



AUGUST 2019

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2020 State School Bond

AB 48 (O'Donnell), the bill that would place a \$13 billion bond on the ballot for the March 2020 Statewide Presidential Primary Election, has progressed through most of the Legislative process. The bill is currently in the Senate Committee on Appropriations, where it will be heard the last week of August. We anticipate that the bill will be amended prior to its release from Senate Appropriations to specify the breakdown of the bond funds for specific purposes, such as new construction, modernization, charter schools, etc. Upon approval in Senate Appropriations, the bill will head to the Senate Floor and then to the Governor for his signature.

Legislative Update

The Legislature is currently in summer recess and will return to Sacramento on Monday, August 12. The next major deadline is August 30, when bills with a potential state fiscal impact need to pass out of the Appropriations Committee in the second house in order to stay alive this year. The Legislature has until September 13 to pass bills.

SB 268 (Wiener) – Elections Transparency

SB 268 (Wiener) addresses the issues created by AB 195 (Obernolte), which was chaptered in 2017. 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 before voters.

SB 268 had its first hearing on July 3, passing out of Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. CASH provided lead testimony in support of the bill, and other public agencies, non-profit organizations, and labor also spoke in support. SB 268 will next be heard in Assembly Appropriations Committee and will likely be a candidate for the suspense file.

SB 268 removes the requirement for local bonds and “tiered taxes” (i.e. tax measures with more than one rate, which is not an option available to schools) to place the new AB 195 provisions on the ballot label; instead, these measures would include the statement “See Voter Guide for tax rate information” on the 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, after intense negotiations into the night and early morning immediately before the hearing.

The primary hurdle we now face is responding to criticisms that SB 268 rolls back transparency. We believe that it enhances transparency by ensuring voters do not receive confusing or misleading information about local bonds. 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.

OPSC Holds Stakeholder Meeting to Review Career Technical Education Facility Program

Although the State Allocation Board (SAB) did not meet in July, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) convened a meeting to discuss the Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP) on Wednesday July 24th. Specifically, the stakeholder meeting was intended



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to discuss the funding order of the CTEFP for potential future amendments to the School Facility Program (SFP) regulations.

OPSC stated that, “Stakeholders have expressed concern about the equity of the CTEFP funding order, specifically about the assignment of the NCES Town Locale codes to the SFP definition of a Suburban Area. In addition, stakeholders have expressed an interest in considering a return to the Service Region funding model that was used in the first and second CTEFP funding cycles.” OPSC staff has developed multiple funding scenarios and indicated how they would affect funding distribution relative to urban, suburban and rural schools. The purpose of the stakeholder meeting was to solicit input from school facility practitioners concerning the most equitable option to inform future amendments to SFP regulations should the OPSC decide that amendments are necessary.

While a few urban and suburban school districts testified about how the current model disadvantages their districts, the majority of those who testified were from rural school districts who expressed concern about having a higher score than other projects but not having their project approved as a result of the current model. After receiving this input, OPSC staff will consider the comments and schedule a follow-up meeting in about three weeks (the meeting has not yet been scheduled, but will be soon). For more specifics about the various scenarios you can refer to OPSC’s analysis, available in the News section of the CASH website (see attachments “I”, “J” and “K”).

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 Brewing, Miramar
Thursday, August 15
5:30-7:30 p.m.
9045 Carroll Way
San Diego, CA 92121
Sponsored by: Mohawk Group / BakerNowicki Design Studio

Punch Bowl Social, Sacramento
Thursday, August 29, 2019
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
500 J Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95814
Sponsored by: Rainforth Grau Architects / Mohawk Group

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

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

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