 program guidelines and grant solicitations continue rolling out across state agencies
- **May 2026:** Governor's May Revision released
- **June 15, 2026:** Legislature must pass the state budget



JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- Submitted 4th Quarter State Legislative Advocacy Update to the District
- Shared 2026 legislative outlook and advocacy strategy following release of Governor's proposed budget
- Initiated outreach to federal, state, and local legislative offices to advance District priorities
- Provided 2026 client resource packet (advocacy timeline, calendars, and budget guidance)
- Presented 2026 advocacy strategy and outreach plan to the Board



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2026 Advocacy Update and Overview of the Governor's Proposed Budget

11 messages

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Good afternoon Sarah,

As we move into the 2026 legislative year, we wanted to share an update on where things stand and outline what to expect in the months ahead, particularly following the release of the Governor's proposed 2026–27 Budget.

Over the past several weeks, our team has already begun outreach to your local, state, and federal legislative offices. We have connected with returning and newly elected representatives, requested introductory and priority-setting meetings, and begun advancing your legislative and funding priorities for the year. Several meetings are already underway, and we will continue coordinating additional discussions as offices finalize their schedules.

To support this work and keep you informed, we have compiled a brief packet of reference materials for 2026, which you can access here:

[2026 Client Package](#)

The packet includes:

- **RPA 2026 State and Federal Advocacy Timeline** – An overview of what to expect from our team throughout the year, including key advocacy milestones.
- **State and Federal Legislative Calendars** – Tentative calendars released by the Legislature and Congress to help guide planning.
- **2026 Legislative Priorities: Key Associations** – Official legislative priorities published by key associations for reference and context.

Governor's 2026–27 Budget: Key Takeaways

On January 9, Governor Newsom released his proposed 2026–27 Budget. As expected, this is a constitutionally balanced "workload budget," meaning it largely funds existing programs and required cost increases rather than launching significant new initiatives.

At a high level:

- **Total Budget:** \$348.9 billion
- **General Fund:** \$248.3 billion
- **Total Reserves:** Approximately \$23 billion, reflecting a continued emphasis on fiscal stability

While revenues are projected to be higher than anticipated—driven largely by personal income tax and capital gain, the Administration emphasized ongoing volatility and risk. The budget assumes no major stock market downturns and acknowledges that a significant correction could materially impact state revenues. As a result, the Governor's proposal focuses on maintaining prior commitments, rebuilding reserves, and preserving flexibility ahead of the May Revision.

A key opportunity for local agencies in 2026 remains the implementation of **Proposition 4**, the voter-approved climate bond. The proposed budget includes continued funding to advance Prop 4 programs across climate resilience, wildfire prevention, water and wastewater infrastructure, parks, and community-focused environmental investments. While the Administration emphasizes careful rollout and accountability, these funds represent one of the most significant near-term funding pathways for cities and special districts. Early project readiness, alignment with program guidelines as they are released, and engagement with state agencies and legislative offices will be critical to positioning projects for success as Prop 4 implementation moves forward.

Notable themes relevant to local agencies include:

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

- Held zoom meetings with staff from state legislative offices (Asm. Wallis & Sen. Ochoa Bogh)
- Attended federal appropriations briefing (Schiff & Padilla offices)
- Conducted strategy sessions on CPF/CDS process and priorities
- Federal CPF/CDS application cycle opened
- Prepared materials for DC Advocacy Days (one-pagers, talking points, bios, itinerary)
- Coordinated and participated in Washington, D.C. meetings (Feb. 24–26)
- Hosted district dinner and strengthened federal relationships
- Coordinated with congressional staff on funding categories and guidance



MARCH ACTIVITIES

- Held zoom meeting with Asm. Lackey and staff
- Prepared materials for Sacramento Advocacy Days
- Coordinated and participated in Sacramento meetings (March 10–11)
- Conducted follow-up with all legislative offices
- Drafted and secured key support letters for Chromium-6 Project
- Federal CPF/CDS Applications were submitted
- Advanced state budget request discussions with Asm. Wallis' office



WHAT'S NEXT - FEDERAL



2nd QUARTER ACTIVITIES

Secure Funding Approvals

April - June

- Congressionally Directed Spending Selection (SENATE)
- Monitor project progress following selection by Congressman Obernolte
- Submit and coordinate written testimony to the House Appropriations Committee
- Appropriation Committee Announced
- Regular Updates

Key Legislative Dates:

March - CPF requests typically

May - June - Appropriations committees advance FY2026 bills

June 30 - House target to complete action on appropriations bills



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Meetings held with state legislators and Members of Congress
Requests are submitted (state budget requests and federal earmarks)

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This is the most important window to shape funding opportunities.

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Funding becomes clearer; federal funding is still under review.

3RD QUARTER ACTIVITIES

Final Selections & Plan Local Visits

Timeline: July – September | Final Actions

The Governor signs or vetoes state bills (by Sept. 30)
Negotiations on federal spending continue
Final selections for federal projects may be confirmed or delayed

What this means:

Outcomes are mostly known; federal outcomes may still be pending.

4TH QUARTER ACTIVITIES

Secure Success and Identify Project Priorities

Timeline: October – December | Reset & Prepare

Review which projects were funded and which were not
Internally to set priorities for the next year

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WHAT'S NEXT - STATE



2nd QUARTER ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Advocacy and Engagement Efforts

April - June

- Monitor Budget Revisions
- Confirm Outcomes of Bills Passed for 2026
- Invite Legislators for Location Tours and Events
- Engaged with Assemblymember Wallis' office on potential budget request strategy
- Schedule follow-up meetings with legislative offices to strengthen relationships

Key Legislative Dates:

May 1 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills

May 15 - Deadline for Governor to release May Budget Revision.

June 15 - Budget bill must be passed by midnight

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