

2009 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

- Efficient/Effective Service Delivery
- Fiscal Stability
- Inter-agency Collaboration
- Local Control

FOCUS AREAS OF PLATFORM

- Federal Funding Requests
 - Infrastructure projects with federal nexus, project ready and promote city collaboration
 - Economic stimulus projects
- Concentrated Advocacy
 - Intergovernmental cooperation
 - Regulatory reform/programmatic changes
 - Sustained or enhanced funding
- State Legislation
 - Introduce legislation/secure bill sponsor
 - Monitor and support/oppose bills according to principles

FEDERAL PROJECTS

- Continuation of prior year projects
 - Phased: study or design to construction phase
 - Request in line with next phase/ work agency can complete in one year
 - Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation
 - Santa Maria Levee, Mission Creek, Goleta Beach
 - Lake Cachuma, Veterans Building renovations (HUD)

FEDERAL PROJECTS

- Increased advocacy for transportation
 - SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization
 - High Priority Demonstration Projects Funded
 - Rehab of roads (\$4M), widening of Hollister Avenue (\$2M)
 - Funds bridge replacement/seismic retrofit, federal safe routes to schools, highway safety improvement program
 - Possible economic stimulus for “ready to go” projects of roads and bridges

ISSUES/PROGRAMS

- Funding of Programs
 - Emergency planning, response and recovery funding for capital, equipment and software
 - Energy efficiency and conservation grants to local government
 - Health, esp. Children (SCHIP), Medi-care/ Medi-Cal reimbursement
 - Homelessness
 - Quagga mussel eradication/prevention
 - Parks
 - Public safety
 - Social services

ISSUES/PROGRAMS

- Protection of Dedicated Funding Sources
 - Prop 1A: local government revenues
 - Prop 10: First 5, children age 0-5
 - Prop 42: road maintenance/repair

ISSUES/PROGRAMS

- Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - Cities, SBCAG, APCD
 - CSAC & NACO
 - CALTRANS, Coastal Commission, State Lands
 - Other federal/state agencies
 - Projects include Capps Park, Point Sal, Santa Claus Lane Beach Access, Transportation

ISSUES/PROGRAMS

- Regulatory Reform/Programmatic Change
 - Emissions from marine shipping vessels
 - Mandate Relief/Suspension
 - Adequate Funding for Providing Service
 - Timely Payment
 - Removal of fiscal penalties for performance (without adequate funding)
 - Comprehensive review of mandates to determine true cost of providing service, formula/methodology, cost-benefit ratio

STATE LEGISLATION

- Allow Digital mammogram reimbursement for cancer detection program
- Disaster protocol: Extend 14 day period for reaffirmation of local proclamation
- Disaster relief for loss of property taxes for Tea Fire
- Payment in lieu of taxes for State institutions and/or appropriate mitigation (i.e. LRDP)
- Revenue sharing on tideland leases