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Summary of potential federal policy actions/movement that should be 'top of mind':

- **Lead and Copper Rule (early 2021)** – New Administration will have narrow window to finalize and strengthen Lead & Copper Rule. See Tim's 3-pager for suggestions tying into this on lead replacement programs and incentives.
- **COVID Relief Package (TBD)** – Keep an eye out for movement on an economic stimulus package, though it seems unlikely at this point. If there is movement, top of mind water issues to include are: water infrastructure, affordability programs, funding for lead and PFAS remediation.
- **America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) and Drinking Water Infrastructure Act (DWIA)** – We may see a return on this, and it should have bipartisan support. Progress here is more likely than a stimulus package. Keep an eye out for opportunities to encourage equity and climate considerations in funding.
- **Economic Justice Act (EJ section)** – Forthcoming and led by Schumer's office, WECR Caucus provided input and is engaged with his office. Significant provisions for drinking water, flooding, resilience, and equity. Ronda probably already provided further info on this.

On tactical, collective actions...

- **Frame water issues and priorities within the 4 priorities noted on transition website:** COVID, Economic Recession, Racial Equity, Climate Change. For example, Tim's 3 pager on replacing lead pipes can certainly tie into economic development and jobs through infrastructure.
- **Keep external pressure on incoming Administration to rejoin the Paris Agreement on Day 1.** Largely symbolic, and what comes out of it is TBD since commitment was still lacking on US side. But we officially left the Agreement as a nation week of election. Rejoining is important, especially to trigger and support further action.
- **Include a push for a Climate Cabinet or Climate Department in organization's position statements** coming out on recommendations for the new Administration. (See [here](#) for details and ideas on support).
- **Support turnout for GA Senate races.** Biden's ability to get anything meaningful done on climate – and in turn on water/climate – will have to go through Senate. Need to win both seats for Democrat control.
- **Keep pushing at the local level.** Notable water or climate measures were passed in several cities (Denver, Orange County, Chicago, etc.). Progress at state and local level is important, even with a hopeful federal shift.

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