

February 17, 2026

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RE: AB/SB 107 – Support for Proposition 4 Administrative Procedures Act Exemptions

Dear President pro Tempore Limón, Speaker Rivas, Budget Chairs Laird and Gabriel:

On behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), I am writing to express my **strong support for AB/SB 107** which would amend the 2025 Budget Act to exempt Proposition 4 spending from the Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

An APA exemption for Proposition 4 allocations would enable funds to be deployed more quickly and efficiently, ensuring that protracted administrative processes do not hold up vital community projects. Agencies such as the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Food and Agriculture have noted that a standard process, complete with review by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), could result in delays of 12 to 18 months before communities receive awards. These delays run counter to overwhelming support of the voters for Proposition 4 and their desire to see needed projects start in a timely manner.

Importantly, an exemption from the APA does not eliminate transparency, consultation, or public engagement. Agencies will continue to follow robust fiscal, reporting, and oversight requirements. Providing this exemption will accelerate timelines, reduce administrative burdens, and honor the commitment voters made to California's communities.

For these reasons, ACWA strongly supports the exemption of Proposition 4 funding from the APA. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Hall at JuliaH@acwa.com.

Sincerely,



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