LandPAC Contribution Priorities

(As of April 2010)

• The leadership (both majority and minority) of the committees where most of CLCA’s bills are referred in the state Legislature. These committees are typically the Senate and Assembly Business & Professions Committees, which hear bills dealing with contractors’ license law, the Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee, and the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee. Secondary priority committees are the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, the Assembly Budget Committee, the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees, the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, and the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee.

• Senators or Assembly Members who have authored CLCA-sponsored legislation or have provided significant assistance in helping to pass or defeat legislation identified by the CLCA Legislation Committee as a top priority (Priority 1) for the association.

• Incumbent Senators or Assembly Members with whom a CLCA member or members have developed a close relationship. A close relationship is defined as one where the CLCA member has developed the relationship to more than a casual acquaintance and preferably to the level where the legislator sees the CLCA member as a trusted resource and advisor on bills relating to contracting and water conservation.

• Open seat (nonincumbent) races where one of the candidates clearly stands out as preferential to the interests of landscape contractors or construction contracting generally. This includes, for example, candidates who have some affinity to the construction industry (such as having been a licensed contractor or been involved in the construction industry), pro-business candidates who are running in hotly contested races against a person who is likely to be hostile to business, and candidates who come highly recommended by a local CLCA chapter after the candidate has personally met with a group of CLCA contractors and/or attended a local CLCA chapter meeting.