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**NATURAL RESOURCES** -Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

<u>Resource Management</u> – Promote the management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government. Preserve the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the ecosystem with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

<u>Environmental Protection and Pollution Control</u> Support the preservation of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem and maximum protection of public health and the environment.

Air Quality – Promote measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources.

**Energy** – Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation, and encourage the use of renewable resources.

**Land Use** – Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship.

**Water Resources** – Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater, and drinking water, and set up a process to evaluate inter-basin water transfers.

**Waste Management** – Promote policies to reduce the generation of solid and hazardous wastes and promote their reuse and recycling

**Nuclear Issues** – Promote the maximum protection of public health, safety, and the environment while encouraging citizen participation in the decision-making process.

<u>Transfer of Federal Public Lands</u> – Promote policies that keep federal public lands under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

<u>Climate Change</u> – Support climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations.

<u>Public Participation</u> – Promote public understanding and cooperation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

<u>Federal Agricultural Policies</u> – Support environmentally sound farm practices, and increased reliance on the free market while promoting adequate supplies of food at reasonable prices and

regulations to all animal and aquaculture production. Enforce federal antitrust laws to ensure competitive agricultural markets, and provide financial support to subsidize agriculture in specific instances. Support the federal government's fundings of basic agricultural research to ensure adequate safety of our food supply.