

Potential revisions to the State Legislative Platform

Pipelines

1) Delete item # 201

2) Replace item 200 with:

Support legislation that mandates the requirements in Government Code Section 51013.1. for pipelines in environmentally or ecologically sensitive areas in costal zones apply to any new or replacement pipelines that transverse seasonal and year-round creeks.

Note: Section 51013.1 of the Government Code requires:

Any new or replacement pipeline near environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas in the coastal zone shall use best available technology, including, but not limited to, the installation of leak detection technology, automatic shutoff systems, or remote controlled sectionalized block valves, or any combination of these technologies, based on a risk analysis conducted by the operator, to reduce the amount of oil released in an oil spill to protect state waters and wildlife.

3) Replace item 199 with:

Support legislation that mandates the requirements in Section 957 of the Public Utilities Code for intrastate gas pipelines apply to intrastate petroleum pipelines in high consequence areas or that traverse an active seismic earthquake fault.

Note: Section 957 of the Public Utility Code requires:

The Public Utility Commission shall require the installation of automatic shutoff or remote controlled sectionalized block valves on both of the following facilities, if it determines those valves are necessary for the protection of the public:

(A) Intrastate transmission lines that are located in a high consequence area.

(B) Intrastate transmission lines that traverse an active seismic earthquake fault.

Brownfields

- 1) Support Legislation that amends the requirements for the Site Clean-up Subaccounts to make affordable housing sites competitive with water reuse sites for funding.

The gatekeeper for assessment funds is the regulatory agencies (ie the Water Boards) But the way the statute is written, they don't acknowledge affordable housing sites. They were focused on sites being cleaned up for water reuse. So affordable housing sites are not competitive.

- 2) Support Legislation that amends the process for approving the use of CLEAN loans.

DTSC has a set of rules to identify sites for CLEAN loans, but they can't get a quorum for the oversight committee to get approval to use the money for loans

- 3) Support legislation that funds the California Reuse program run by the California Pollution Control Finance Authority.

The State has a program that gave out forgivable loans for site assessments (if the applicant proceeded with the project, the loan could be forgiven). But the money has dried up.

- 4) Support legislation that makes it easier for all types of brownfields to be cleaned up under the California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act.

Some sites are disfavored for clean-up and can't get funding.