



## APA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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### **APA California Legislative Update Conference Session Material**

APA California's VP for Policy and Legislation, Technical Advisors and Chapter Lobbyist recently presented an extended Legislative Update Session at the APA California Conference in Monterey. We were also very excited to welcome Assemblymember Buffy Wicks as a guest speaker. 2025 was yet another busy year for planning-related legislation and there was certainly a lot to discuss – thank you to those who attended! Presentation slides are now available. The Governor still has until October 13 to act on all bills that made it to his desk in the 2025 Legislative session, so stay tuned for an updated list with his actions later in October.

If you're interested in looking up all planning related bills APA California tracked this year, their status, and for more information on positions the Chapter has taken on bills, please visit the [APA California website](#) for a comprehensive list with links to bill language and position letters.

### **SB 415 (AB 98 clean-up bill) Signed by the Governor and Includes Important Amendments Secured by APA California**

As we reported last month, SB 415 passed the Legislature and was sent to the Governor on the final day of session. The bill is intended to make important changes to address implementation of [AB 98 \(Carrillo and Reyes, 2024\)](#) and amendments made at the end of session included changes that APA California requested. ***On October 3, the Governor signed SB 415, making the following important changes to AB 98 effective on January 1, 2026:***

- Allows **jurisdictions outside the Warehouse Concentration Region (WCR) to adopt an ordinance rather than update their circulation element** to address truck routes as mandated in AB 98. This must be implemented by 1/1/2028 or by 1/1/2030 for a jurisdiction that is a city with a population equal to, or less than, 50,000 persons or a county with a population equal to, or less than, 100,000 persons.
- Provides **an off-ramp** for jurisdictions without an existing logistics use development do not have to adopt an ordinance. If a jurisdiction later approves one, they will have 2 years to adopt an ordinance after the first logistics use development is approved.
- Provides a **safe harbor** from the Attorney General's enforcement provisions **for all jurisdictions making a good faith effort** to comply with the ordinance or circulation element update, which is critical to the WCR jurisdictions who must still update their circulation element by 1/1/2026.

In addition to the amendments to address the planning mandate concerns, several other changes were made in SB 415. These include amendments that clarify development standards, applicability to agriculture and manufacturing facilities, provide for enforcement of truck routes, and apply general clean up throughout the statute.