

2010 Legislative Overview for Solid Waste Association of North America North Carolina Chapter

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- Water & Waste Water Infrastructure
- Computer Recycling
- Boards & Commissions



Important Dates

- April 20th – Governor's Budget Released
- May 12th – General Assembly Convenes
- May 20th – Senate Budget Completed
- June 10th – House Budget Completed
- June 29th – Budget Conference Report Completed
- July 1st – Budget Adopted
- Theme: Get in, do budget, go home and campaign



State Budget Ending June 30, 2010

- Unofficial revenue deficit = \$500M – \$700M
- NC Dept. of Revenue
 - slowing refunds to maintain cash flow
 - Corporate back tax collection program (Net \$422m)
- Sales taxes to remain 8% below FY 2009
 - Some improvement February and March
- Medicaid expenses projected 10% above budget – over \$250m?
- Governor ordered 5% average reversion = \$500m
- April Surprise?
- Optimistic for FY09-10



State Budget Beginning July 1, 2010

- “No money!” scream Appropriations chairs
 - Budget deficit estimates = \$800 million to \$1.2 billion
- No new revenue sources
- Balanced budget at \$19.6 billion but...
 - Governor orders budget cut options at 3%, 5%, 7%
- Lower base? Lower revenue growth projected?
 - *Budget was predicated on a 3.2% growth*



Summary: Areas for Concern

- April 2010 surprise in state revenue
- Tough second-year state budget
- Reductions that impact county programs
- Shift in service responsibilities
- State-shared revenues at risk
- Other Advocacy groups protecting their funding
- Study bills used to address budget deficit



Political Overview

- Election Year
- Senate Retirements
- Redistricting



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Thank you for the opportunity to present!
Please let us know how we can assist you further.

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