



COUNTY OFFICE FACILITY PLANNERS MEETING UPDATE
DECEMBER 2017

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Proposition 51 Update

January 2018 Budget Proposal and School Facility Program Submittals

The Governor will release his last budget proposal by January 10, 2018, for FY 2018-19. The budget will include the proposed bond sales for the year, and at that time we will have a better understanding of the Administration's plans. CASH's Sell School Bonds press efforts are aimed at educating legislators and other policymakers to understand why we need to increase the size and frequency of bond sales. The 2017-18 Budget anticipated K-12 school bond expenditures just below \$600 million; an August bond sale included \$513 million for K-12 school construction. As of September 2017, districts had submitted School Facility Program applications to the Office of Public School Construction worth \$2.8 billion (\$1.8 billion for new construction, \$1 billion for modernization). If the state continues issuing bonds and funding projects at the current pace, it will take many years to fund all the projects in the existing backlog.

Priority Funding Requests Due December 7

The next State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting will be December 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The current Priority Funding filing period (Round 14) opened November 8, 2017, and requests to participate are due by December 7, 2017. Requests must be signed by an authorized District Representative and received by the Office of Public School Construction by 5:00 p.m. on December 7. Priority Funding requests submitted during Round 14 are eligible for an Apportionment from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. These are the projects that may be able to benefit from a spring 2018 bond sale.

In order to participate in the Priority Funding round, projects must have already received an Unfunded Approval from the State Allocation Board. Projects that receive an Unfunded Approval at the December 6 meeting are eligible to participate in Round 14 but must meet the December 7 submittal deadline.

Projects that receive an Unfunded Approval on December 6 will also be subject to nonparticipation regulations. For more information on the Priority Funding process: www.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Home/PriorityFunding.aspx.

Legislative Update

The Legislature is out on interim recess and will reconvene in Sacramento on January 3, 2017, for the second year of the 2017-18 legislative session. At that time, legislators will begin to introduce new bills, and CASH advocates will review proposals for potential impacts to school facilities.

Next November, Californians will vote for a new Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The transition to new elected officials in these two top positions will have significant impacts on schools. In the last year of their term, elected officials tend to lose leverage to those who will remain in office after they have departed.



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This also means that initiatives that are underway within various state agencies may falter or rush to be completed while the current officials are still serving. One specific impact to school facilities is the likely appointment of a new State Architect.

CASH anticipates a number of policy issues will be prevalent during 2018. Disaster response and school safety are likely to be on the agenda, in response to recent events in California and across the country. We expect energy and sustainability issues to continue to be at the forefront, as policymakers engage on issues such as the Proposition 39 energy efficiency program, Zero Net Energy, climate change, and more. There may be an appetite to continue exploring refinements and streamlining opportunities to the application process for the School Facility Program. As in recent years, we expect ongoing interest on accountability and transparency issues for school bonds. Policymakers will continue to address the Local Control Accountability Plan, and we may see interest in maintenance and good repair issues. One thing is clear: school facility issues will continue to be important topics in state legislative and regulatory activities in 2018.

New State Policy for Agricultural Pesticide Use Near K-12 Schools and Daycare Centers

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has approved Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) regulations (DPR Modified Proposed Regulation 16-004) regarding pesticide applications near K-12 schools and childcare. The regulations establish minimum distance standards for certain agricultural pesticide applications near schools and annual notifications to schools. The goal is to reduce the chances of unintended pesticide exposure to children by increasing communication between growers, County Agricultural Commissioners, and schools. *The new regulations take effect on January 1, 2018.* More information, including facts sheets and dedicated website can be found at www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolnotify.

The following is a summary of the major components of the regulations:

Who Is Involved?

- School Administrators – Receive annual pesticide use notification from nearby growers.
- County Agricultural Commissioners – Enforce regulations and answer questions.
- Growers – Follow pesticide use restrictions and provide annual pesticide use notification.

Pesticide Use Restrictions

- Growers cannot make certain types of pesticide applications Monday through Friday between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Exceptions apply (when a school is closed, for example).
- Instances where extended restriction days are necessary or extracurricular activities need to be addressed are handled through a written statement between the school, the County Agricultural Commissioner and the grower.



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Annual Pesticide Use Notification

- Growers must provide annual written notification of all agricultural pesticides that may be used on fields within ¼ mile of a school – no exceptions.
- The notification will include: 1) map of field and schoolsite, 2) list of pesticides that may be applied, 3) contact information for grower and County Agricultural Commissioner.
- Pesticides not on the annual notification may be used as long as the grower amends the notification at least 48 hours before use.
- Annual notifications must be sent to schools by April 30 of every year, beginning in 2018.
- A new grower, through purchase or lease of fields, is required to provide a notification to schools within 30 days of assuming control of the property.

Website and Fact Sheet: Resources for Schools

- The DPR will establish a website that will allow schools to verify site boundaries and view the annual pesticide use notification(s). If the boundaries of the schoolsite are incorrect, schools can redraw them in the website (the County Agricultural Commissioner will review and approve changes).
- The DPR will provide Fact Sheets to supplement the website.

Newly Revised CASH Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) Guidebook Available

Although the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) has been a very useful document since it was first introduced in 2007, practitioners in the field have expressed the need for a user guide that could assist them to “fill in the blanks” when conducting school facility inspections. To address this need, CASH developed a FIT guidebook that provided practical information, specific examples and useful “tips” on how to best utilize the FIT. Since 2007, the FIT and CASH FIT Guidebook have become widely-used and valuable tools for school maintenance and facility departments, and county offices of education across California. While these documents have proven to be very useful tools, ten years have passed, and much has changed in California.

The biggest change occurred in 2012 when California’s school finance system underwent a radical change with the creation of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and its Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). In the transition to the LCFF, “Categorical Programs” were eliminated and merged with LCFF Base Funding. For school maintenance and facilities departments, this means that the Deferred Maintenance Program funding (averaging about \$250 million annually), and the required local match, are no longer earmarked for school maintenance. While the dedicated funding has been removed, the statutory requirement to maintain schools in “Good Repair” has been incorporated into the LCAP’s “Priority 1/Basic Services”.

The goal of the updated 2017 CASH FIT Guidebook (which can be found online at www.cashnet.org/TheNewsroom.htm) was to ensure that the Guidebook retained the basic architecture of the first version, but was updated to reflect the significant changes in State maintenance funding programs as a result of the LCAP, new requirements as a result of Federal and State legislation, and updated resources.



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The following is a summary of the changes:

- Updated "How to Use This Guidebook"
- Adds "Integrating Facility Needs and Improvements Into Your LCAP"
- Adds "County Offices of Education Important Part of the LCFF/LCAP Process"
- Adds "School Violence and Disaster Preparedness"
- Adds "Funding Your School Maintenance Program"
- Adds "School M&O Departments Need a Strong Communication Strategy"
- Adds additional resources and Best Practices on how to address new and emerging school maintenance issues.

CASH Annual Conference, February 26-28, 2018 – Conference Brochure Now Available

The 39th CASH Annual Conference on School Facilities will highlight the opportunities and challenges for school districts and their private sector partners presented by the implementation of Proposition 51. The Annual Conference will include presentations on when state bonds will be sold and when funding for projects will be available, as well as on changes to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) School Facility Program (SFP) project processing, including the Upfront Grant Agreement and new Local Audit Requirements, and much more.

Visit the CASH website (www.cashnet.org) to view the just released Conference Brochure for more Conference highlights and to register for this event.

CASH Maintenance Management Certification Program – Registration is Now Open!

The CMMCP is an educational program designed to develop current and potential maintenance staff into leading experts in the maintenance arena. The CMMCP will provide an educational resource for those who would like to increase their expertise in the management of school maintenance and operations programs. CMMCP graduates are a vital asset to school districts throughout California.

Visit the CASH website, www.cashnet.org, to view the full brochure and to register. ***The registration deadline for this program is Friday, December 15, 2017.***

For more information, contact Greg Golik (ggolik@m-w-h.com) or Jon Behrens (jbehrens@m-w-h.com), or call the CASH office at (916) 448-8577.

Applications Now Being Accepted for the CASH School Facilities Leadership Academy

Since the inception of the School Facility Program in 1998, State and local communities have spent billions for new construction, modernization, and deferred maintenance of school facilities. It is anticipated that approximately \$117 billion will be needed for capital investments over the next decade to ensure all students are educated in clean, safe and modern learning environments.

The CASH School Facilities Leadership Academy is a year-long, intensive program that provides professional training to current and future school facility leaders in areas including modernization, new construction and maintenance of the community's public schools.



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The Academy begins with an institute in March 2018. Thereafter, classes are held on Friday afternoons and Saturdays, generally once a month. The Academy will meet in Sacramento and Ontario. Students are expected to attend all classes. The eighth cohort of the Academy will receive their certificates of completion during a graduation ceremony at the CASH Annual Conference in February 2019.

Visit the CASH website, www.cashnet.org, to view the full brochure and to apply. ***The deadline to apply for the Academy is Friday, December 15, 2017.***

If you have any questions about the Academy, please contact Stacy Lowrance (slowrance@m-w-h.com).

For the latest updates on important matters affecting school facilities, be sure to check the *CASH Register* news website, www.cashfacilitiesnews.org.

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