

WRCOG 2010 Legislative Priorities

1. Oppose legislation that seeks to limit local control or reduce funding to local jurisdictions.
2. Support State Budget reform measures that enforce the requirement of the state to adopt a balanced on-time budget that does not rely on the taking or borrowing of local funds.
3. Support a comprehensive Legislative fix for the Sacramento - San Joaquin Bay Delta that includes:
 - Delta diversion and water monitoring policy;
 - Above and below ground storage options;
 - Habitat restoration;
 - Creation of an oversight body that must report to the Legislature;
 - A secure and reliable method for conveying water to southern California;
 - Water conservation plans should incorporate recycled water, storm water collection, and groundwater desalination usage; and
 - Bond funding.
4. Advocate for the recognition of the concept of a "Super Self-Help" status, where transportation funding allocation priority will be given to counties that have both a voter approved sales tax measure as well as a regional fee on new development for transportation and transit infrastructure investments.
5. Work with the Legislature to identify state funding for programs that are important for local and regional governments to implement SB 375 and greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies.
6. Support funding for the initiation and management of AB 811/AB 474 loan repayment programs for energy efficiency upgrades and water conservation improvements.
7. Support legislation that would advance and preserve access to justice in Riverside County, including the increase in the number of judgeships and judicial officer positions, reduce or eliminate furlough days for the court system, and provide latitude for local consideration in the area of jail overcrowding for the purpose of providing justice in a timely and efficient manner while also keeping residents safe from known convicted criminals facing early release due to prison overcrowding.