

Proposed Federal/State Legislative Priorities 2012

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Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Bay-Delta / SWP Improvements**
 - Support administrative/legislative action and funding to keep BDCP on schedule for identifying necessary conveyance and ecosystem improvements to meet co-equal goals
 - Support administrative/legislative action and funding for advancing emergency response and near-term Delta improvements
 - Support WRDA authorization to include BDCP projects and initiatives

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Colorado River Initiatives**

- Support funding authorization for ongoing implementation of salinity control projects developed by Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum
- Support funding authorization for continued implementation of Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Regional Water Resource Management**
 - Support funding authorization for ongoing research and management of salinity
 - Support authorization of EPA grants for research on adapting water systems to changing hydrology
 - Support incentive programs to promote water use efficiency, including EPA's *WaterSense* program
 - Restore right of states and local governments to establish Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Operational Reliability**
 - Support actions and funding for control and eradication of invasive species, including quagga mussels

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

● Energy Sustainability

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

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

● Water Quality

- Support local jurisdiction over use/storage of chlorine gas as treatment disinfectant
- Support authorization for U.S. EPA oversight of water system security through updated vulnerability assessments and site security plans
- Support initiatives to protect/improve water quality (chromium, nitrate, perchlorate, salinity, uranium, etc.)

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

● Finance

- Support tax-credit financing, tax-exempt municipal bonding and other funding mechanisms to reduce the cost of water projects
- Monitor pension reform and Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) proposals

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● Federal Appropriations Priorities

- Bay-Delta - environmental planning assistance and early mitigation projects
- Water quality initiatives (chromium, nitrate, perchlorate, salinity, uranium, etc.)
- Invasive species control and eradication
- Ozone and solar retrofits (Weymouth)
- Lower Colorado River MSCP
- Support ongoing funding for Title XVI projects

Proposed Federal Legislative Priorities

Questions?

Proposed State Legislative Priorities

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 - Support administrative/legislative action and funding for advancing emergency response and near-term Delta improvements

Proposed State Legislative Priorities

- **Bay-Delta / SWP Improvements (cont'd)**
 - Continue support for timely implementation of 2009 Delta/water management legislation, including the 2012 water bond

Proposed State Legislative Priorities

- **Operational Reliability**
 - Support actions and funding for control and eradication of invasive species, including quagga mussels

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- **Energy Sustainability**

- Expand opportunities to qualify hydropower as renewable resource
- Pursue specific compliance exemption from Cap-and-Trade

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- **Water Quality**

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● Finance

- Support “beneficiaries pay” approach as financing mechanism for statewide projects/programs
- Oppose de facto tax levied solely on water agencies for funding broader public benefits
- Monitor pension reform and Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) proposals

State Legislative Proposals

- **Monitoring Emerging Constituents in Ambient Groundwater**
 - Submitted to WateReuse Association
- **Recycled Water – Permit Streamlining**
 - Submitted to WateReuse Association
- **Seawater Desalination – Permit Streamlining**
 - Submitted to CalDesal Coalition
- **HazMat Reporting Consistency**
 - Submitted to CCEEB for sponsorship
 - ACWA conceptual support

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Questions?

