

## **The Strength to Rebuild.**<sup>™</sup>

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# The CEA – by the numbers

- Publicly managed, privately financed residential earthquake insurer
  Not part of—and not supported by—the sovereign.
- More than 800,000 policies in force

→ Largest residential EQ provider in U.S. →70% of residential EQ exposures in California

- $\rightarrow$  Only 10% of California households have earthquake coverage.
- \$9.658 billion in claim-paying capacity
  - \$3.05 billion in risk transfer, including \$150 million from new transformer cat bond (Embarcadero Re)
- Most recent, up-to-date and complete CEA Financial Report: http://www.earthquakeauthority.com/UserFiles/File/10-27-2011\_GB\_Attachments/AI04.pdf

# **Privately funded**



# **CEA claim-paying capacity 2011 Financial Structure** 1-in-568 years (at 8-31-2011)



# 40% of CEA-policyholder premium goes to reinsurers



The way forward for the CEA is to diversify capital sources with post-event, guaranteed debt.

- Reduce policyholders costs
- Increase CEA's ability to offer more coverage options
- Improve long-term stability of the CEA
- More households with EQ insurance, less cost to federal/state treasuries
- Faster and more complete community economic recovery post-event

## Diversifying by legislation: Senate Bill 637 and House of Representatives Bill 3125



#### The Earthquake Insurance Affordability Act

- US Congress considering legislation authorizing U.S. Treasury to create a committed federal guarantee for post-event bonds issued by eligible state programs.
- Total program = \$5 billion.
- Allows other US states to create EQ programs, working <u>with</u> private markets.

## Risk-transfer diversification: lower costs, increased financial strength

### **Potential Structure Current CEA Structure IALS IALs Revenue Bonds Revenue Bonds Post Event Bonds** Reinsurance **Risk Transfer** Capital Capital

- Limited post-event bonds will replace some reinsurance.
- Probability of borrowing less than 2%.
- More flexible capitalmanagement strategies (cat bonds, etc.) will make CEA cover more affordable and strengthen CEA for subsequent events.