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2020 State School Bond

AB 48 (O'Donnell) – the bill that would place a \$13 billion K-14 facilities bond on the ballot for the March 2020 Statewide Presidential Primary Election – was approved by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, but instead of moving to the Senate Floor it is being held in the Senate Rules Committee. The bill is the subject of negotiations between the author, Legislative leaders and the Governor. The Newsom Administration released proposed amendments late in the process which would effectively end the state School Facilities Program. Although the Administration has not shared the actual language of their proposal with stakeholders, we understand it will:

- Make it more difficult for LEAs to assess Developer Fees.
- Impose a system of prioritization that could result in state bond funding being limited to projects with priority points, such as health and safety emergencies.
- Create a new allocation system for New Construction and Modernization, which could result in the majority of LEAs in the state experiencing a decrease in state funding.
- Possibly end the Hardship Program and replace it with loans, which LEAs would have to repay from their general funds.
- Stop accepting new applications for New Construction and Modernization until all Proposition 51 funds have been expended – which means for at least the next two years.
- Make many other changes which create uncertainty, and the possibility that eligible projects with insufficient priority points will never receive state funding.

In order for the measure to be placed on the March 2020 ballot, AB 48 must be approved by both houses of the Legislature by September 13th and signed by the Governor by *October 13th*.

We encourage those affected to contact their representatives in the State Assembly and Senate, Legislative leaders, and the Governor in support of AB 48 by Assembly Member O'Donnell and in opposition to the Administration's proposed amendments. Details and contact information are available at cashnet.org/news.

Legislative Update

The Legislature is now in the final weeks of session for 2019. The most recent major deadline was August 30, when bills with a potential state fiscal impact needed to pass out of the Appropriations Committee in the second house in order to remain alive. The Legislature has until September 13 to pass bills, and the Governor then has until October 13 to sign or veto legislation.

SB 268 (Wiener) – Elections Transparency

SB 268 (Wiener) addresses the issues created by AB 195 (Obernolte), which was chaptered in 2017. CASH is part of the large coalition of public agencies, labor, non-profits, and other organizations supporting the bill. AB 195 requires local bonds and other tax measures to state the rate, duration, and amount anticipated to be raised annually on the ballot label. It is very challenging to accurately provide this information for bonds, because these factors fluctuate annually. Placing this information on the ballot label creates voter confusion and ultimately makes it more difficult for some schools and other local agencies to bring local bonds and other tax measures before voters.



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SB 268 passed off the suspense file in Assembly Appropriations Committee and is next headed to the Assembly floor. If passed by the full Assembly, SB 268 will then go to the Senate, where the Senate Elections Committee will need to review the bill in a special hearing before it is taken up on the Senate floor, as the Senate has not yet debated the policy issue.

SB 268 provides a new option for local bonds and “tiered taxes” (i.e. tax measures with more than one rate, which is not an option available to schools) to provide important information to voters. In lieu of abiding by the requirements of AB 195, such measures could include the statement “See Voter Guide for tax rate information” on the 75-word ballot label, pointing voters to the tax rate statement for detailed cost information. This ballot label language was the compromise between the author, supporters, and the chair of Assembly Elections Committee. SB 268 also creates additional financial disclosures in the tax rate statement in the Voter Information Guide, such as a plain language description of why rates may change year to year.

Storm Water and Schools: Update on MS4 Permit

It is anticipated that K-14 schools will be included in the revised MS4 storm water permit. CASH is participating in the California Stormwater Quality Association’s (CASQA) non-traditional conference call and discussions with Water Board staff about the details of the forthcoming draft permit. CASH participated in CASQA’s “Connecting Municipalities and Schools Through Stormwater” webinar to represent K-12 school facility and maintenance issues and concerns. CASH will also be working with Water Board staff on outreach workshops at county offices of education around the state once the permit language relating to schools is available, and will also include a workshop by Water Board staff at the CASH Annual Conference in February. Joanne Branch (San Diego COE) gave an update at the most recent CASH Environmental Committee meeting on Wednesday August 30th, and it was widely agreed that storm water will be one of the major priorities of the Committee. More to come – watch this space for updates.

Career Technical Education Facilities Program

The Sixth Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP) Filing Round is now open. CTE Grant Applications are due to CDE’s Career Technical Education Leadership Office on or before Dec. 2, 2019. The Application for Career Technical Education Funding (Form SAB 50-10) is due to OPSC on or before April 6, 2020.

For this round, CDE will be providing scores on a flow basis. In order to ensure that applicants can participate in the Priority Funding filing period, which takes place from May 13, 2020 through June 11, 2020, OPSC encourages applicants with projects with a score of 105, or higher, to submit the Form SAB 50-10 immediately upon receipt of the CDE’s score letter for the project.

CASH Fall Conference, October 14-16, 2019 – Registration is Open!

This year, CASH is bringing back afternoon Breakout Sessions on Tuesday, October 15. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose two of the following breakouts:

- Managing Local Bond Funds - Strategies to Use in an Era of Staggering Construction Cost Increases
- Asset Management - 2020-2030 the Decade to Monetize School Property
- State Bond Audits - An Anatomy of the Local Experience



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In addition, CASH has secured Mark Schniepp, with the California Economic Forecast, as the opening session speaker on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Dr. Schniepp will provide the latest on the current economy and the outlook for 2020 to help you forecast future school facility projects.

Other highlights of the Fall Conference will include:

- Tuesday evening Networking Reception
- 2020 State School Bond: AB 48 Update
- Legal and Litigation Updates
- Legal Advisory Committee Report
- ...And more!

For more information and to register for the Fall Conference, visit www.cashnet.org.

Networking Mixers

Join your fellow school facility professionals at a CASH Networking Mixer! These mixers are open to all school facilities professionals, no RSVP required.

Punch Bowl Social at Victoria Gardens, Rancho Cucamonga

Thursday, September 12, 2019

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

12635 N. Main Street

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Sponsored by: Mohawk Group | WLC Architects

Fieldwork Brewing, San Mateo

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

3030 S. Delaware Street

San Mateo, CA 94403

Sponsored by: Blach Construction | One Workplace | Lionakis

Questions about the CASH Networking Mixers? Please contact Mike Vail at (949) 498-8993 or mgvailsancllemente@sbcglobal.net.

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