

ASIWPCA 2008-2009

Accomplishments: A Midyear Report

Grounded Solidly in Call For Change:

- ***Rebuilding the State/Federal Partnership***
- ***Meeting Today's Challenges In New Ways***

Accomplishments - Team Effort

Dedication, Commitment and Hard Work

- Board
- Committees
- Task Forces
- Workgroups
- Membership
- Staff



Significant Progress Is Being Made

ASIWPCA's Call for Change

- Top Board & Task Force Priorities
- Focus of Board Agenda
- Strong Member Involvement



Recent Partnership Activities

- **Meetings with EPA**
 - **Water Directors Meeting – participated for first time in decades**
 - Commitment to Continue Dialogue
 - Organized 6 month Nutrients Innovations Task Force
 - **Participated in EPA HQ NPDES Retreat**
 - Discussed EPA NPDES program activities for year
 - Set joint action items
 - Shared State suggestions & concerns



Board Meeting with OMB

- Long time in coming – OMB welcomed dialogue
- Built creditably between OMB & Board
- Shared information & States' perspectives on several issues
 - OMB is committed to increased reliance on fees, but understood State concerns
 - OMB is determined to better understand trends & willing to listen to alternatives from States
- There was interest in continuing this type of dialogue



Board Meeting with USEPA

Office of Water Leadership

- Set working partnership for months ahead



OECA

- First opportunity for Board & OECA leadership to meet
- Agreement to have quarterly calls going forward
- Open discussion of new policies, information collection, more transparency, etc.

OWOW

- Opportunity for OWOW leadership to become acquainted with ASIWPCA
- Share common interests on nutrients, agriculture, better measures, etc.
- Committed to quarterly leadership calls with Board



Meetings with House & Senate Committees

- **Interested in ASIWPCA's Call for Change**
 - CWA Jurisdiction, Sustainable Watersheds, NPSs, Better State/Federal Partnership, Monitoring, Stretched NPDES Program, Funding
- **Meetings impetus for securing flexibility in ARRA for principal subsidies**
- **ASIWPCA pushed hard for appropriators/authorizers to include CWSRF \$\$ in the stimulus bill - first time**



Meeting with Obama Transition Team

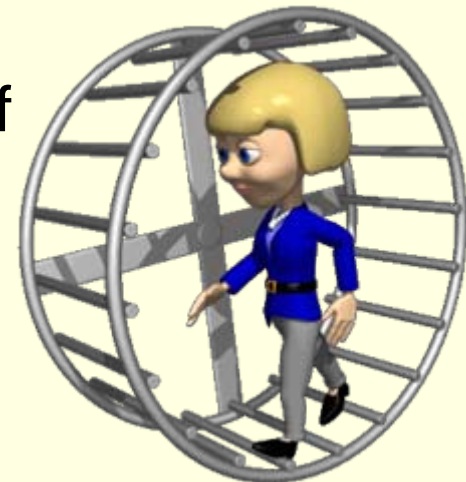
- First State Group to meet with them
- First to be invited to their offices
- 4 Team members participated with ASIWPCA on:
 - Stimulus & Funding
 - Repairing Partnership
 - Nutrients
 - CWA jurisdiction
 - CAFO & ICIS RIDE Rules
- Showed interest in our Call for Change



How Clean are Our Nation's Waters?

A State driven solution

- Joint State effort to build support at EPA & OMB for a better way
- Results hold promise to build State monitoring/ assessment capacity to provide a national picture
- OMB better understands State monitoring programs, what they can do & shortfalls of relying on probabilistic approach



Good News on Funding

- More Federal funding for FY2010 (House)
 - CWSRF – \$2.4 Billion
 - DWSRF – \$1.5 Billion
- Congressional support for States' position re: the Permit Fee Incentive Rule and Probabilistic Monitoring



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- But we aren't done yet
- We will share ideas for the rest of the year at Business Meeting on Wednesday
- Please share your thoughts with me and other Board Members throughout the meeting

