2025 Session - Legislative and Budget Preparation

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Background

- Focus remains on hiring staff and implementing new projects from both the 2021 and 2023 legislative sessions.
- Top priority for the 2025 session will be addressing revenue shortfalls for fee-based programs.



- Realistic timelines and staff capacity
- Impacts on DEI, environmental justice, and underserved communities
- Consider connection of water to the Governor's priorities
- Legislative: Urgent issues before the end of 2025
- **Budget**: Implement IWRS, align with strategic plan priorities and one of the following:
 - Fill gaps on existing programs and projects
 - Build strong programmatic foundations



- Budget and legislative instructions are typically provided by Governor's Office and Department of Administrative Services
 - No instructions to date
- Internal guidance is focused on what Department is currently focusing on
 - Will adjust once further direction is received



Conclusion

Is there anything else the Department should be considering as we go through this process?

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