

Proposed Federal/State Legislative Priorities 2011

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Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Bay-Delta Improvements**
 - Support WRDA authorization to include BDCP projects and initiatives
- **Salinity Management**
 - Support funding authorization for ongoing research and management of salinity
- **Colorado River Supply Initiatives**
 - Support initiatives to protect/improve water quality (uranium, chromium, perchlorate, etc.)

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

● Energy Initiatives

- Continue to pursue long-term contract for hydropower generated at Hoover Dam
- Support federal funding assistance for alternative energy development, including hydropower

● Invasive Species Mitigation Legislation

- Support funding authorization for mitigating the ongoing impacts of Quagga Mussel infestation.

● Chlorine Gas as a Disinfectant

- Continue to support local jurisdiction over the use/storage of chlorine gas as a disinfectant.

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Evolving Water Resource Management Challenges**
 - Support authorization of EPA grants for research on adapting water systems to hydrologic change.
 - Support authorization of EPA's *WaterSense* program and other federal incentive programs that promote Water Use Efficiency
 - Pursue enactment of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program, to include water use efficiency

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Appropriations Priorities**
 - Bay-Delta - environmental planning assistance & early mitigation projects
 - Colorado River Water Quality Initiatives
 - Ozone and Solar Retrofits (Weymouth)
 - Invasive Species Mitigation (Quagga mussel)
 - Support ongoing funding for the Title XVI

Proposed State Legislative Priorities

- **SWP / Bay-Delta Initiatives**
 - Support legislative or administrative action to separate SWP operations from DWR (Little Hoover Commission recommendation)
 - Continue to support 2009 Delta Legislative Package to ensure timely implementation
 - Encourage state / federal agency coordination and support state funding to advance BDCP and for emergency response and near-term operational improvements in the Delta

Proposed State Legislative Priorities

- **Metropolitan-Submitted Proposals**
 - ACWA: Statewide Quagga Mussel Inspection Program
 - CMUA: Water Use Efficiency Expert on Building Standards Commission

Ongoing Federal / State Legislative Priorities

- **Legislative Outreach / Education**
 - Brief newly elected legislators, incumbents and legislative staff on water policy priorities.