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On January 27, 2009 the Committee voted to pass this measure on a 21-9 vote. U.S. Senate version attached, hot off the presses.....

(The Senate version has provisions for lots of grants for wastewater treatment plants and other wastewater needs. The House version is different and does not have as much available for grants. We will track both bills as they make it through the Federal Legislative process.)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan Now Online***U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations – Press Release***

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Washington, D.C... The American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan bill and report are now available online at www.appropriations.senate.gov under "Latest News". The legislation was reported out of the Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday by a 21-9 vote.

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8 principles were discussed as "common principles" that California can advocate for as a united voice in D.C. (advocacy trips to D.C. were discussed in the immediate future):

1. Federal program is a job creating program.
2. Advance and front money upfront--have the feds. provide funds directly to the state in the absence of that at least advance payments.
3. Ease funding restrictions. Discretion up to 100% of funds of project.
4. Deliver investment where needed most. Use recovery funds in projects under contract.
5. Cut through red tape. Stimulate economy and get people working asap.. Relaxation of programming requirements.
6. Flexibility for selecting project and ability to substitute projects.
7. Bill that has some form of STP in it. Provide money as directly as possible.
8. Address immediate and future needs. Create jobs in construction and longer term solutions also.

It was suggested to add environmental concerns and greenhouse gas issue to the principles list.

By Monday, try to solidify new principles list adding environmental principle to the list.

Funds subject to 150 days under current bill.

Cal Trans: Initially talked about transit, cities, and regions. 1/3 each. Regions favor all money go through STP formula. Currently a discussion about transferring of gas tax and deferring prop. 42 transfers. Whatever distribution needs to take into account some floor for cities and counties. No recommendation at this time, and one option could be to apply a broad application of STP that would require a portion of funds be made available to cities and counties. Some guaranteed amount for cities and counties.

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