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Our comments to this one. Please send back a final as soon as you can. Please note my concern with the FEMA info at the beginning. Thank you....

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STATE ISSUES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRES

As of November 1, at least six fires continue to burn from Ventura County to the Mexican border. The fires have left 20 dead, consumed 739,907 acres, destroyed 3,335 homes, and cost almost \$63 million to fight. More than 14,500 people, many of them from out of state, have battled the blazes.

Last April, Governor Gray Davis (D) asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a \$450 million grant to remove dead trees before they became forest fire tinder. On October 24, FEMA notified Governor Davis and California members of Congress that it was rejecting the request. According to a FEMA spokesperson, FEMA denied the funds because California was already receiving more than \$40 million in Federal assistance from various sources, and a Federal emergency had never been declared to prevent a potential disaster.

BUDGET

Governor-elect Schwarzenegger is expected to face an \$11 to 20 billion budget shortfall next year. To confront the problem, Schwarzenegger said he will rely on some of Governor Davis' financing methods, including re-negotiating State worker contracts and taxing casino slot machines. Though Schwarzenegger has pledged not to raise taxes and has not yet identified any cuts, he has suggested the Federal government owes California assistance.

ENERGY

California wants the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order energy companies to refund \$9 billion in electricity overcharges to California ratepayers, saying utilities illegally manipulated the power market to profit from the State's power crisis in 2000-2001. Governor Davis failed to persuade the Administration to impose a cap on energy prices in May 2001, and he has come up empty in his demands for refunds.

During his campaign, Schwarzenegger vowed to restore stability to California's energy system and to stimulate private investment in electricity generation and transmission, but he did not address the \$9 billion refund demand.

OFF-SHORE DRILLING

No drilling has been approved for 36 undeveloped Federal offshore leases because of a leasing moratorium on offshore California. Lessees of these undeveloped Federal leases have sued the United States for breach of contract because they have not been permitted to proceed with development.

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California has also sued the Federal government to protect its coastline from offshore drilling. This summer, your Administration proposed new rules to counter a Federal appellate decision upholding the State's ban on new off-coast oil exploration.

Governor-elect Schwarzenegger has said he is opposed to offshore oil drilling and will urge the Federal government to buy up the remaining offshore oil leases.

AIR QUALITY

California is preparing to join as many as nine other states in suing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), challenging EPA's decision not to regulate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. California officials said the broad language in the EPA decision suggests that the Federal government intends to block the State from acting on its own to regulate such emissions.

Schwarzenegger's campaign said he wanted to make the State Environmental Protection Agency more efficient and ensure that it works closely with the Federal EPA.

HEALTHCARE

Governor-elect Schwarzenegger must decide which side to support in a legal battle between employers and the State over the "pay or play" law Davis signed last week requiring large employers to provide health insurance to their workers or pay into a State fund. Employers plan to sue, claiming the law violates Federal law that prevents states from regulating health benefits offered by certain companies operating in multiple states.

COLORADO RIVER

On October 16, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton officially signed the Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement. The Agreement, also signed by officials from four California water agencies, provides assurances of long-term water supplies and clears the way for market-based transfers to meet the growing water needs of the region.

California has agreed to take specific, incremental steps that will reduce its over-reliance on Colorado River water in the next 14 years, allowing the state to live within its authorized annual share. The agreement allows the six other Colorado River Basin States to protect their authorized shares to meet future needs. The agreement reduces California's use 20 percent over 14 years.

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REDISTRICTING

Congressman Devin Nunes (R, CA-21) will spearhead an effort to revamp California's redistricting process. Earlier attempts have proven unsuccessful, but Nunes now says he has the backing of Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger (R). The plan takes the responsibility for redrawing congressional and state districts away from the State Legislature and turns it over to a bipartisan commission of former judges.

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The re-districting effort received another push last week when the same grass-roots group that launched the California Recall effort kicked off its redistricting initiative. Like Nunes, Ted Costa's anti-tax group, People's Advocate, supports taking redistricting responsibilities away from the legislative chamber and giving them to a panel of retired judges.

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STATISTICS

2000 General Election Results (Presidential):

	Total	Win %
Gore	5,861,203	53%
Bush	4,567,429	42%
Nader	418,707	4%
Other	118,517	1%

1996 General Election Results (Presidential):

	Total	Win %
Clinton	5,119,815	51%
Dole	3,828,368	38%
Perot	697,845	7%
Other	372,553	4%

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Note: California gained one Congressional seat due to reapportionment.

U.S. SENATE:

- Senator Dianne Feinstein (D), 2nd full term, re-elected in 2000 with 56%
- Senator Barbara Boxer (D), 2nd term, re-elected in 1998 with 53%

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U.S. HOUSE: Total 53 (33D, 20R)

- Mike Thompson (D-01), 3rd term, re-elected with 64%
- Wally Herger (R-02), 9th term, re-elected with 66%
- Doug Ose (R-03), 3rd term, re-elected with 62%
- John T. Doolittle (R-04), 7th term, re-elected with 65%
- Bob Matsui (D-05), 13th term, re-elected with 70%
- Lynn Woolsey (D-06), 6th term, re-elected with 67%
- George Miller (D-07), 15th term, re-elected with 71%
- Nancy Pelosi (D-08), 8th full term, re-elected with 80%
- Barbara Lee (D-09), 3rd full term, re-elected with 81%
- Ellen O. Tauscher (D-10), 4th term, re-elected with 76%
- Richard W. Pombo (R-11), 6th term, re-elected with 60%
- Tom Lantos (D-12), 12th term, re-elected with 68%
- Fortney “Pete” Stark (D-13), 16th term, re-elected with 71%
- Anna G. Eshoo (D-14), 6th term, re-elected with 68%
- Mike Honda (D-15), 2nd term, elected with 66%
- Zoe Lofgren (D-16), 5th term, re-elected with 67%
- Sam Farr (D-17), 6th term, re-elected with 68%
- Dennis A. Cardoza (D-18), 1st term, elected with 51%
- George Radanovich (R-19), 5th term, re-elected with 67%
- Cal Dooley (D-20), 7th term, re-elected with 64%
- Devin Nunes (R-21), 1st term, elected with 70%
- William “Bill” M. Thomas (R-22), 13th term, re-elected with 73%
- Lois Capps (D-23), 4th term, re-elected with 59%
- Elton Gallegly (R-24), 9th term, re-elected with 65%
- Howard “Buck” P. McKeon (R-25), 6th term, re-elected with 65%
- David Dreier (R-26), 12th term, re-elected with 64%
- Brad J. Sherman (D-27), 4th term, re-elected with 62%
- Howard L. Berman (D-28), 11th term, re-elected with 71%
- Adam Schiff (D-29), 2nd term, re-elected with 63%
- Henry A. Waxman (D-30), 15th term, re-elected with 70%
- Xavier Becerra (D-31), 6th term, re-elected with 81%
- Hilda Solis (D-32), 2nd term, re-elected with 69%
- Diane Watson (D-33), 2nd term, re-elected with 83%
- Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34), 6th term, re-elected with 74%
- Maxine Waters (D-35), 7th term, re-elected with 78%
- Jane Harman (D-36), 5th full term, 2nd consecutive term, re-elected with 61%
- Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-37), 5th term, re-elected with 73%
- Grace Flores Napolitano (D-38), 3rd term, re-elected with 71%

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- Linda Sánchez (D-39), 1st term, elected with 55%
- Ed Royce (R-40), 6th term, re-elected with 68%
- Jerry Lewis (R-41), 13th term, re-elected with 67%
- Gary Miller (R-42), 3rd term, re-elected with 68%
- Joe Baca (D-43), 3rd term, re-elected with 66%
- Ken Calvert (R-44), 6th term, re-elected with 64%
- Mary Bono (R-45), 3rd full term, re-elected with 65%
- Dana Rohrabacher (R-46), 8th term, re-elected with 62%
- Loretta Sanchez (D-47), 4th term, re-elected with 61%
- Christopher Cox (R-48), 8th term, re-elected with 68%
- Darrell Issa (R-49), 2nd term, re-elected with 77%
- Randy “Duke” Cunningham (R-50), 7th term, re-elected with 64%
- Bob Filner (D-51), 6th term, re-elected with 58%
- Duncan L. Hunter (R-52), 12th term, re-elected with 70%
- Susan Davis (D-53), 2nd term, re-elected with 62%

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor Gray Davis (D), 2nd term, re-elected in 2002 with 47%, recalled in 2003
Lieutenant Governor Cruz M. Bustamante (D), 2nd term, re-elected in 2002 with 49%
Secretary of State Kevin Shelley (D), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 46%
Attorney General Bill Lockyer (D), 2nd term, re-elected in 2002 with 51%
Treasurer Phil Angelides (D), 2nd term, re-elected in 2002 with 49%
Controller Steve Westly (D), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 45%
Commissioner of Insurance John Garamendi (D), 2nd full term (not consecutive) re-elected in 2002 with 47%
Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell (D), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 62%

State Assembly: 80 Total (48D, 32R)
Speaker: Herbert Wesson (D)
Majority Leader: Marco Firebaugh (D)
Minority Leader: Dave Cox (R)

State Senate: 40 Total (25D, 15R)
President: Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante (D)
Majority Leader: Don Perata (D)
Minority Leader: Jim Brulte (R)

STATE PARTY

Chairman: Duf Sundheim

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National Committeeman: Timothy J. “Tim” Morgan
National Committeewoman: Barbara Alby

STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Population 2000: 33,871,648, up 13.6% from 1990, 12% of total U.S. population

Race/Ethnicity: 46.7% White (non-Hispanic), 32.4% Hispanic, 10.9% Asian,
6.7% African-American

Median Household Income: \$47,493

College Educated: 26.6%

Median Age: 33 years (10.6% are 65 years and older)

Households: 51% married; 26% married couple families with children

(Source: 2000 U.S. Census)

YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	Location
Meeting with Governor-Elect Arnold Schwarzenegger; and Remarks on the Economy and War on Terror	October 16, 2003	Riverside San Bernardino
Meeting and Remarks on Housing and the Economy at Ruiz Foods; Central California Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Event; Southern California Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Event	October 15, 2003	Dinuba Fresno Riverside
Briefing and Tour, Volunteer Activity, and Remarks at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Event	August 15, 2003	Thousand Oaks Irvine
Remarks to Military Personnel and Families, Luncheon with Military Personnel, Interview with the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service; Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Event	August 14, 2003	Marine Corps Air Station Miramar San Diego
Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Events	June 27, 2003	Los Angeles San Francisco
Tour and Remarks at United Defense Industries	May 2, 2003	Santa Clara
Bill Simon for Governor Breakfast	August 24, 2002	Westwood
Stockton, California Welcome; Bill Simon for Governor Luncheon; Remarks to Latino Community Leaders; and Bill Simon for Governor Reception	August 23, 2002	Stockton Stockton Santa Ana Dana Point

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Bill Simon for Governor Luncheon; and Remarks at Parkside Hall to the Commonwealth Club and the Churchill Club	April 30, 2002	Santa Clara San Jose
Roundtable and Remarks to Community Leaders; and Bill Simon for Governor Finance Dinner	April 29, 2002	Los Angeles
Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Town Hall Meeting and Meeting with JCM Engineering	January 5, 2002	Ontario
Remarks to Statewide Business Organizations; Remarks to Military Personnel and their Families; and Private Meeting with Governor Davis	October 17, 2001	Sacramento Travis Air Force Base
Tour and Remarks to Announce the National Parks Policy	May 30, 2001	Sequoia National Park
Remarks on Trade and Energy	May 29, 2001	Camp Pendleton
Remarks at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar	February 18, 2002	Carlsbad

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	Location
Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Events	August 6, 2003	Sacramento
Speech on Economic Agenda; Team California Finance Event; and Dick Monteith Finance Event	August 7, 2002	San Francisco Burlingame Fresno
Speech to Business Leaders	February 21, 2002	San Jose
Agriculture Roundtable	February 20, 2002	Fresno
Team California Dinner; <i>The Tonight Show</i> with Jay Leno; and Nixon Library Tour	February 19, 2002	Los Angeles Los Angeles Yorba Linda
Remarks at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar	February 18, 2002	Carlsbad

¹ An Edison Media Research/Mitofsky International exit poll; conducted October 7, 2003 for the Associated Press and CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN and Fox; surveyed 4,214 voters (3,814 at the precincts, 400 absentee voters); +/- 2% margin of error.

² The Field Poll; conducted October 1, 2003; surveyed 1026 California registered voters; +/- 4.4 margin of error.