

February 2, 2026

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 35 – Climate bond implementation acceleration – Support

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

The California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP) is writing in support of Assembly Bill 35 (Alvarez) as introduced. This bill would accelerate the implementation of voter-approved Proposition 4 funding by streamlining administrative processes and enabling timely investment in critical climate, water, park, and community resilience projects across California.

CalWEP is a statewide, membership-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to maximize urban water efficiency throughout California by supporting innovative technologies and practices; advancing effective public policies; promoting research, training, and public education; and fostering collaborative partnerships among water agencies, local governments, and stakeholders. Our members are actively engaged in planning and implementing projects that depend on timely access to state funding to deliver water savings, climate resilience, and community benefits.

AB 35 would help ensure that Proposition 4 investments reach communities more quickly by reducing delays between bond approval and project delivery. Accelerating access to these funds is particularly important for water efficiency, nature-based solutions, and climate adaptation projects, which are increasingly urgent as California faces persistent drought, extreme heat, and climate volatility. Delays in funding deployment can stall shovel-ready projects and undermine the intended environmental and public health benefits approved by voters.

By improving the efficiency and coordination of bond implementation, AB 35 supports California's broader goals of climate resilience, water reliability, and sustainable infrastructure investment. Ensuring that funds are deployed in a timely and effective manner will help local agencies and partners translate state climate commitments into on-the-ground outcomes.

For these reasons, CalWEP is proud to support AB 35. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tia Fleming, Executive Director of External Affairs, at tia@calwep.org or (916) 552-5885.

Sincerely,



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California Water Efficiency Partnership