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**CASH Assisting Schools Ravaged by Wildfires**

The CASH Board, staff and family are heartbroken at what the historic wildfires have done to local communities and the displacement of students and school employees in particular. CASH leadership, active and retired, have been in direct contact with administrators of the Paradise and Chico Unified School Districts to provide their expertise in assisting district and county schools in this tragedy. In addition, CASH has also assisted Juan Mireles of the California Department of Education with specific information about modular manufacturers in California to assist with housing relief for the districts. Finally, CASH advocates also have provided input on the proposed Governor's Executive Order, proposing language that would waive statutory requirements, including prequalification of bidders and bidding, lease lease-back and design build.

CASH will continue to offer its expertise and resources to assist.

**November 2018 Election Reflections**

Californians went to the polls on November 6 for the midterm 2018 General Election. There are two major statewide races that will impact the direction of education policy in general and school facilities in particular. Californians selected Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom as the next Governor of California. CASH looks forward to informing Governor Newsom, who endorsed Proposition 51, about the importance of school facilities and the need to sell bonds more quickly to fund critical projects. At the time of this writing, the race for Superintendent of Public Instruction had not yet been called as vote-by-mail and provisional ballots are still being counted, however Tony Thurmond maintained a slight lead in votes over his opponent Marshall Tuck. Tony Thurmond is a former school board member and served in the California State Assembly.

In this election, Democrats solidified a two-thirds supermajority in both houses of the state Legislature with historical wins. They were just shy of capturing  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the seats in both houses, with what appears to be 60 out of 80 seats in the Assembly and 29 of 40 seats in the Senate, though votes are still being finalized. This means that Democrats have enough votes to pass urgency measures, raise taxes, or place propositions on the state ballot without having to reach across the aisle to gain support from Republicans. While possible, there are still many political complexities that play into the passage of such measures.

Membership on the State Allocation Board will be affected by these election outcomes; Senator Janet Nguyen was unseated by a Democratic challenger, and Assembly Member Rocky Chavez did not seek reelection for his Assembly seat as he pursued an unsuccessful Congressional bid. Additionally, new appointees within the various state agencies, such as the Department of Finance and the Department of General Services, as well as the new Superintendent of Public Instruction, may generate change to the state agency seats on the Board.

School districts across the state were generally successful at passing local bonds. 89 out of 112 K-14 bond measures passed, an 80% passage rate worth \$14.8 billion. While this shows an ongoing commitment of local communities to support their schools, it does represent a decrease from November 2016; in 2018, there were approximately 40% fewer bonds on the ballot worth about \$8.3 billion less. While there are likely a number of factors in play, we suspect that the new ballot label requirements established by AB 195 (2017) did deter some districts from pursuing or passing a bond in 2018.



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**Legislative and Budget Update**

The Legislature is in recess and will convene the new 2019-2020 legislative session on December 3, swearing in the new members elected in November and recessing again until January. CASH is currently laying the groundwork on a number of issues that will be top priorities in 2019, including the following:

*2020 School Facilities Bond*

CASH is partnering with Legislative staff to write a bill to place a bond on the 2020 ballot. A placeholder vehicle may be introduced as early as December 2018, with additional content to be developed and negotiated over the coming months. CASH is working to expand our coalition of supporters and lay the groundwork with key policymakers and their staff. We plan to move a bond bill through the Legislature rather than use the initiative process to collect signatures to place a bond on the ballot.

*Proposition 51 Bond Sales*

CASH advocates are meeting with legislative and budget staff to outline our priorities for the FY 2019-20 state budget. The most significant priority is to increase the dollar amount of school bond sales, up from \$640 million in the current budget year. We have received very positive feedback from budget staff from both parties and leadership in both houses. We will be looking to see if Governor Newsom includes any comments on the bond sale amount in his January budget proposal, which must be released by January 10. The first budget under a new Governor is always a unique process, as much of the proposal was developed prior to the swearing in of the new Governor. Thus we expect we will need to work through the budget process to ensure the sale of additional school bonds in 2019-20.

**Maintenance Network Workshop Recap**

The CASH Maintenance Network (CMN) held its information and training workshops at the Los Angeles and Fresno County Offices of Education on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively. Both workshops were very well attended. Presentations included school maintenance hot topics such as an Overview of School Maintenance Issues for 2018, State Budget and M&O, Electronic FIT and Work Order System, Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program. The workshops concluded with a presentation on school safety, which included an education leader, a design professional and a former sheriff.

The CMN focus on school maintenance will continue in 2019 at the CASH Annual Conference in February, with the popular CMN Vendor Show and Reception, the CMN Breakfast, and many workshops and roundtables focused on school maintenance. The CMN also plans to expand our workshops to other regions of California. If you are a school M&O director, interested in school maintenance issues, or are a private sector partner, we encourage you to join the CASH Maintenance Network and attend the CASH Annual Conference.

**School Facilities Leadership Academy**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019/20 School Facilities Leadership Academy (SFLA). The SFLA is a rigorous, one-year leadership program designed to advance current and future leaders in the school facilities and maintenance arenas through engaging curriculum, individual and group learning, and leadership development.

The deadline to apply is December 15, 2018. Find more information and the application at [www.cashnet.org](http://www.cashnet.org).



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**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on School Facilities – Networking Opportunities**

The Conference provides plenty of options to connect with your peers in the school facilities industry. Take a look at the highlights below and register online at the CASH website.

Monday, February 25, 2019 Highlights

- **Workshops.** More than 35 workshops in the areas of school construction, fiscal management, architecture, maintenance and much more! There is something for everyone.
- **Trade Show/Next Gen Experience.** Don't miss the Welcome Reception and your chance for a first look at the exhibits and NextGen Experience.

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 Highlights

- **Clinics.** In-depth and hands-on. Gain knowledge you can put to immediate use in your district or business.
- **General Session Luncheon.** Featuring keynote speaker Jaime Casap, Education Evangelist, Google.
- **Networking Dinner.** Continue making connections in a casual setting with food stations and a no-host bar.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 Highlights

- **Roundtables.** Access to industry experts during small group discussions – the perfect environment to exchange ideas and best practices.
- **Closing General Session Luncheon.** See your peers receive recognition during the awards presentations and listen to graduates from the CSFLA and CMMCP speak about their experience in CASH's year-long professional development certificate programs.

For additional event information, including session details and schedule, please visit the CASH website.

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For the latest updates on important matters affecting school facilities, be sure to check out the CASH website: [www.cashnet.org](http://www.cashnet.org).

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