



COUNTY OFFICE FACILITY PLANNERS MEETING UPDATE
NOVEMBER 2017

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Proposition 51 Update

Sell School Bonds Press Activity

CASH continues to spread the word about the need to increase the size and frequency of bond sales. Several newspaper editorials and letters to the editor have been published, including pieces in the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* and the *Mercury News* (Bay Area News Group). More pieces are in development in various regions across the state. If bonds continue to be sold at the current rate, it would take over ten years to fund the projects that have already been submitted to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). We believe this is contrary to the will of the voters who approved Proposition 51 last November. This press effort is intended to educate local communities and elected officials about the need for Proposition 51 funds in communities across the state.

Priority Funding Requests Due December 7

The State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting originally scheduled for October 25, 2017 was cancelled, and the next SAB meeting will be December 6, 2017 at 2 pm. The next Priority Funding filing period (Round 14) opens 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 pm on December 7. Priority Funding requests submitted during Round 14 are eligible for an Apportionment from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

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, visit www.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Home/PriorityFunding.aspx.

SFP Local Audits: Audit Guide Content Development

Work is underway to implement provisions of budget trailer bill AB 99, which shifts School Facility Program (SFP) audit functions from the state level to the local level. Content will be added to the 2018-19 K-12 Annual Audit Guide to provide guidance to schools and their auditors. The K-12 Audit Guide Committee recently had its first meeting to review the initial proposal, and will reconvene to finalize the proposal in January 2018. At that point, the proposal will go to the Education Audit Appeals Panel for review and adoption.

CASH wants to ensure that the new audit provisions strike a balance between robust accountability measures and feasibility. We believe that the procedures should be governed by generally accepted auditing standards and the California School Accounting Manual (CSAM) principles.



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Legislative Update

Official legislative activities for 2017 have now come to a close. The Legislature is in interim recess and will return on January 3, at which time bill introductions will resume. The Governor had until midnight on October 15 to sign or veto bills sent to him at the end of the session. In 2017, the Governor received 977 bills and vetoed 118 of them. This veto rate of 12% is consistent with his actions in prior years.

Below is an update on a selection of bills that were adopted by the Legislature in the final days of session and were acted upon by the Governor last month.

AB 203 (O'Donnell) – School Facility Program Streamlining

This bill aims to streamline the School Facility Program (SFP) application review and approval process, in direct response to concerns raised by the Governor regarding the program's complexity. CASH supported the bill, which requires CDE and OPSC to develop regulations to provide schools with "flexibility in the design of school facilities." It also requires CDE to develop strategies to assist small school districts with technical assistance on school construction and funding. Lastly, the bill requires DSA, CDE, and OPSC to collaborate on a report to the Legislature by July 1, 2018, exploring the feasibility of one application or a common application number across all three agencies, and common software for project submittals.

Despite opposition by the Department of Finance, the Governor signed the bill into law. He included a signing message with his signature, stating that he shares the goal of streamlining the design and application process and that "we need to explore additional steps to bring greater flexibility" to the School Facility Program.

AB 746 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) – Water/Lead Testing

Governor Brown signed AB 746 into law on October 13, 2017. The following is a summary of the major provisions:

- Requires community water systems that serve a school or preschool with a building constructed before January 1, 2010 to test for lead in the potable water system of the school site before January 1, 2019.
- Requires the community water system to report its findings to the school site, and if lead levels exceed a certain level, to test a water sample from the point in which the school site connects to the community water system's supply network.
- Requires schools, if lead levels exceed the specified level at a school site, to notify parents and guardians of the pupils who attend the school site.
- Requires schools to take immediate steps to make inoperable and shut down all fountains and faucets where the excess lead levels may exist.
- Requires a community water system to prepare a sampling plan for each school site where lead sampling is required.



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Community water systems are required to offer free lead testing of potable water at schools. The Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program makes \$9.5 million available for schools to improve access to, and improve the quality of water in public schools. This is an issue that school facilities and maintenance departments will continue to face.

SB 418 (Hernandez) – Skilled Workforce Exemption

This bill is sponsored by Building Trades and CASH had a support position. The Governor signed the bill into law. SB 418 aims to provide some relief to the challenge that schools face in complying with new skilled workforce provisions. Specifically, the bill exempts a number of trades from the increasing skilled workforce apprenticeship percentages for Design-Build and Lease-Leaseback projects. These trades are still required to maintain the 30% apprenticeship graduation threshold currently in effect. The exempted trades include: *acoustical installer, bricklayer, carpenter, cement mason, drywall installer or lather, marble mason, finisher, or setter, modular furniture or systems installer, operating engineer, pile driver, plasterer, roofer or water proofer, stone mason, surveyor, teamster, terrazzo worker or finisher, and tile layer, setter, or finisher.*

SB 541 (Allen) – Storm Water and Schools

Governor Brown signed this bill into law on October 14, 2017. When the State Water Board proposed to include schools in their reissuance of the Municipal Storm Water Permit (MS4) 2008, CASH lead an effort to exempt schools based on lack of funding (occurred in the middle of the financial crisis) and expertise in storm water management. The result was that schools were given a “non-designation” status and were not fully subject to the MS4’s requirements – with the idea that schools would use the five-year permit period to build capacity and expertise while they utilized BMPs. Nevertheless, the Water Board is currently in the process of reissuing the MS4 – *schools will be included.*

The following is a summary of SB 541:

- This bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Division of the State Architect (DSA), in consultation with regional water quality control boards to recommend Best Design and Use Practices for storm water for schools (including grounds).
- Requires the SWRCB to submit these recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on or before January 1, 2019, and requires the Department of Education (CDE) to post the recommendations on their website.
- This bill does not create new requirements, but instead requires the appropriate state (and local) agencies to coordinate to create Best Management Practices for storm water management for schools going forward.

Call for Nominations – CASH Board of Directors

The CASH Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations to fill one (1) open position, for the public sector on the Board of Directors. All Board terms are two (2) years. Public sector members have an eight (8) year term limit. The term will begin at the 39th Annual Conference, February 26-28, 2018.



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Nominees must be an active CASH member, with leadership experience in the K-12 school facilities industry. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Candidates must possess the following leadership qualities:

- Ability to take positions on pertinent school facility issues relating to CASH business
- Ability to speak publicly
- Ability to provide leadership to the CASH membership
- Experience attending CASH meetings and events
- Participation in CASH committees preferred

Please email letters of nomination to Greg Golik, ggolik@m-w-h.com, or mail to the CASH office:

CASH Nominating Committee
Attention: Greg Golik, Operations Director
1303 J Street, Suite 520
Sacramento, CA 95814

The submittal deadline for nominations is Wednesday, November 15, 2017. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Golik at (916) 448-8577.

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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