

Potential Nominees 2009 Legislator of the Year

State

Assemblyman Isadore Hall, 52nd Assembly District (Cities of Compton and Paramount). During the 2009 Legislative Session, Assemblyman Hall served as the Assistant Speaker pro Tempore. In this leadership role, he authored AB 804 as sponsored by Metropolitan Water District. This bill was a response to the quagga mussel infestation and limited civil and criminal liability for responsible water facility operators. This bill was passed by the CA legislature and is awaiting action by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Senator Curren Price, 26th Senate District (City of Culver City). While previously serving in the California State Assembly, then Assemblyman Price introduced AB 1347 regarding ocean water desalination. This bill was sponsored by West Basin. In addition to authoring the District's legislation, Senator Curren Price made several key votes on West Basin priority legislation, including AB 1366 regarding self-regenerating water softeners.

Senator Darryl Steinberg, 6th Senate District (City of Sacramento). Serving as the President pro Tempore in the Senate, Senator Steinberg chaired the Water Conference Committee and provided leadership and great technical knowledge during legislative debates regarding the San Joaquin Bay Delta. As negotiations continue, Senate pro Tem Steinberg is a key negotiator and is considered to be one of the more influential water leaders in the State of California.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Although the Legislator of the Year award has been traditionally awarded to members of the Legislature, there is no questioning Governor's Schwarzenegger's drive to adopt long term water solutions in the State of California. While some have said that water would serve as his "legacy", Governor Schwarzenegger continued to negotiate with the water industry and search for bi-partisan support for a comprehensive water package.

Federal

Senator Dianne Feinstein. Senator Feinstein has continued to pressure California law makers to work together in finding a compromise on a comprehensive water package. In the past, she has worked with Governor Schwarzenegger to develop legislative language for a bond proposal that would focus on two goals, San Joaquin Bay Delta ecosystem restoration and creating a reliable water supply. Recently, Senator Feinstein helped to shepherd a \$33.5 billion energy and water bill, intended to fund Delta levee studies and regional flood control projects in the Central Valley. Further, she has expressed her intention to author federal legislation related to the San Joaquin Delta.

Past Awardees:

2008 U.S. Representative Laura Richardson U.S. Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard U.S. Representative Maxine Waters Assemblyman Mike Feuer Assembly Speaker Karen Bass	2007 Assemblyman Curren Price Assemblyman Ted Lieu Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally
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