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November 13, 2008

Representative Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Reid:

As you move forward with crafting an infrastructure-based economic stimulus package, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) applauds your efforts and seeks to ensure that ready-to-go wastewater infrastructure projects are included in such legislation. Additionally, NACWA wants to provide the municipal perspective as to which public wastewater treatment agency projects should be eligible to receive stimulus funds in order to ensure that certain projects are not inequitably or unintentionally excluded.

NACWA has already gone on the record via letters to your office and through written testimony favoring the inclusion of \$10 billion for ready-to-go wastewater infrastructure projects. It is critical, however, that worthy projects not be unintentionally left out or deemed ineligible for this funding, especially in light of the ongoing economic downturn.

For example, the House-passed stimulus bill (H.R. 7110) provided \$6.5 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) but lacked language specifying which ready-to-go municipal projects should receive funding. This deference to states could have the unintended consequence of barring municipalities who made the legitimate decision to fund projects through the bond market or through other non-CWSRF sources, but who now cannot start these projects because of the tightened credit market or due to other aspects of the economic downturn. Only those projects for which CWSRF applications have already been made would likely have received funding. Of course, this would have resulted in an inequitable outcome and served to hinder the objective of the stimulus package – to put shovels in the ground and people to work as expeditiously as possible.

Similarly, many municipalities have negotiated consent decrees for their combined and sanitary sewer overflow control projects that are fully ready-to-go, meaning the federal and state oversight agencies have approved these projects. These projects, which are likely the best examples of ready-to-go projects with well-documented environmental benefits, could be blocked from moving forward if the only definition of ready-to-go means being on the State's CWSRF intended use plan list.

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NACWA believes legislative language in the stimulus bill that makes eligible all of these potential ready-to-go projects will help ensure that the best projects are ultimately undertaken, whether those that have undergone the CWSRF application process or not. Similarly, if the stimulus bill relies on states to prioritize projects then there should be a limited period of time during which municipalities are required to apply for stimulus funding so as not to exclude key ready-to-go projects.

NACWA believes that making these eligibilities part of the stimulus package will ensure that the best projects are chosen, shovels will be put in the ground as expeditiously as possible, and people will be put to work in the timeliest manner. For the same reasons, NACWA strongly urges that these funds be made available in the form of grants.

NACWA has attached for your review an updated list of ready-to-go projects compiled from public agencies across the country. These projects include the breadth of project types discussed above.

Again, NACWA applauds your leadership in seeking to ensure that our Nation's critical wastewater treatment infrastructure is an integral part of stimulus package discussions, and that all ready-to-go projects are considered for funding. Please contact Adam Krantz at 202/833-4651 or akrantz@nacwa.org to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Kirk". The signature is stylized with a large "K" and a cursive "Kirk".

Ken Kirk
Executive Director
National Association of Clean Water Agencies

NACWA READY-TO-GO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT
LIST FOR STIMULUS PACKAGE

City	State	Ready-To-Go Projects	Dollars (In Millions)
Anchorage	Alaska	Eagle River Wastewater Treatment Facility Disinfection; Apslund Wastewater Treatment Facility Process Improvements; SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition); Sewer C-5-A King- Rovenna Sewer R&R; C-5-1 North Campbell Lake Sewer Upgrade	\$42.20
Pima County	Arizona	Plant Interconnect, Roger Road Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) to Ina Road WRF; Santa Cruz III –conveyance line between Prince Road and Franklin Road; Mission View Wash - conveyance line augmentation for economic development activities in low-income area; Conveyance Rehabilitation – repair and replacement of conveyance lines as identified and prioritized by closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection program; Treatment Rehabilitation – improvements including Ina Road WRF blower, gravity belt thickener, transfer station, digester replacement; Green Valley WRF sludge storage; Interim Biosolids Project – Ina Road Wastewater Reclamation Facility	\$97.1

Rogers	Arkansas	Interceptor Sewers and new 3.6MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$70
Contra Costa County	California	Wastewater Construction	\$15
Los Angeles County Sanitation District	California	Joint Water Pollution Control Plant Power Generation Steam Cycle Installation; Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant Secondary treatment Facility Modifications; Joint Outfall Trunk Sewer 'A' Unit 1A, Phase II; Slausen Avenue Pump Plant; Joint Outfall Clifton Pumping Plant; Joint Outfall Trunk Sewer 'B' Unit 6J Relief Phase II; Joint Outfall Trunk Sewer 'C' Unit 1 Relief Phase II	\$54.52
Mather	California	Septic Conversion Projects	\$18.38
Orange County	California	Carbon Canyon Dam, Sewer and Pump Station Abandonment and Rehabilitation of Westside Pump Station and Headworks Rehabilitation; Refurbishment and Bitter Point Force Main Rehabilitation and Central Generation Automation; Cable Tray Improvements at Plants 1,2, and Coast Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation of Bitter Point Pump Station	\$109.52
Union Sanitary District - Fremont, Newark, Union City	California	Fuel cell project; Primary clarifier rehab; Cedar avenue sewer rehab; Blacow Rd. sewer replacement; Boyce Road pump station replacement	\$35
Pueblo	Colorado	Wastewater Related Projects Ready-to-Go in 90 Days and Ammonia	\$19.37

		Removal Facilities	
Washington	District of Columbia	Rehabilitation, Improvements, Inspection and Cleaning of Facilities	\$109.61
Escambia County-Emerald Coast Utility Authority	Florida	Perdido Key Gravity Sewer System; Main Street WWTP Replacement Project; Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Reduction; Montclair Lift Station Flow Diversion	\$147.30
Palm Beach County	Florida	Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay Inflow/Infiltration Project Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency Rehabilitation Project Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay Lift Station Replacement Project Belle Glade and Pahokee Water Main Replacement Palm Beach County Water System-Wide Improvements Project Palm Beach County Wastewater System-Wide Improvements Project Belle Glade Stranded Investment SRF Loan Reimbursement	\$305.5
Columbus	Georgia	CBFT3/Co Gen, Grease removal system; Industrial Park Sanitary Sewer Ext PCI; Asphalt Resurface Riverwalk ; Demolish abandoned infrastructure: Ft Benning WWRF, Jamestown Rd WWTF; Digester lid replacement fixed covers CIPP sections of large sewer interceptors w/ severe drops or force main discharges ;Bull Creek Basin Sewer	\$64.34

		Aggressive/Contr Sewer Rehab – CIPP; Oxbow Water; Exeter Court Lift Station Relief Emergency Power Standby Gen Units; Flatrock Creek Sanitary Sewer Relief; Bruce Street Sanitary Sewer Rehab; Refurbish Ft Benning Service Center & Parking & Material Storage; Heiferhorn Creek Lift Station Relief Flatrock Creek Sanitary Sewer Ext; Install Water & Sewer to Alabama side Nitrate/Wetlands; Nitrate Reduction Biosolids Appl Site; Ft Benning Sewer System Rehab – CIPP SCWRF Upgrades (BRAC) Chlorine Contact Chamber New Baffles SCWRF; Sludge Wasting System Expansion SCWRF; Aeration Basin Modifications; SCWRF DOT/City Streets Ph II Centrifuge; Grit Chambers/SCWRF SCWRF; Aeration Basin Gate & Valve Replacement SCWRF Cox Creek SS Ext Kendall Creek SS Ext Hwy 315/I-185 H.C. Sewer System	
Downer's Grove	Illinois	Hobson Road Lift Station Expansion for SSO Control & I/I Removal; Sewer Rehabilitation Projects for SSO Control	\$2.80

Kankakee	Illinois	Kankakee River Metro Agency Improvements: 1. Influent screw pumps 2. DAF sludge thickeners 3. Final clarifiers 4. Primary electrical switch gear 5. Flood damaged buildings and support equipment	\$1.2
Lakes Region Sanitary District - Ingleside	Illinois	Levi Waite Sanitary Sewer Extension - 900 ft sanitary sewer extension to serve existing homes on Levi Waite Road currently on private septic systems; Volo Historic Area Sanitary Sewer Extension - 5,600 ft sanitary sewer extension to serve existing homes and businesses within the Village of Volo Historic downtown area	\$3.57
Peoria	Illinois	Allen Road to Wilhelm Road Sewer Interconnection; Fargo Run Trunk Sewer Extension and Treatment Plant Building Renovation; Digester Boiler Replacement and Equipment Replacement	\$7.80
Urbana	Illinois	Northeast Treatment Plant Disinfection Conversion Project (to eliminate Chlorine gas); Nitrification Tower Structural Repair; Cogeneration Heat Exchanger Replacement; Southwest Plant Boiler Replacement; FY 09 Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project	\$3.84
Washington	Illinois	Major upgrade of STP # 2 Wastewater Treatment Facilities	\$9

Wheaton	Illinois	Southside Interceptor Sewer Replacement; Preliminary and Primary Treatment Improvements; Aeration Tank Improvements	\$25
Indianapolis	Indiana	Three Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Projects: Construction of a 6.5-mile long tunnel; Two Projects to Increase Wet Weather Treatment Capacity at the City's Belmont Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant; Twelve Septic Tank Elimination Projects; Two Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Projects	\$250
Ames	Iowa	Water Plant 17,000lf of 30" Pipeline for a Raw Master Transmission Improvement; Booster Pump Station Redundant Electrical Feed; Conceptual Design for Plant Expansion; Water Pollution Control Pump Station HVAC Renovations; Clarifier Painting; Vertical Turbine Pump Replacement; Disinfection Installation	\$7.56
Johnson County	Kansas	Low Pressure Sewers & Gravity Interceptor; Plant Upgrade & Plant Rehab and Repair; Pump Station Rehabilitation and Repair; Sewer Rehab and Repair; Sewer Capacity Improvement	\$21.05
Olathe	Kansas	Low Pressure Sewers, Gravity Interceptor; Plant Upgrade; Plant Rehab and Repair; Pump Station Rehab and Repair; Sewer Capacity Improvement; Sewer Rehab and Repair	\$21.06

Ft. Wright	Kentucky	Western Regional Water Reclamation Facility and Western Regional Conveyance Tunnel to Western Regional Water Reclamation Facility	\$188.32
City of Gretna	Louisiana	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	\$3
City of Kenner	Louisiana	Pumping Stations and Force Mains	\$5
New Orleans	Louisiana	Restoration of Facilities	\$20
St. John the Baptist Parish (County)	Louisiana	4 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$20
Duluth	Minnesota	Western Lake Superior Sanitary District: Wastewater pumping station and interceptor reliability and overflow prevention projects (Pike Lake, Polk Street and Scanlon pumping stations; Hermantown and Proctor interceptors); Replacement of critical, aging components in main wastewater treatment plant to improve reliability and reduce energy use; SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) monitoring system reliability improvements.	\$12.5
St. Paul	Minnesota	Blue Lake WWTP Liquid Treatment Phase I ; Blue Lake WWTP Anaerobic Digestion; South St. Paul Forcemain; Victoria Tunnel project; Elko New Market	\$190

Kansas City	Missouri	White Aloe Pump Station Improvements; Second Creek Interceptor Sewer; Fairlane Relief Sewer (Phase II; East Bannister Interceptor; Sewer Backup Program; Brookside Sewer Line Modification); Birchwood Pump Station Upgrade; Turkey Creek Pump Station Improvements	\$36.75
St. Louis	Missouri	Combined Sewer Overflow (11 projects); Sanitary Sewer Overflow (28 projects) and Treatment Plant Projects (3 projects); City capacity and rehabilitation projects	\$245.38
Springfield	Missouri	Increased Disinfection Capacity and capability (Southwest Treatment Plant); Biosolids Digestion expansion and upgrade (Southwest Treatment Plant); Collection System Rehabilitation and I/I control; James River pump station	\$64.00
Omaha	Nebraska	2 sanitary sewer relief line projects; 3 combined sewer separation projects; 1 lift station piping rehabilitation	\$18.3
Erie County	New York	Replacement of the Lake Street and Point Breeze Pumping Stations and Force Mains and Construction of a Diversion Chamber at the Big Sister Creek WWTP; Rehabilitation and Replacement of Sanitary Sewers in the Village of Blasdel and Town of Hamburg; Replacement of the Commerce Drive Pumping Station	\$15.85

Nassau County Department of Public Works	New York	Cedarhurst and Lawrence Force Main and Pump Stations; Bay Park STP Dechlorination Facility; Bay Park STP Influent Pumping Facility; Ray Street Pump Station; Locust Valley Laterals, Force Main & Pump Station	\$50.6
New York City	New York	Stage Two of City Water Tunnel Number 3; Continuing construction of the mandated Croton Filtration Plant; Catskill Delaware UV Disinfection Plant; Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant; Combined Sewer Overflow Projects	\$3,383
Woodbury	New York	TMDL Nutrient Removal Project for the Port Washington Water Pollution Control Plant	\$30
Metropolitan Sewer District of Buncombe County (Asheville)	North Carolina	Lenox Street, Greeley St. USR, Rogers place; Alta Ave PRP; Rollingwood USR; Middle Beaverdam Crk; VA hospital PRP, Penley Ave. USR; Old Home Rd. PRP; Montford Ave @ US 19/23; Reems Creek Interceptor; Monroe Place; Grindstaff Road; Merrimon at Ottari; Glenbridge Road; Dingle Creek Interceptor; Nasty Branch Interceptor; Four Inch Main (Beech Glen & Dorchester Avenue); Weaverville Highway; Forest Hill Drive No. 1 & 2 PRP; Eastwood Avenue PRP; Merchant Street PRP; Kitazuma Road; Roebbling Circle; US70 at Neil Price Avenue; Long Shoals Road PRP; AquaDisk Procurement &	\$24.01

		Installation; Intermediate Pumps	
Akron	Ohio	Water Plant Substation Equipment Replacement; Water Plant Filter Media Replacement; Water Main Replacement (3 projects); Standby Power at Water Pump Stations; Water System SCADA Improvements; Cleaning and Lining Water Mains Water Filter Backwash Lagoon Dredging; Albrecht Ave JEDD Water Line; JEDD Water Service Extensions; Waterloo Rd JEDD Sanitary Sewer; Cleveland Massillon Rd; JEDD Sanitary Sewer; Mill Street Sewer Relocation; Northside Interceptor Rehab; Sand Run Parkway Lining Sanitary Sewer; 2nd Street Pump Station; Lake of the Woods Pump Station; Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction 2008; Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction 2009 Middlebury Phase II CSO WPCS Secondary Expansion; CSO WPCS Storage; CSO WPCS Addition Treatment CSO Ohio Canal Tunnel (Design Only); CSO Northside Tunnel (Design Only); CSO Separation Projects; Waste Water Plant Primary Roof Replacement; Waste Water Plant Influent Screen Rebuild; Waste Water Plant Primary Roof Replacement; Waste Water Plant Influent Screen Rebuild Total Sanitary/Combined;	\$119.74

		Fairhill Slope/Storm Outlet Repair; First Energy Pond; Smith/Ghent Detention Green	
Butler County	Ohio	Shaker Creek 36" Relief Sewer; Big Monroe 24" Force Main; LeSourdsville Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, Phase 1; Sharon Creek Force Main Replacement	\$5.58
Cincinnati	Ohio	Lateral Repairs; Pump Station Elimination; Sewer Replacement; Treatment Plant Replacements etc.	\$122.88
Cleveland	Ohio	Easterly Plant; Southerly Plant; Westerly Plant; Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program; Interceptors and Rehabilitation; IT and other projects.	\$164.38
Columbus	Ohio	Big Walnut/Rickenbacker Sanitary Interceptor; Sanitary Subtruck Sewer to Service Several Customers; Sludge Thickening Improvement and Additional Renovation Projects at the 80MGD Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Facility; Hydraulic Improvements at Jackson Pike	\$218.20
Gresham	Oregon	Secondary Clarifier	\$9
	Puerto Rico	Wastewater and Drinking Water Projects	\$499.67
Narragansett Bay	Rhode Island	Construction of a replacement interceptor sewer; Nutrient Removal Project for the Field's Pt Wastewater treatment Facility	\$74
Providence	Rhode Island	Construction	\$4

Knoxville	Tennessee	Wet Weather, High Flow Wastewater Storage Facility; Wastewater Siphon Line Under Tennessee River; Wastewater Pumping Station; Treatment Plant Improvements; Collection System Rehabilitation and Replacement	\$42
Nashville	Tennessee	Water and wastewater facility	\$30
El Paso	Texas	Boone Sewer Interceptor Relief Line; Doniphan 24" Interceptor Line; Grouse Street Force Main PH; Lone Star Force Main; Bustamante Reservoir, Pump Station & Lines	\$31.1
Houston	Texas	Billings Park Storm Sewer and Water Quality Basins; Central Business District Storm Sewer and Relief Sewer; In-Pipe Storage Projects; Sanitary Sewer Relocation; Wastewater Treatment Plant Wet Weather Flow Handling Improvements; Manhole Chimney Reconstruction; Butler Pond Stormwater Detention Upgrade	\$26
San Antonio Water System	Texas	Medio Creek Recycled Water System – to connect Medio Creek Water Recycling Center to the SAWS recycle system via pump stations (with disinfection system) and transmission pipeline to provide additional recycled water and flexibility in operation; Old Salado Creek Siphon Replacement - rehab of two miles of 42 inch gravity/siphon pipe, one-half mile of 48-inch main, and one-quarter mile of 30 inch force main	\$38.68

Kaysville	Utah	Central Davis Sewer Line Improvement; Replacement Pressure Line; Change from Chlorine to UV	\$3.3
Alexandria	Virginia	ENR + Project C2; Holmes Run Trunk Sewer CIPP; Commonwealth CIPP; Potomac Yards Pump Station; Transformers & Switchgear Replacement; Green Roofs; Security Upgrade; ESCO; Magnesium Hydroxide	\$70.25
Centreville	Virginia	Cub Run Gravity Delivery System; Flat Branch Interceptor Upgrade and Pump Station; Biosolids Pad and Building	\$142.60
Charlottesville	Virginia	Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority - Moores Creek WWTP ENR Upgrade; Meadowcreek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Upgrade	\$78.18
Hampton Road Sanitation District	Virginia	James River Treatment Plant Nutrient Reduction Improvements; Army Base Treatment Plant Incinerator Improvements; Nansemond Treatment Plant Nutrient Reduction Improvements	\$59
Roanoke	Virginia	Upgrade the WPC Plant's Disinfection System; Renovate Digesters and Install Generation Equipment	\$16
Virginia Beach	Virginia	Various Projects	\$83
King County	Washington	South Plant Chemical Storage Upgrade; South Plant Paint Booth Ballard Siphon Replacement Project; Interbay Pump Station Raw Sewage Pump 3 (RSP3) Drive Replacement; STP Energy Efficient Preaeration Blower	\$35.07

		South Plant; South Primary Controls Replacement	
Town of Brookfield	Wisconsin	Major upgrade of wastewater treatment infrastructure to remove suspended solids	\$3
Koshkonong Sanitary District (Edgerton)	Wisconsin	Major upgrade to the wastewater pumping and treatment infrastructure	\$8
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	Milwaukee County Grounds Basins (2 nd Bidding); South 43 rd Street Relief; JI Preliminary Facility Sewer Upgrade	\$99.90
TOTAL			\$7,369,045,000