

California Green Stimulus Coalition

Principles for a Green and Equitable Economic Recovery www.californiagreenstimulus.org

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Urban Habitat
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U.S. Green Building Council,
Northern Calif Chapter
Western Center on Law and Poverty
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The **California Green Stimulus Coalition** is an alliance of dozens of California's most influential and respected organizations advocating for the environment, economic justice, organized labor and a strong workforce system. As California decides how to use its federal stimulus dollars, we are advocating for investments that advance California's long term environmental goals; create high quality jobs and lead to high road economic development; and provide for truly shared prosperity instead of reinforcing or deepening social and economic disparities. Our coalition declares the following principles:

1) Invest in a Green Future

Ensure California can achieve its environmental goals, including those related to air quality, water quality, habitat protection and restoration, and curbing global warming. Maximize environmental health benefits and mitigate environmental health risks for distressed communities. Support clean energy industry development to accelerate the transition to a clean, green economy.

2) Invest in People and Communities

Share economic benefits equitably. Ensure high quality job creation (prevailing wage, adequate benefits, strong labor and safety standards). Link job creation with high-quality apprenticeship and workforce education programs to provide access for low-income youth and adults, the underemployed, dislocated workers and those recently laid off. Ensure opportunities are fully accessible to women in the workforce. Use Project Labor Agreements that include prevailing wage and local, first-source or targeted hiring goals on all publicly funded infrastructure projects. Ensure equal opportunity in business and contracting for small businesses owned by women and those in underserved communities.

3) Invest for Long-term Gain

Adopt a "phased approach to stimulus" -- undertaking short *and* medium term projects that will ensure long term recovery of the nation's economy. Provide project development and planning support for projects that are not currently ready to go so they can be "shovel ready" by the beginning of 2010. Create and align career pathways, beginning with the K-12 system and continuing through quality workforce education programs, high-quality apprenticeships, labor-management training partnerships, community colleges and four-year colleges and universities.

4) Invest in Justice

Ensure equal protection of the laws covering access to public resources. Uphold, strengthen and enforce civil rights and environmental justice laws -- including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibiting discrimination by recipients of federal funds and the President's Order on Environmental Justice -- in both the planning and enforcement processes. Prevent "sacrifice zones" and "sacrifice communities."

5) Invest in the Open

Federal, state, and local officials must uphold the highest standards of transparency and accountability in decision-making about stimulus funds. Each entity receiving funds (sub-contracts as well as direct contracts) should report on jobs created, wage and benefit levels, work hours performed and data related to the hiring and training of target populations.

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More Information

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Stimulus = Gold Rush?

With billions of dollars headed for the Golden State, a large number of people and institutions will be vying for funds. We are developing specific, best practices standards, criteria and principles to ensure funds go to the most effective projects.

Sunshine on the Process

California needs an inclusive and transparent process that empowers the public to participate, and that allows everyone to understand where funds are going and why. Our coalition is calling for public hearings and an open process so that state and regional officials uphold the highest standards of accountability and transparency.

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