

# 2026 Legislative Updates

## HB 1007/SB 484 – Data Centers

- Water Management Districts may not issue a water allocation permit if the proposed use of the water is harmful to the water resources of the area or is prohibited by the local government zoning or comprehensive plan.
- Water allocation permits will be issued if:
  - There is a reasonable beneficial use
  - The issuance of the permit will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water
  - The issuance is consistent with the public interest
- If a permit application is for an allocation of water of at least an average daily flow of 100,000 gallons of water per day by a large-scale data center, then the application must identify:
  - All sources and amounts of water used for cooling, industrial and treatment processes, personal or sanitary needs for employees, and landscape irrigation.
  - A Water Conservation Plan
- Requires a public hearing by the governing board of the water management district. Cannot be approved administratively.

