



Federal Legislative Priorities for 2009

Communications and Legislation Committee

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Federal Legislative Priorities

■ 21st Century Water Commission

- Continue to support legislation to authorize a water resource management strategy through the creation of the Twenty-First Century Water Commission. [110th Congress: H.R.135 (Linder, R-GA), S.2728 (Isakson, R-GA)]

■ Chlorine Gas as a Disinfectant

- Continue to oppose any legislation that impedes local jurisdiction over the use or on-site storage of chlorine gas as a disinfectant. [110th Congress: H.R.5577 (Thompson, D-MS), H.R.5533 (Wynn, D-MD)]

Federal Legislative Priorities

■ Global Climate Change

- Support legislation authorizing EPA to provide grant funding to conduct research enabling water agencies to adapt to the ongoing impacts of global climate change
- Work with APPA and other stakeholders on pending climate change initiatives to seek legislation that would:
 - provide funding for water agencies to reduce greenhouse gases and develop alternative renewable resources; and,
 - provide renewable energy credit for hydroelectric power
 - Contain escalating public power costs

■ Perchlorate Standards

- Continue to support EPA's authorization to develop a federal drinking water standard for perchlorate. [110th Congress: S.24, S.150 (Boxer, CA), H.R.1747 (Solis, D-CA)]

Federal Legislative Priorities

■ Quagga Mussel Infestation

- Continue to support legislation and funding to develop and enhance efforts to contain the quagga mussel

■ Tax Credit Bond Financing

- Continue to support legislation to modify the U.S. Tax Code to facilitate the use of tax credit bond financing by water agencies to plan and build new local water supplies that meet the environmental criteria of the Title XVI program. [110th Congress: H.R.3452 (Becerra, D-CA)]

Ongoing Federal Legislative Efforts

■ FY 2010 Appropriations Priorities include:

- CALFED Levee Stability Program (Corps of Engineers)
- Environmental planning and other efforts related to an alternative Delta conveyance system (Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Expedite and enhance operation of the Desalination Plant in Yuma, Arizona (Bureau of Reclamation)
- MWD Area Regional Water Conservation Plan (Bureau of Reclamation)
- Additional funding for the Title XVI Program (Bureau of Reclamation)

