Meeting Clean Water Needs with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

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ARRA Funding for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

- \$4 billion capitalization grants for CWSRF
 - 1.5% set-aside for grants to Tribal Communities
- No State match required
- 50% minimum for additional subsidization
- 20% set-aside for Green Infrastructure, Water Efficiency, Energy Efficiency, other Environmentally Innovative projects



CWSRF Additional Subsidization Authority

- States must use at least 50% of the funds for additional subsidization
 - Principal Forgiveness
 - Negative Interest Loans
 - Grants
- Grants actually, federal sub-grants
- · No affordability criteria requirement
- State conforming statutes



ARRA Time horizons

- Overall 120 day goal for 50% of total ARRA funds
- CWSRF Projects: February 17, 2010 deadline under contract or construction
- 180 days from enactment State due diligence for identifying "green" set-aside projects; must certify if 20% cannot be met



Issues to Track at State Level

- · Additional subsidization funds
 - How much
 - Criteria for awarding
- · Projects on Intended Use Plan (Priority) list
 - ARRA goals:
 - Preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery
 - · Assist those most impacted by recession
 - Invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits

NACWA Activities

- \$17 billion Ready-to-Go List
- White Paper on Economic Downturn
- Web Seminar
- · Web portal to track and monitor use of funds



Questions:

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