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Budget Update

Proposition 51 Bond Sales

In his State Budget, Governor Newsom proposed to release \$1.5 billion in Proposition 51 bond funds in fiscal year 2019-20, and \$1.2 million to fund ten positions at the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) to support the increased processing of School Facilities Program (SFP) applications. Together with the \$1.2 billion released in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, this would bring the total in Proposition 51 funds released to \$2.7 billion. This would leave \$4.3 billion of voter-approved Prop. 51 bond funds unsold, while school facility advocates are building the case for 2020 and 2022 statewide school bonds. CASH will continue to advocate for expedited bond sales and processing of SFP applications.

Development Impact Fees

The Governor's Budget outlined a multi-pronged effort to address the statewide shortage of affordable housing, which includes an examination of impact fees, including those assessed by local education agencies (LEAs) on residential construction. Newsom echoed concerns expressed by housing advocates that school impact fees are a barrier to the production of affordable housing. CASH will continue to advocate that housing solutions not limit the ability of LEAs to meet the facilities needs of students.

Full-Day Kindergarten School Facilities Program

Last year, the Legislature appropriated \$100 million in the State Budget for a new Full-Day Kindergarten School Facilities Program (FDKSFP). This funding allows LEAs to construct new or retrofit existing facilities to expand part-day into full-day kindergarten programs. This year, Governor Newsom proposed an additional \$750 million be added to the program. Under the Governor's proposal, LEAs would be able apply project savings to other activities that reduce barriers to providing full-day kindergarten.

The first round of FDKSFP funding opened on January 2 and closed on January 31, 2019. At the January 23rd State Allocation Board meeting, OPSC Director Lisa Silverman indicated that OPSC had already received 72 applications worth over \$121 million.

School Facility Program and State Allocation Board Updates

Two new State Allocation Board members were announced and served at their first Board meeting on January 23, 2019. Senator Scott Wilk (Republican from Santa Clarita; representing parts of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties) replaced Senator Janet Nguyen, who lost her bid for re-election to Democratic challenger Tom Umberg in November. Assembly Member James Gallagher (Republican from Yuba City; representing parts of Butte and Colusa Counties, as well as Glenn, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba Counties) replaced Assembly Member Rocky Chavez, who ran unsuccessfully for Congress.

At the January 23 meeting, the State Allocation Board approved the annual adjustment to School Facility Program grants, providing an increase of 5.45 percent based on the RS Means Class B Construction Cost index.

School districts and county offices of education continue to submit applications for funding to the Office of Public School Construction.



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As of December 31, 2018, the workload list contained projects worth the following:

- New Construction: \$2,671,645,747
- Modernization: \$2,073,657,167
- **Total:** **\$4,745,302,914**

Bond authority for the New Construction program has been exhausted since September 2018, and Modernization bond authority is expected to be exhausted by spring 2019.

Legislative Update

Bill Introductions Ongoing

The last day that bills can be introduced is February 22, so CASH advocates are monitoring all bills introduced on a daily basis. More information to follow, including during the CASH Annual Conference, where the CASH advocacy team will discuss legislation, state budget and key regulatory issues of interest to CASH members during the “CASH’s Legislative Program and Key Issues” workshop on Tuesday, February 16 from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

AB 48 (O'Donnell) – School Facilities Bond

On the first day of the new Legislative Session, Assembly Education Chair Patrick O'Donnell (Long Beach) introduced a school bond bill with the intent of having a bond on the ballot in 2020. The bill as introduced declares intent for a Kindergarten through Community College (K-14) bond but does not yet propose a specific dollar amount. The bill will kick off negotiations with the Legislature and a wide variety of stakeholders over the coming year. Mr. O'Donnell, a classroom teacher by profession, has been a champion of school infrastructure. He sits on the State Allocation Board and has developed a keen interest in the School Facility Program. He has authored legislation addressing facility issues including streamlining the SFP and clarifying construction related statute. CASH appreciates his work and is pleased that he has taken the lead in addressing the need for a 2020 bond.

New Chair of the Senate Education Committee

Senator Connie Leyva, representing the 20th Senate District (D-Inland Empire), has replaced former chair Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) who represented the 26th Senate District.

State Agency Leadership Changes

Division of the State Architect (DSA)

The new Administration has accepted the resignation of Chester A. Widom, California State Architect for the past eight years. Ida A. Clair, Principal Architect for the DSA, is now listed on the Department of General Services website as the Acting Director. CASH would like to thank Mr. Widom for serving as the State Architect for the past eight years and engaging meaningfully with the school facilities community. We thank him for being a champion of schools that are safe, environmentally sustainable, and play a critical role in supporting the school's educational program. Mr. Widom's efforts have improved the lives of school children in California. The position of State Architect requires Senate confirmation.

California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)

The new Administration has appointed Jared Blumenfeld as the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency. Mr Blumenfeld has served eight years as the Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Pacific Southwest. This position requires Senate confirmation.



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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.

2019 CASH NextGen Symposium – March 21-22, Long Beach

CASH is pleased to present this year's NextGen Symposium: *Engaging the Secondary Student - This Sure Doesn't Look Like My Old High School.*

The NextGen Symposium will provide a setting for collaborative presentations and dialogue with teachers and other school site level leaders, engaging K -12 practitioners, architects and others with the intent to impact student engagement.

- Are you planning a new school?
- Are you planning to "repurpose" a school or a building on a school campus?
- Are you contemplating a new Career Technical Education high school or building addition to an existing school?
- Are you looking for a strategy to accelerate your district in planning facilities for current and future students?
- Are you looking to support curricular needs by considering new or alternative uses of existing school facilities?



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- Do you need to find a starting point to engage your colleagues to start the change process at your school or district?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then you need to join us in Long Beach, California on March 21 and 22 for the 2019 NextGen Symposium.

Registration is open now! Read more about the Symposium and register on the CASH website, www.cashnet.org.

Upcoming 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.

Ballast Point, Long Beach
 Thursday, March 21, 2019
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 110 N Marina Drive
 Long Beach, CA 90803

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

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