AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES CHAPTER
Advocacy Committee
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The APWA Advocacy Committee has been established to inform members of upcoming legislation related to public works. Working with the other California Chapters, the Committee helps advocate the Chapter's position on proposed regulations that affect our industry. The following summary provides a quick glance of the bills currently being tracked. If you would like to become more involved or leave a comment; please contact:

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1. State Legislation
   a. AB 16 (Beall) –Transportation Funding
      Provide more resources for the state to repair the infrastructure under its jurisdiction and also distribute millions to the local level. San Diego County and City of San Diego estimated to receive $25M each.
      California Chapters' Position: Support
      Status: In Senate
   b. AB 320 – Environmental Engineers
      Definition and standards for Environmental Engineers
      California Chapters' Position: No Position taken
      Status: In Senate Appropriation Committee – Hearing August 17
      Bill is opposed by ACEC
   c. AB 1315 (Alejo) - Water Pollution Prevention Plan
      Shifts liability for design and implementation of SWPPPs away from contractors to Public Agencies.
      California Chapters' Position: Oppose
      Status: Sent to Committee on Appropriations – No movement
   d. AB 45 (Mullin) – Household Hazardous Waste
      Requires agencies to conduct waste characterization study to establish baseline and increase the HHW diversion rate above the established baseline by an unspecified amount.
      California Chapters' Position: Oppose
      Status: Assembly Committee – to Suspense File
   e. SB 16 (Beall) – Transportation Funding
      Provides funding to state and local roadway systems over a period of five years to address the backlog. Funding by increases to gas/diesel excise tax, vehicle registration fees.
      California Chapters' Position: Support
      Status: Sent to Committee on Appropriations

f. SB 321 (Beall) – Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Rate Adjustment
   Improves stability by requiring rate to take into actual fuel costs for previous four years in addition to the estimated fuel price of the current year.
   California Chapters' Position: Support
   Status: Moved to Committee on Appropriations
g. AB 1347 (Chiu) Public Contracts Code
   Imposes time restrictions on claims (30 days), assesses interest on claims and requires text of bill be included on all plans.
   California Chapters' Position: Oppose
   Status: Sent to Committee on Appropriations – Hearing August 17.

2. FEDERAL Legislation
   a. California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2015
      Authorizes water transfers under certain circumstances, increases funding for species recovery and water recycling. Introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer.