
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 161
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Introduced: 3/18/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Special Districts Week

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims the week of April 5, 2026, to April 11, 2026, to be Special Districts Week.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Special districts are local governmental entities created by a community's residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services and infrastructure.
- 2) Today, just over 2,000 independent special districts provide millions of Californians with essential services, including services related to water, sanitation, and water recycling, fire protection, electricity, parks and recreation, health care, open space, ports and harbors, flood protection, mosquito abatement, cemeteries, resource conservation, airports, transit, road maintenance, veterans' facilities, and more.
- 3) Special districts vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout California, from small rural neighborhoods, such as the Pine Cove Water District in the San Jacinto Mountains in the County of Riverside, to large urban regions, such as the East Bay Municipal Utility District spanning much of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa.
- 4) Local residents own special districts and govern them through locally elected or appointed boards. A series of sunshine laws ensure special districts remain transparent and accountable to the communities they serve, as these laws require open and public meetings, public access to records, regular audits, online posting of finances and compensation, and more.

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Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 36 (Carillo, Resolution Chapter 89, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 163 (Hart, Resolution Chapter 97, Statutes of 2024)

SCR 52 (Alvarado-Gil, Resolution Chapter 88, Statutes of 2023)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/13/26)

California Municipal Utilities Association

California Special Districts Association

Vista Irrigation District

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

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