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ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

**Administration
Committee Meeting**

February 12, 2025

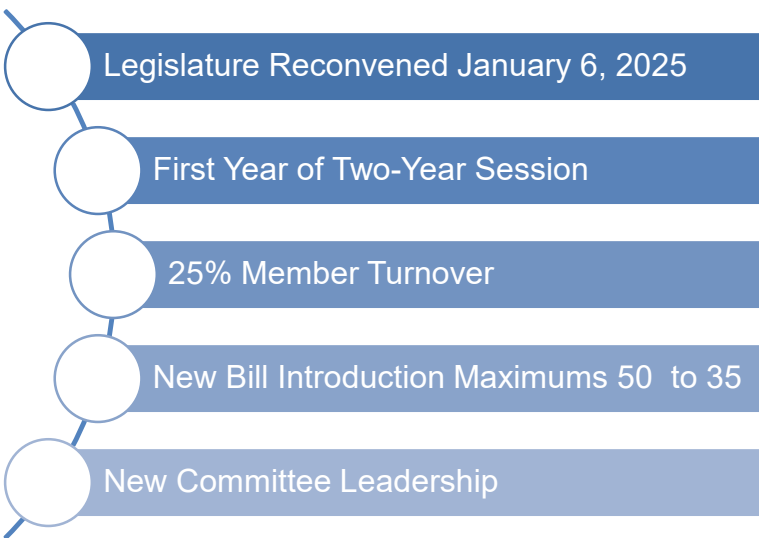
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Sacramento Legislative Overview



- Legislature Reconvened January 6, 2025
- First Year of Two-Year Session
- 25% Member Turnover
- New Bill Introduction Maximums 50 to 35
- New Committee Leadership

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Governor's January Budget Proposal

Despite a projected \$2 billion deficit from the Legislative Analyst's Office, Governor Newsom's plan delivers a balanced **\$322.2 billion budget** with no deficit and a modest surplus, backed by **\$16.9 billion** in reserves.



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Governor's January Budget Proposal



Modest Surplus



Washington D.C.
Dynamics



Government
Efficiency



Los Angeles
Wildfires

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Looking Ahead: Key Issues for 2025

Impact Fee Legislation

SB 903 (Skinner) Non-Essential Uses Ban Re-Introduction

Biosolids Land Application Legislation

Brown Act Flexibility

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AB 259 (Rubio) – Teleconferencing

Details

- Removes the sunset on AB 2449 (Rubio) authorizations for teleconferencing
- Makes permanent the status quo for participating in meetings remotely

Status

- **Introduced. Can be heard in Committees in March**
- **CSDA sponsored. Supported in concept by CalCities, CASA, ACWA, CSAC, etc.**

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2025 Legislative Concepts Explored



- Bid Advertising Reform
- Dollar thresholds for bidding and force account work
- Video Retention Reform

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Bid Advertising Reform

Details

- Currently, Sanitation Districts must advertise construction bids in a print newspaper
- This can cost several hundred thousand dollars a year in advertising costs for local and regional newspapers, without evidence to show increased bidders
- OC San ran a bill in 2018, AB 2003 (Daly), to try to expand the allowable public notification methods for construction bids. AB 2003 died in the Assembly Local Government Committee
- No author identified in 2025

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