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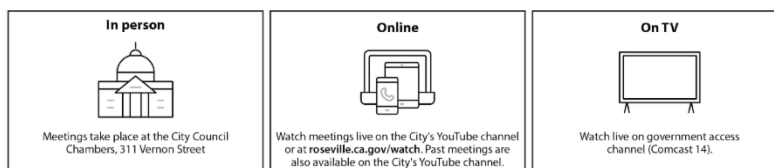
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Michelle Sheidenberger, City Attorney  
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

## **AGENDA**

### **Law & Regulation Committee Meeting**

**September 3, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**City Council Chambers, 311 Vernon Street**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**V. REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Summary: Staff recommends the Law & Regulation Committee members approve the minutes of the June 18, 2026, Law & Regulation Committee meeting.

CONTACT: Adilia Keller 916-774-5265 amkeller@roseville.ca.us

**2. State & Federal Priority Legislation - September 2026**

Summary: This report provides an update on key state and federal legislative and regulatory matters, including priority legislation and activities during the final days of the 2026 State Legislative Session.

CONTACT: Rob Baquera 916-746-1170 rbaquera@roseville.ca.us

**3. Electric Department Priority Legislation - September 2026**

Summary: This report provides provides the Law and Regulation (L&R) Committee with an update on energy-related legislation and other activities that the Electric Department has been following throughout the 2026 legislative session.

CONTACT: Amber Blixt 916-774-5693 aablixt@roseville.ca.us

**4. Environmental Utilities Priority Legislation — September 2026**

Summary: This report provides provides the Law and Regulation (L&R) Committee with an update on legislation that the Environmental Utilities Department has been following throughout the 2026 legislative session.

CONTACT: Noelle Mattock 916-774-5504 [ncmattock@roseville.ca.us](mailto:ncmattock@roseville.ca.us)

**VI. STAFF/COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**



## Law & Regulation Committee Communication

Meeting Date: 9/3/2026  
Item #: V.1  
Item ID: 2026-604

**Title:** Minutes of Prior Meeting  
**Contact:** Adilia Keller 916-774-5265 amkeller@roseville.ca.us

### SUMMARY

Staff recommends the Law & Regulation Committee members approve the minutes of the June 18, 2026, Law & Regulation Committee meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the June 18, 2026, Law & Regulation Committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adilia Keller, City Clerk Technician

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Law & Regulation Committee Meeting Minutes June 18 2026

### REVIEWERS:

Adilia Keller, City Clerk Department

Created/Initiated - 7/8/2026



Tracy Mendonsa, Chair  
Karen Alvord, Committee Member  
Michelle Sheidenberger, City Attorney  
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

## **MINUTES**

### **Law & Regulation Committee Meeting June 18, 2026 9:00 AM Civic Center Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, 311 Vernon Street**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tracy Mendonsa called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Alvord, Mendonsa

#### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Clerk Carmen Avalos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment received.

#### **V. REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS**

##### **1. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Summary: Staff recommends the Law & Regulation Committee members approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Law & Regulation Committee meeting.

CONTACT: Adilia Keller 916-774-5265 amkeller@roseville.ca.us

Committee consensus to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Law & Regulation Committee meeting.

##### **2. State & Federal Priority Legislation - June 2026**

Summary: This report provides an update on the 2026 California Legislative Session, including significant state legislation that may impact City operations, local authority, public safety, infrastructure delivery, housing and homelessness programs, and fiscal sustainability. The report highlights key bills being monitored by the City's Government Relations Office and provides recommended positions on legislation affecting municipal interests.

CONTACT: Rob Baquera 916-746-1170 rbaquera@roseville.ca.us

Government Relations Manager Rob Baquera made the presentation to the Committee.

## **2026 Legislative Session Status**

- Second year of the 2025–2026 legislative cycle.
- House of Origin deadline passed on May 29.
- Legislature now focused on second-house policy and fiscal committees.
- Budget Bill due by June 15.
- Final legislative deadline: August 31.
- Governor's bill signing deadline: September 30.

Current Focus: Monitoring amendments and evaluating operational and fiscal impacts to the City.

## **Key Legislative Themes**

### **Local Control & State Preemption**

- Permitting, transportation, housing, and planning authority.

### **Infrastructure Delivery**

- Procurement tools, prevailing wage, and project delivery methods.

### **Public Safety**

- Technology, enforcement tools, and emergency response.

### **Housing & Homelessness**

- Planning requirements and funding opportunities.

### **Fiscal Sustainability**

- Pension costs, cost recovery, and transportation funding.

## **Priority Legislation — Public Works**

### **AB 1198 (Haney) – Public Works: Prevailing Wage**

- Modifies when prevailing wage determinations apply to public works contracts.
- Creates a formal process to challenge prevailing wage determinations.
- May increase cost uncertainty and procurement complexity for local capital projects.
- Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Support/Oppose File.
- **City Position: Oppose Unless Amended**

### **SB 445 (Wiener) – Transportation Projects: Permits & Approvals**

- Imposes expedited "shot clocks" for local review of certain transportation projects.
- Applies broadly to transit, active transportation, pedestrian, and related projects.
- Could deem projects approved if local agencies fail to act within prescribed timelines.
- Status: Assembly Transportation Committee.
- **City Position: Oppose**

## **Priority Legislation — Public Safety**

### **SB 1013 (Cervantes) – Automated License Plate Recognition Systems**

- Establishes new restrictions on ALPR data sharing and use.
- Imposes additional requirements for vendor agreements and reporting.
- Limits participation in certain regional and national ALPR information-sharing networks.
- Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee.
- **City Position: Oppose Unless Amended**

**AB 1941 (Gonzalez) – Organized Metal Theft**

- Creates new criminal penalties targeting organized metal theft operations.
- Expands enforcement tools for theft of copper wire and public infrastructure materials.
- Supports prosecution of coordinated theft networks impacting utilities and transportation assets.
- Status: Senate Public Safety Committee.
- **City Position: Support**

**Priority Legislation — Housing & Transportation****SB 866 (Blakespear) – Housing Elements: Unhoused Population**

- Requires additional homelessness-related analysis and reporting in housing elements.
- Applies new planning and accountability requirements to affected jurisdictions.
- Could increase workload associated with future housing element updates.
- Status: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.
- **City Position: Oppose**

**AB 1569 (Davies) – Electric Bicycle Safety Education**

- Requires the development of a statewide e-bike safety curriculum.
- Directs the California Department of Education and CHP to collaborate on program content.
- Focuses on safe operation, traffic laws, and youth rider education.
- Status: Senate Education Committee.
- **City Position: Support**

**Priority Legislation — Fiscal & Governance****AB 1821 (Pacheco) – California Public Records Act**

- Clarifies agency response timelines for public records requests.
- Allows administrative cost recovery for certain large and complex requests.
- Provides additional flexibility while maintaining public access requirements.
- Status: Senate Judiciary Committee.
- **City Position: Support**

**AB 1421 (Wilson) – Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee**

- Continues the state's evaluation of mileage-based transportation funding alternatives.
- Directs additional research and recommendations on long-term road user charges.
- Addresses declining gas tax revenues resulting from increased fuel efficiency and electric vehicle adoption.
- Status: Senate Transportation Committee.
- **City Position: Watch**

**Government Relations Staff Priorities**

- Monitor amendments to priority legislation.
- Coordinate with City departments on operational and fiscal impacts.
- Engage with legislative offices and stakeholder organizations.

- Return to the Committee with updates and recommended actions as warranted.

No public comment received.

For information only. No action taken.

### **3. Electric Department Priority Legislation - June 2026**

Summary: This report provides an update on energy-related legislation and other activities that the Electric Department has been following throughout the 2026 legislative session.

CONTACT: Chris Romero 916-746-1660 cromero@roseville.ca.us

Senior Electric Business Analyst Amber Blixt made the presentation to the committee.

#### **CA Regulatory: Cap-and-Invest Update**

- CARB update to GHG emission allowances for EDUs from 2027-2030.
- Roseville allocation will decline by 170,329 in comparison to prior regulations.
- Changes may affect rates and/or reduced utility programs and services.
- Roseville advocated to maintain prior allocations established for 2021-2030.
- 3 comment letters; CARB board hearing testimony.
- CARB proposal adopted at May board hearing; effective September 2026.

#### **Legislative Outlook: What Electric is Tracking**

Tracking 118 bills

- Supporting 4 bills
- Opposing 3 bills
- Advocating & working with authors on 13 bills

Type of Legislation:

- Electric Affordability
- Transportation Electrification
- Grid, Technology and Resource Decisions

#### **CA Legislation: AB 34 (Patterson) – Support**

- Extends provisions allowing a proportional reduction in RPS requirements for certain POUs with large hydroelectric generation
- Absent AB 34, certain POUs forced to purchase unneeded renewable resources in addition to what is actually needed to serve load
- Roseville supportive of overall policy direction

#### **CA Legislation: AB 710 (Irwin) – Watch**

- Requires the governing board of each local publicly owned electric utility to analyze Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) feasibility by January 1, 2028
- Must develop a complete AMI deployment plan by January 1, 2029
- Roseville already implemented AMI; requirements have been satisfied

**CA Legislation: AB 1777 (Garcia) – Oppose**

- Authorizes (CARB) to adopt regulations to reduce or mitigate emissions from indirect sources of pollution
- Not directed specifically at electric utilities, but Roseville concerned about implications of AB 1777 regarding mobile traffic at any of our facilities
- Bill failed passage

**CA Legislation: AB 1820 (Schiavo) – Oppose**

- Caps residential and commercial EV charging permit fees.
- Establishes fee limits through January 1, 2036.
- Impacts local decision making in determining permit fee values.
- Allows fees to be above the cap if supported by written findings of permitting costs.
- League of California Cities opposes citing existing law for fees to reflect actual costs.

**CA Legislation: AB 1941 (M. Gonzalez) – Support**

- Prohibits organized metal theft, described as acting in concert with one or more persons to steal metal materials with intent to sell, exchange, or return for value.
- AB 1941 supports local governments and law enforcement through enhanced coordination and penalties targeting organized theft networks.
- Goal is to protect public infrastructure, utilities, and community safety from the economic and social harms caused by metal theft.
- Support deterring organized theft activity affecting electric utility operations.

**CA Legislation: AB 2516 (Petrie-Norris) - Watch**

- Creates the California Grid Manufacturing (CGM) Initiative to aggregate demand for and centralize procurement of critical grid components
- GO-Biz Energy Unit to lead the development of the CGM Initiative
- Identify and procure key components of the electricity grid and incentivize new and existing in-state manufacturing to support buildout of grid infrastructure
- May improve supply chain resilience, lead times, access to critical grid equipment
- Roseville advocated for domestically manufactured grid components at federal level

**CA Legislation: AB 2647 (Calderon) - Watch**

- CEC by July 1, 2027, to prepare an assessment of advanced nuclear technologies in supporting critical infrastructure in California
- Will assess the potential for new in-state nuclear powerplants to cost-effectively meet statewide electricity needs
- Could shape future policy discussions on nuclear energy
- May impact long-term planning assumptions, statewide resource policy, and cost-reliability discussions relevant to POUs in the future

**CA Legislation: SB 868 (Wiener) – Watch**

- Defines “portable solar generation device” as a moveable photovoltaic (PV) energy generation device with a maximum aggregated AC output of 1,200 watts
- Must meet National Electrical Code standards and isolate to prevent back feeding

- Prohibits utilities from requiring approval or fees related to use of devices
- POU can require customer info regarding address and size of the generation device
- Roseville will monitor uptake of these technologies in our community

#### **CA Legislation: SB 1011 (McNerney) – Oppose**

- Utility Infrastructure AI Safety, Oversight, and Workforce Protection Act
- Would require POUs to adopt a policy regarding use of AI models that is consistent with adopted CPUC standards
- Bill failed passage.

#### **CA Legislation: SB 1266 (Stern) – Support**

- Bill impacts theft laws relating to copper materials
- Value of the theft to be calculated as the full cost to repair/replace the stolen materials, including labor/equipment, rather than the fair market scrap value
- Roseville sent letter of support on SB 1266

#### **CA Legislation: SB 1329 (McNerney) – Watch**

- Establishes uniform rules regarding valuation of active solar energy systems for property-tax purposes
  - Valuation method is “replacement cost new” less depreciation; limits value of the tangible property comprising the active solar energy system
- Impacts solar economics and may affect adoption in utility service territories
- May impact property tax revenues

#### **CA Legislation: SB 1350 (McNerney) – Watch**

- Expands the definition of renewable generation to include qualifying hydrogen-fueled electricity
- Includes guardrails to ensure alignment with the Renewable Portfolio Standard
- May have implications for procurement strategy, compliance treatment, and broader renewable policy implementation

No public comment received.

For information only. No action taken.

#### **4. Environmental Utilities Priority Legislation - June 2026**

Summary: This report provides an update on state and federal activities that staff have been engaged in and legislation that staff has identified as potentially having a significant impact on City utility customers and the Environmental Utilities Department.

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Government Relations Representative Sarah Starr made the presentation to the Committee.

#### **By the Numbers**

- Currently Tracking 157 Bills.

- Actively engaged on 20 measures.
- Submitted over \$6 million in State and Federal Funding Requests.
- Barton Road Water Treatment Plant.
- Joint Roseville-PCWA Raw Water Supply Reliability Project.
- 3 Regulatory Initiatives.
- PFAS MCL.
- Manganese PHG.
- Advanced Clean Fleets.

#### **State Legislation EU is Actively Engaging on**

##### **AB 35 (Alvarez) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria (Support)**

Would exempt Prop 4 funding from the APA process.

##### **AB 2777 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) State Water Quality Control Fund: loan and grant moneys: notification (Support)**

Would eliminate the 50% General Obligation Bond rate limitation for Clean Water SRF loan interest rates.

#### **State Legislation EU is Actively Engaging on**

##### **SB 1125 (Menjivar) Water Rate Assistance Program (Support)**

- Would establish a statewide Water Rate Assistance Program to provide direct bill assistance for residential water services to low-income ratepayers.

##### **AB 2739 (Soria) Water: affordability and system stabilization (Support)**

- Would create the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust to provide grant funding to local water suppliers for infrastructure projects and to support funding for a statewide low-income water rate assistance program.

#### **State Legislation EU is Actively Engaging on**

##### **SB 501 (Allen) Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022: covered batteries (Support)**

- Would add medium format batteries, like those found in e-bikes and e-scooters, to the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022.

##### **SB 1330 (Arreguin) Assault and battery: utility workers (Support and Amend)**

- Would make an assault or battery committed against water or electric utility workers punishable by imprisonment in a county jail up to 1 year and/or fine of up to \$2,000

#### **Funding Requests**

##### **Joint Roseville-PCWA Raw Water Supply Reliability Project**

- Requested \$3.445 million.
- For Increment 1 of Phase 2 design work
- Work includes preliminary design work and environmental compliance efforts.
- Congressman Kiley submitted the request, but it was not selected.

#### **Barton Road Water Treatment Plant**

- Submitted \$3 million to help offset the cost to install a solar array and battery energy storage system.
- The project will produce a minimum of 1.5 million kilowatt-hours and save roughly \$180,000 per year.

#### **Regulations**

##### **PFAS Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) adoption**

- SWRCB plans to begin the PFAS MCL adoption process this summer and will be recommending alignment with the federal MCL.

##### **Manganese Public Health Goal (PHG) Development**

- DDW has requested OEHHA to establish a PHG for manganese.
- This is the first step toward developing a primary MCL.

##### **Advanced Clean Fleets**

- CARB released a second set of 15-day amendments on June 1.
- Amendments clarify CARB's treatment of vehicles operating under contract to state and local government agencies.

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##### **Next Steps:**

- Roseville submitted a comment letter raising concerns regarding contracted fleet compliance responsibilities, reporting requirements, and implementation challenges.
- EU is hosting a site tour at the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant with CASA for CalRecycle and CalEPA.

No public comment received.

No action taken.

#### **VI. STAFF/COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mendonsa adjourned the meeting at 9:49 A.M.

## **City of Roseville Law and Regulation Committee Report**

**September 3, 2026**

### **Introduction**

This report highlights major state legislation affecting the City of Roseville as the Legislature moves through the final days of the 2025-2026 legislative session. The measures below represent the most consequential bills still being monitored or actively advocated based on their potential effects on City operations, finances, workforce, infrastructure delivery, permitting, housing, and local control.

Because the written report was finalized before the Legislature's August 31 adjournment deadline, bill language and outcomes may change after publication. Staff will provide a verbal update at the September 3 meeting identifying bills that passed, failed, or were amended during the closing days of the session.

### **End-of-Session Status**

The Legislature reconvened from summer recess on August 3 for the final two weeks of the two-year session. During this period, bills move rapidly through the fiscal committees and floor votes, and significant amendments may be adopted with limited time for review. Measures not approved by both houses by August 31 will not advance and must be reintroduced in a future session.

Key remaining dates include:

- August 14 - Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills
- August 17-31 - Floor-only period
- August 21 - Last day to amend bills on the floor
- August 31 - Last day for each house to pass bills; final recess begins upon adjournment
- September 30 - Governor's deadline to sign or veto legislation

Final advocacy is focused on floor amendments, passage or defeat of priority measures, and preparing requests for the Governor's signature or veto once bills are enrolled.

### **Major End-of-Session Themes**

#### **Local Control and State Preemption**

Several measures would establish statewide requirements for local permitting, inspections, housing approvals, transportation projects, public meetings, and technology

use. These bills may reduce the City's ability to tailor processes to local conditions or could create new mandates without corresponding resources.

### **Cost and Administrative Mandates**

Bills affecting pension calculations, workers' compensation recovery, prevailing wage administration, privacy, artificial intelligence, and employee notice requirements could increase costs or require new compliance systems.

### **Housing Production and Development Review**

Housing legislation continues to emphasize ministerial approvals, shorter review processes, remote inspections, reduced fees, and limits on local development standards. The cumulative impact is as important as any single bill.

### **Infrastructure Delivery and Cost Recovery**

Late-session proposals address prevailing wages, access to public works sites, permit fee caps, transportation project approvals, and reimbursement of state-mandated local costs. These measures could affect project schedules, risk, staffing, and the City's ability to recover the full cost of services.

## **Significant Legislation**

### **Governance, Workforce, and Citywide Operations**

#### **AB 1337 (Ward) - Information Practices Act: Local Agencies (Oppose)**

Beginning in 2028, AB 1337 would remove the longstanding exemption for local agencies from the Information Practices Act and extend a broad state privacy framework to cities. The bill would impose new requirements for the collection, maintenance, use, disclosure, access, and correction of personal information. **Staff Comments:** *The measure could require substantial changes across City departments and information systems, create new administrative and legal exposure, and overlap with existing public records, records-retention, and cybersecurity obligations.*

#### **AB 1821 (Pacheco) - California Public Records Act: Business Days (Support)**

AB 1821 would change the initial California Public Records Act response period from 10 calendar days to 10 business days. **Staff Comments:** *The change would provide agencies a more practical and consistent timeframe for coordinating legal review, locating records across departments, and responding accurately while preserving public access.*

#### **AB 2656 (Petrie-Norris) - Artificial Intelligence: Employee Notice (Oppose)**

AB 2656 would require specified public employers to provide a recognized employee organization at least 45 days' written notice before developing, purchasing, or requiring the

use of generative artificial intelligence to perform work within a represented classification.

**Staff Comments:** *The bill could delay routine technology procurement and implementation, create uncertainty over which tools trigger notice, and limit the City's ability to modernize services efficiently.*

#### **SB 430 (Cabaldon) - Local Agency Automated Decision Systems (Concerns)**

SB 430 would establish governance, review, accuracy, nondiscrimination, and human-oversight requirements when local agencies use automated decision systems for specified permits, licenses, benefits, or supportive services. **Staff Comments:** *Responsible safeguards are appropriate, but broad definitions and recurring audit or reporting obligations could apply to common software tools and create significant compliance work across multiple departments.*

#### **SB 487 (Grayson) - Workers' Compensation Subrogation (Oppose)**

SB 487 would limit an employer's ability to recover workers' compensation costs from a responsible third party when the injured employee is a peace officer or firefighter and available insurance is insufficient to cover all damages. **Staff Comments:** *The bill could shift costs from responsible third parties to public employers and increase the City's workers' compensation expenses.*

#### **SB 827 (Gonzalez) - Local Agency Ethics and Financial Training (Oppose Unless Amended)**

SB 827 would expand ethics-training requirements to additional local officials, including department heads or similar administrative officers, and create recurring fiscal and financial training requirements. **Staff Comments:** *The City supports strong ethics and financial competency, but the bill should avoid duplicating existing professional training and should provide clear, flexible standards that do not create unnecessary administrative mandates.*

### **Housing, Development, and Permitting**

#### **AB 1621 (Wilson) - Postentitlement Permits and Plan Review (Oppose)**

AB 1621 would generally limit local agencies to two plan-check and specification reviews for a building permit and restrict agencies from requiring certain changes during inspection that deviate from previously approved plans. **Staff Comments:** *Complex projects often require iterative review to resolve code, safety, and constructability issues. A fixed limit could increase denials, disputes, and risk rather than accelerate safe project delivery.*

#### **AB 1738 (Carrillo) - Remote Building Inspections (Oppose)**

AB 1738 would require cities to offer remote inspections for specified work on one- and two-family homes beginning in 2028, subject to limited exceptions and locally adopted

protocols. **Staff Comments:** *Remote inspections can be useful when appropriate, but a statewide mandate may constrain professional judgment, require new technology and procedures, and be unsuitable for work that requires an in-person safety assessment.*

#### **AB 1751 (Quirk-Silva) - Missing Middle Townhome Ownership Act (Oppose)**

AB 1751 would establish a ministerial approval pathway for qualifying townhome development and related subdivisions that meet specified objective standards. **Staff Comments:** *The measure would further limit local review of subdivision design, infrastructure, access, and neighborhood compatibility and may not adequately account for the cumulative service and facility needs of new development.*

#### **AB 2296 (Papan) - Housing Element Schedule (Support)**

AB 2296 would allow local governments to begin the housing-element process six months earlier, providing additional time to coordinate with the Department of Housing and Community Development and obtain certification. **Staff Comments:** *The bill offers a practical process improvement that could reduce last-minute disputes, improve public engagement, and support timely compliance.*

#### **SB 1117 (Cervantes) - Accessory Dwelling Unit Impact Fees (Oppose)**

SB 1117 would revise the calculation of impact fees for accessory dwelling units larger than 750 square feet so that the charge is based only on the area exceeding 750 square feet. **Staff Comments:** *The measure would further reduce local cost recovery even though larger units create service and infrastructure impacts, shifting a greater share of those costs to existing residents and ratepayers.*

### **Public Works, Transportation, and Infrastructure**

#### **AB 1198 (Haney) - Public Works: Prevailing Wage Determinations (Oppose)**

AB 1198 would change when updated prevailing wage determinations apply and establish a petition process for challenging rates. **Staff Comments:** *Applying rate changes later in procurement could reduce certainty for City estimates, bids, and awards; increase contractor contingencies and claims; and add cost and delay to capital improvement projects.*

#### **AB 1859 (Ortega) - Public Works Jobsite Access (Oppose)**

AB 1859 would require awarding bodies and project owners to provide representatives of joint labor-management committees reasonable access to public works jobsites to monitor prevailing wage and apprenticeship compliance. **Staff Comments:** *The measure could create safety, security, coordination, and liability concerns and places additional access-management duties on the City and its contractors.*

### **AB 1976 (Wicks) - Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects (Oppose Unless Amended)**

AB 1976 would restrict community meetings intended to reconsider, delay, or prevent certain pedestrian or bicycle safety projects after they reach 90 percent design and would limit when a city may terminate a project after construction is directed or awarded. **Staff Comments:** *The bill may reduce the City's ability to respond to late-emerging safety, cost, engineering, or community concerns.*

### **SB 445 (Wiener) - Transportation Project Permits and Approvals (Oppose)**

SB 445 would impose expedited deadlines for third-party agreements, permits, and approvals associated with high-speed rail and a broad range of specified transportation projects, with consequences if an agency does not act within the prescribed period. **Staff Comments:** *The measure could undermine local review, utility coordination, environmental analysis, infrastructure planning, and public engagement, particularly for complex projects affecting City streets and facilities.*

### **Fiscal Authority and State Mandates**

#### **AB 2640 (Hadwick) - State-Mandated Cost Reimbursement (Support)**

AB 2640 would improve procedures governing adjustments to local agency reimbursement claims following an audit or review by the State Controller. **Staff Comments:** *Clearer and more timely notice of adjustments would improve transparency, preserve local appeal rights, and support recovery of costs imposed on the City by state mandates.*

#### **SB 1172 (Hurtado) - Bradley-Burns Tax-Sharing Agreements (Support)**

SB 1172 would cap consultant compensation tied to a specific Bradley-Burns sales-tax sharing agreement at the lower of five percent of shared revenues or \$250,000. **Staff Comments:** *The bill would promote transparency and reduce excessive incentive payments that can distort sales-tax allocation decisions and shift revenue among local agencies.*

### **Conclusion**

Final votes will determine which measures reach the Governor. Staff will continue City advocacy, provide an updated disposition at the September 3 meeting, and return with a final signed-and-vetoed summary after September 30.

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| <b>Title:</b>   | Electric Department Priority Legislation - September 2026 |
| <b>Contact:</b> | Amber Blixt 916-774-5693 aablixt@roseville.ca.us          |

### SUMMARY

This report provides provides the Law and Regulation (L&R) Committee with an update on energy-related legislation and other activities that the Electric Department has been following throughout the 2026 legislative session.

### RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and provide input on any legislative or regulatory items presented to the committee.

### BACKGROUND

An overview of state and federal energy items that the Electric Department has been following is below:

#### State Legislation:

##### **AB 34 (Patterson) California Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program: local publicly owned electric utilities: large hydroelectric generation (Support)**

Under the existing RPS statute, there is an exemption for Publicly Owned Utilities (POUs) that requires renewable energy procurement only up to the retail sales unserved by large hydroelectric generation. This applies, in certain circumstances, to POUs that generate more than 40% of their electricity from existing large hydroelectric sources annually. AB 34 extends this exemption beyond 2030 to be consistent with the duration of the RPS. ***Staff Comments: Roseville supported this legislation through our trade association, The Northern California Power Agency, the sponsor of the bill. Roseville's large hydro contracts are much below the 40% threshold required by AB 34. Accordingly, Roseville is not expecting any immediate benefit from this legislation but supports the discussion around RPS affordability which was at the heart of the argument for extending this policy beyond 2030. This bill was signed by the Governor on July 13, 2026.***

##### **AB 1820 (Schiavo) Electric vehicle charging stations: permit fees (Oppose)**

Until January 1, 2036, this bill establishes permit fee limits for certain electric vehicle charging stations installed at a new or existing multifamily housing development, unless a city provides substantial evidence of the reasonable cost to issue the permit as part of a written finding and an adopted ordinance ***Staff Comments: Roseville remains opposed to this bill as AB 1820 limits our ability to charge actual costs to permit EV chargers. The city may want to adopt an ordinance as described above in the case that permit fees exceed the limits prescribed in this bill. In prior versions, AB 1820 applied to EV permits fees more broadly to include residential and commercial EV chargers as well. As a result of advocacy, this bill has been narrowed to apply to multifamily housing developments. This bill is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.***

#### **AB 1941 (Mark González) Organized metal theft (Support)**

This bill would create new crimes of organized metal theft. AB 1941 states the intent of the legislature to support local governments and law enforcement agencies through enhanced penalties targeting organized theft networks and protect public infrastructure, utilities, and community safety from the escalating economic and social harms caused by metal theft. **Staff Comments: This bill is directly relevant to utilities because organized metal theft can target electric system assets. The Electric Department supports this legislation to deter organized theft activity affecting electric utility operations. Department staff submitted a signed city advocacy letter of support. This bill is scheduled to be heard on the Senate floor.**

#### **AB 2516 (Petrie-Norris) California Grid Manufacturing Initiative (Watch)**

This bill requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) Energy Unit, in coordination with other state entities, to establish the California Grid Manufacturing Initiative. The bill would require the Energy Unit to determine and provide appropriate forms of state assistance to address identified delays with critical electricity grid components, as defined, to incentivize new or existing in-state manufacturing of critical electricity grid components, and to provide support to joint procurement initiatives. **Staff Comments: While AB 2516 allows the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to require joint procurements of critical grid components by electrical corporations, recent amendments made clear that POUs were not required to participate in such procurements unless interested on a voluntary basis. This was a helpful clarification, but this bill ultimately failed to pass the Senate Appropriations Committee.**

#### **AB 2647 (Calderon) Energy: nuclear powerplants: assessment (Watch)**

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC), on or before January 1, 2028, to prepare a comprehensive assessment of the potential role of advanced nuclear technologies in supporting critical infrastructure in California and the potential for new in-state nuclear powerplants to cost-effectively meet statewide electricity needs. The assessment shall consider the security-related costs and considerations to store, handle, and transport nuclear fuel for each nuclear technology. **Staff Comments: Although the bill does not require procurement by POUs, it could shape future state policy discussions around employing nuclear energy. Any shift in California's treatment of advanced nuclear technologies could influence long-term planning assumptions, statewide resource policy, and cost-reliability discussions relevant to POUs. This bill is scheduled to be heard on the Senate floor.**

#### **SB 868 (Wiener) Electricity: portable solar generation devices (Watch)**

This bill would exempt portable solar generation devices from interconnection requirements imposed by state law, the CPUC, and local publicly owned electric utility rules, and would prohibit utilities from requiring agreements, approval, or fees related to a customer's use of the device. It defines a "portable solar generation device" to be a photovoltaic (PV) energy generation device, or combination of devices, that has a maximum aggregated alternating current (AC) output of no more than 1,200 watts per dwelling. The device must meet National Electrical Code standards and include a feature that isolates the device from the building's electrical system to prevent back feeding electricity to the electrical grid during a power outage. This bill allows a local publicly owned electric utility to require customer notification through a simple online registration form identifying the address, make, model, and size of the portable solar generation device. **Staff Comments: Individuals are beginning to deploy portable solar generation devices in their backyards or on their home balconies. SB 868 allows POUs to request info regarding where these devices are located but does not allow refusal of the use of these devices.**

***The department will continue to monitor the uptake of these technologies in our community. This bill is scheduled to be heard on the Assembly floor.***

**SB 1168 (McNerney) Data Centers: rate structures (Watch)**

This bill directs the CPUC, as part of a new or existing proceeding, to assess opportunities for rate structures that ensure data centers pay their reasonable share of costs associated with transmission and distribution needs, regardless of whether the data centers interconnect at the transmission level or the distribution level; ensure data centers pay for their proportionate share of electrical load increases and procurements needed to reliably serve their loads while maintaining consistency with the applicable integrated resource planning requirements; and to alleviate cost pressures on residential ratepayers.

***Staff Comments: This bill applies to proceedings at the CPUC but could have implications for how data centers are treated more broadly in the future. This bill awaits a vote on the Assembly floor.***

**SB 1266 (Stern) Crimes: theft (Support)**

This bill impacts theft laws relating to copper materials. Every person who steals, takes, or carries away copper materials of another, including, but not limited to, copper wire, copper cable, copper tubing, and copper piping, which are of a value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) is guilty of grand theft. This bill would require the value of the theft to be calculated as the cost to the victim to repair and replace the stolen materials rather than fair market scrap value. Recent amendments exclude the cost of labor in the determination of “value”. ***Staff Comments: Roseville supports SB 1266 because copper theft directly affects utility infrastructure. Department staff submitted a signed city advocacy letter of support for SB 1266. This bill failed passage in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will no longer be moving forward.***

**SB 1329 (McNerney) Real property tax: valuation: active solar energy system (Watch)**

This bill would prescribe rules for the valuation of an active solar energy system under certain valuation methods. The bill indicates that in valuing an active solar energy system under the income method of appraisal, the assessor shall exclude from income the benefit of renewable energy credits, federal and state tax credits, cash grants, direct payments, or similar government subsidies. The bill indicates that in valuing an active solar energy system under the cost method of appraisal, the assessor shall reduce the cost by any federal and state tax credits or similar governmental subsidies. ***Staff Comments: While the bill does not directly affect utilities, the department has been monitoring this bill because it could have an impact on solar economics. This bill did not meet the deadline to pass the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will not be moving forward this year.***

**SB 1350 (McNerney) Energy: renewable electrical generation facilities: definition (Support)**

This bill would expand the definition of “renewable generation facility” to include a facility that converts hydrogen gas to electricity in a turbine that meets specified criteria, including that the hydrogen used in the turbine is solely derived from an eligible resource, or through electrolysis of water, and exclusively uses electricity generated from another renewable electrical generation facility. ***Staff Comments: This bill extends California’s RPS eligibility to electricity produced using green hydrogen. The Electric Department has been supportive of this expanded approach to the RPS. This legislation will support projects like NCPA’s Lodi Energy Center Hydrogen project. This bill was signed into law on June 29, 2026 and went into effect immediately as an urgency statute.***

**Federal:**

### **Ratepayer Protection Pledge (Support)**

In March of this year, the President brought leading AI and hyperscaler companies together to sign the Ratepayer Protection Pledge to ensure tech companies build, bring, or buy the power for their data center needs. The intent of the ratepayer protection pledge is to protect Americans from electricity price hikes due to data center energy requirements now and over time. More recently, the Administration reached out to representatives in the electric sector to sign the pledge as well. The American Public Power Association (APPA), our federal trade association, signed onto the ratepayer protection pledge on behalf of public power. This aligns with the public power position that public power customers should not bear the cost burden of serving data centers. ***Staff Comments: The Electric Department supports APPA signing onto the Ratepayer Protection Pledge and will continue to monitor the energy data center discussion at the Federal level.***

### **Conclusion:**

The Electric Department will continue to keep the committee up to date on these important legislative proposals and request any direction as needed.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The costs of these activities are contained within the City's current budget.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

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The action of reviewing legislation meets the above criteria and is not subject to CEQA. No additional environmental review is required.

### **CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN/OVERARCHING GOALS**

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### SUMMARY

This report provides provides the Law and Regulation (L&R) Committee with an update on legislation that the Environmental Utilities Department has been following throughout the 2026 legislative session.

### RECOMMENDATION

This staff report provides updates to the Law and Regulation Committee on priorities outlined in the City of Roseville's Legislative Platform.

### BACKGROUND

The California State Legislature returned from its month-long summer recess on August 3, 2026 after an active several months, encompassing the June 15, 2026 deadline to pass a Budget Act and a policy committee deadline that took them to the start of their summer recess. The Legislature will have until August 31, 2026 for each house to pass bills. The Governor will then have until September 30, 2026 to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature. Below is an update on high-priority bills for the Environmental Utilities Department.

#### State Legislation

##### **AB 35 (Alvarez) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria (Support)**

This bill would exempt Proposition 4 funding from the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) process. Proposition 4 was approved by voters at the November 5, 2024 statewide general election and invests \$10 billion to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire, forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. ***Staff Comments: The APA process can typically take 12-18 months to complete, so an exemption would enable funds for various projects to be deployed more quickly. The Sacramento Regional Water Bank (Water Bank) is one example of a regional project that could benefit from more timely funding. Roseville is a partner of the Water Bank, which seeks to help local water providers improve drought and climate resilience by storing and recovering groundwater supplies for future use. Roseville supported AB 35, which was signed into law on July 16.***

##### **AB 2026 (Aguiar-Curry) Water diversion: groundwater recharge: permit (Support)**

This bill would provide the ability to divert flood flows for groundwater recharge without a water right, by broadening the definition of flood flows to include releases from flood operations. It also removes the existing sunset to divert flood flows for groundwater recharge without a permit, which is set to expire

January 1, 2029. The conditions of this bill would be a pilot program, set to expire on January 1, 2037.

**Staff Comments:** *The Regional Water Authority and the Northern California Water Association are co-sponsoring AB 2026. This bill could significantly increase Roseville's ability to capture and store high-flow surface water for groundwater recharge by creating clearer rules and a more streamlined permitting process. Regional projects, like the Water Bank, could see increased water storage, which helps to improve long-term water supply reliability for the region. Amendments on July 2 made this into a pilot program to address concerns so that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) could take the time to develop regulations establishing alternative diversion criteria that optimizes groundwater recharge while protecting public health and the environment. This would also ensure appropriate stakeholder engagement from all sides through the regulatory process. Roseville supported AB 2026 through our associations. The measure was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee's suspense file and will not advance this legislative session.*

**AB 2180 (Ward) Local government: Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act: proportional cost of service (Support)**

This bill would clarify how agencies comply with Proposition 218's proportionality requirement by codifying that local agencies may rely on reasonable cost allocation methodologies supported by existing, estimated, or projected data and clarifying that water agencies may establish uniform or tiered rate structures. **Staff Comments:** *Roseville's current potable water rate structure ensures that water rates are proportional to the cost of service attributable to each parcel, as required under Proposition 218. This bill would provide additional legal clarity and flexibility for allocating costs in future water and wastewater rate studies. The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is sponsoring this measure and Roseville has joined a coalition letter in support of the bill. AB 2180 is on the Senate Floor awaiting a vote.*

**AB 2322 (Papan) Water discharge: commercial, industrial, or institutional sites (Watch)**

This bill defines "commercial, industrial, or institutional sites" (CII) based on county tax assessor land use codes for the purposes of issuing permits for the discharge of stormwater for municipal separate storm sewer systems permits (MS4 permits). **Staff Comments:** *Roseville currently operates under a MS4 permit which requires us to identify and inspect businesses and ensure stormwater controls are installed when sites are built or redeveloped. MS4 permits are administered by California's nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards under the Water Board. Staff are working through the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) as there are concerns regarding the need for a standard definition when the term 'CII site facility' does not currently exist in MS4 permits as the requirements are based upon the size of a project, not the type of facility that is planned for construction. Staff will continue to watch this bill through our associations to ensure that nothing gets implemented that could create additional uncertainty for us as permittees. AB 2322 is currently on the Senate Floor.*

**AB 2469 (Papan) Data centers: water use disclosures (Watch)**

This bill would prohibit a city or county from approving a discretionary or ministerial permit or other entitlement that results in the construction, or an expansion that increases the maximum peak water use, of a data center unless the applicant provides a water supply assessment, a water scarcity plan beginning January 1, 2028, projected water use and water efficiency measures, and information regarding workforce composition, job classifications, employment duration, wages and benefits, and where the workforce

resides. The applicant would also be responsible for the full cost of any water conveyance, treatment, storage, or distribution infrastructure improvements necessary to serve the project, as determined by the applicable water supplier. **Staff Comments: This measure was significantly amended in order to make it off the Senate Appropriations Committee's suspense file. Those amendments removed a significant concern raised by Roseville and our associations by eliminating the proposed new CII classification for large consumptive users, which could have unintentionally disrupted or duplicated ongoing implementation efforts under the "Making Conservation a California Way of Life" regulations. The amendments also removed the detailed water use assessment and provisions that would have allowed DWR to determine necessary water infrastructure improvements. The measure continues to require data centers to provide a water supply assessment, a water scarcity plan, and projected water use and water efficiency measures. This information would help EU plan for long-term water supply reliability while simultaneously supporting both the City's needs and future development. AB 2469 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and is now pending on the Senate Floor.**

#### **AB 2619 (Papan) Water resources: data centers (Watch)**

This bill would require data center owners or operators to submit specified information on water use when they apply for a local business license or renew an existing one. The bill would require DWR and the State Energy Resources and Conservation and Development Commission to develop guidelines and best practices to maximize the efficient use of natural resources to address the developing and emerging needs of technology in California that are consistent with urban water use objectives by January 1, 2029. **Staff Comments: The information that data centers would have to provide includes a good faith estimate of the expected water use, the anticipated source of water, and the data center's projected water use volume for the maximum day, maximum month, and average year. The need for data centers is continuously growing, but the facilities use a large amount of water for their operations, which means that water agencies need to have accurate information to meet the needs of these emerging technologies, without compromising water reliability for its ratepayers. Staff previously had broader concerns regarding the bill's proposed requirements for water agencies. While amendments narrowed some of those provisions, the bill would still require urban water suppliers to account for the unconstrained demand of data centers and other large water users when conducting the annual water supply and demand assessment required as part of their water shortage contingency plans. Staff will continue to monitor the bill to ensure that local governments retain appropriate authority to evaluate and monitor data centers. AB 2619 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and is now pending on the Senate Floor.**

#### **AB 2739 (Soria) Water: affordability and system stabilization (Support)**

This bill would create the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust (the Trust) to use investment earnings to provide grant funding to local water suppliers for infrastructure projects and to support funding for a statewide low-income water rate assistance program. **Staff Comments: Having a new source of state funding for infrastructure projects, such as system repairs, upgrades, and water quality improvements helps reduce cost pressures on local ratepayers. The bill would also support direct customer bill assistance, which aligns with the Water Rate Assistance Program (WRAP) that Roseville established in December 2025. Roseville has been actively advocating on this measure, alongside regional and statewide partners and environmental justice advocates, and has joined a coalition letter in support of the bill. This bill works in conjunction with SB 1125 (Menjivar) to establish the necessary funding structure that addresses water affordability at both the household**

*and system level. AB 2739 establishes the funding mechanism while SB 1125 establishes the statewide Water Rate Assistance Program. AB 2739 made it off the suspense file in the Senate Appropriations Committee and is now on the Floor.*

**AB 2777 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) State Water Quality Control Fund: loan and grant moneys: notification (Support)**

This bill would eliminate the 50% General Obligation Bond rate limitation for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan interest rates in statute. ***Staff Comments: This bill is being sponsored by WasteReuse California (WRCA) and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA). This bill would allow the SRF program greater flexibility to offer larger loan products, which are currently capped at \$50 million, in exchange for a slightly higher interest rate. Allowing additional flexibility in loan structuring could increase revenue flowing back into the SRF program, helping to sustain its operations and ensuring that critical infrastructure projects, including water quality improvements and wastewater infrastructure upgrades, receive funding in a timely manner. Roseville is supporting AB 2777, which is currently on the Senate Floor.***

**SB 501 (Allen) Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022: covered batteries (Support)**

This bill would add medium format batteries, including those found in e-bikes and e-scooters, to the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022, which requires producers, through the creation of one or more stewardship organizations, to develop, fund, and implement a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of covered batteries. ***Staff Comments: Adding medium format batteries to the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022 ensures that the responsible end-of-life management for these products falls on the producers of these products, rather than on Roseville's ratepayers. In recent weeks, the improper disposal of these batteries has resulted in growing safety concerns for our waste services workers and community members, as staff have experienced a number of fires in our solid waste vehicles. Roseville has an evolving policy regarding the proper handling and disposal of batteries and even offers curbside pickups. Roseville is supporting SB 501 as it aligns with Council Resolution 10-278 to support Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws. SB 501 made it out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is currently on the Assembly Floor.***

**SB 1085 (Durazo) Water supply planning: housing developments (Watch)**

This bill would require public water systems to submit a water supply assessment to the city or county as part of the approval process for large development projects. Water supply assessments (WSAs) help ensure that developers and local agencies evaluate whether sufficient water supplies are available to serve a proposed project over a 20-year period, including during drought conditions. ***Staff Comments: Recent legislation focused on streamlining housing development created exemptions where certain large projects were no longer required to complete a WSA, so SB 1085 would restore an important safeguard. As a full-service city, Roseville is able to work with the City's Development Services Department during the planning process, so this bill would provide limited impacts to our current operations. This measure is being sponsored by East Bay Municipal Utility District, which is a regional partner. SB 1085 made it out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on a unanimous vote and is currently on the Assembly Floor.***

**SB 1125 (Menjivar) Water Rate Assistance Program (Support)**

This bill would establish a statewide Water Rate Assistance Program to provide direct bill assistance for residential water services to low-income ratepayers. The program could begin with partial implementation

once a minimum level of funding is available, with participation initially voluntary until sufficient funding is available for statewide implementation. **Staff Comments: Working alongside AB 2739 (Soria), SB 1125 would help address affordability challenges that local agencies cannot fully solve on their own due to Proposition 218 cost-of-service limitations. The measure was significantly amended in order to make it off the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file. The amendments allow the program to begin once a minimum level of funding is available, with voluntary participation until sufficient funding is available to implement the program statewide. Once sufficient funding is available for statewide implementation, Roseville would be required to participate. However, the amendments recognize agencies like Roseville that already have a local water rate assistance program and would allow the City to continue operating WRAP and potentially use state funding to bolster the existing program rather than establish a separate program. This is significant because WRAP was intentionally designed to meet the specific needs of Roseville's community while providing flexibility to complement a future statewide program. Roseville has been actively advocating on this measure alongside regional and statewide partners and environmental justice advocates and has joined a coalition letter in support of the bill. SB 1125 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is now pending on the Assembly Floor.**

#### **SB 1330 (Arreguin) Assault and battery: utility workers (Support and Amend)**

This bill would expand current law to make an assault or battery committed against a utility worker who is out on the job punishable by imprisonment in a county jail up to 1 year and/or a fine of up to \$2,000. **Staff Comments: Roseville is supporting SB 1330 and seeking amendments, as the bill would currently only provide these protections for our water and electric utility workers. Since EU encompasses other utilities, like our wastewater and waste services utility workers, we had been working with CASA and the California Product Stewardship Council to include language that would get these classifications included within the bill. However, now that we are at the end of session, additional amendments appear unlikely given the legislative calendar. This bill would provide critical protection for our water and electric utility workers when out on the job and we hope to see future legislation to provide these protections for Roseville's other utility workers. SB 1330 made it off the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file and is currently on the Assembly Floor.**

#### **Two-Year Bills**

##### **SB 601 (Allen) Water: waste discharge (Oppose)**

This bill defines a new category of state waters called "nexus waters" which would include all waters of the state that are not also navigable waters and would expand the Water Board's authority to adopt water quality control plans for any waters of the state (i.e. nexus waters) and requires existing discharge requirements to include state policies for water quality control. **Staff Comments: Roseville opposed this bill through a coalition led by the California Chamber of Commerce (CalChamber) due to concerns that the bill could result in unclear and unintended consequences and increase permitting and compliance obligations. Following the Water Board's Sackett report to the Legislature released in January 2026, stakeholders and the Water Board continued working to find a path forward that would address many of the concerns associated with the proposed nexus waters definition. In the days leading up to the Assembly Appropriations Committee hearing, the Water Board, the author's office, and stakeholders were actively negotiating a package of amendments that would have addressed many of the opposition coalition's concerns. Based on the proposed amendments, several of Roseville's associations, including CASA, WateReuse, ACWA, and CMUA, were evaluating whether to change their positions, and CASQA was considering moving to a support**

***position. Ultimately, the author did not accept the negotiated amendments and instead moved forward with alternative language that did not address the coalition's concerns. As a result, the opposition remained and SB 601 was held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file and will not advance this legislative session.***

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The costs of monitoring and assessing legislative and regulatory activities are contained within the City's current operating budget. The fiscal impact of proposed legislative or regulatory action to the City is often unknown until later in the process. Staff will continue to monitor impacts throughout the legislative process.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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