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COUNTY OFFICE FACILITY PLANNERS MEETING UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

41st Annual Conference on School Facilities
February 19-21, 2020
Long Beach Convention Center

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Statewide Primary Election

Proposition 13, the *Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020*, is the only measure on the ballot for this Statewide Primary Election. Polling shows support at slightly above 50%, and therefore passage is dependent on a strong campaign and voter turnout.

In addition to the state bond, there are 140 local, K-12 school bond or tax measures on ballots across the state. Of these, 113 are K-12 school facilities bonds and 27 are parcel taxes.

Key Dates

- Voter Information Guide mailing period: Jan 23 - Feb 11, 2020
- Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailing Period: Feb 3 - Feb 25, 2020
- Last Day to Register to Vote: Feb 18, 2020
- Election Day: Mar 3, 2020 (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Voting Options

Although Election Day is March 3rd, many counties have already implemented the *Voters' Choice Act*, which means they:

- Mail every voter a vote-by-mail ballot
- Expanded in-person early voting opportunities
- Allow voters to cast a ballot at any vote center within their county

Check your Voter Information Guide for details. Register to vote online at *registertovote.ca.gov*.

Increased Grant Amounts and Impact Fees

At its January 22nd meeting, the State Allocation Board adopted an increase of 2.08 percent for the 2020 School Facility Program grants based on the RS Means Construction Cost Index. The Board also increased the 2020 maximum Level I development impact fee by 7.64 percent using the RS Means Index, effective immediately.

Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program and Preschool Facilities

The Governor's budget proposes to modify the Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (FDKFGP), which received $100 million in FY 18-19 and $300 million in FY 19-20. The Governor acknowledges that there may not be demand to utilize the remaining $300 million for the purposes of converting part-day programs to full-day. In his FY 20-21 budget, the Governor proposes to "dedicate a portion of the funds to support the construction of preschool facilities on school campuses." We don't know at this time how much is proposed for redirection to preschool facilities.

Additionally, the Governor indicated in his FY 20-21 budget proposal that, if Proposition 13 is approved by voters on March 3, the Administration will propose a statute authorizing the State Allocation Board to provide a new construction or modernization "per-pupil grant enhancement" to local educational agencies propose to expand preschool programs on school campuses.

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The Governor also proposes $75 million to expand the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program, which was created as part of the 2018 Budget Act and provides funding to local educational agencies to construct or modify preschool facilities to serve students with exceptional needs or severe disabilities. The program received a total of $177 million in the 2018 and 2019 Budget Acts.

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is conducting a workshop to provide information on program eligibility and how to access the FDKFGP funding on February 25, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Department of General Services Headquarters in West Sacramento. The next funding round to submit applications will open on April 1, 2020 and close on April 30, 2020.

Facility Hardship Program and Seismic Mitigation Program Regulatory Amendments

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is conducting a series of stakeholder meetings to receive feedback on proposed changes to the Facility Hardship Program and Seismic Mitigation Program regulations. The proposed changes reorganize the regulations, combining replacement and rehabilitation options into one section.

Among other things, the regulations propose to:

- Specify that replacement funding may be used for either replacement or rehabilitation work without requiring an appeal to the State Allocation Board.
- Update square footage guidelines to be consistent with Title 5.
- Clarify that funding is available for portable classrooms and the creation of a proportionate funding calculation.
- Focus funding on current health and safety threats rather than reimbursement projects.
- Provide greater guidance on requirements for applications requesting funding for mold, lead, or friable asbestos mitigation.

CASH is participating in these stakeholder sessions, expressing the desire to retain options for reimbursement projects and the right to appeal to the State Allocation Board. Stakeholder meetings are scheduled for January 31, 2020 and February 7, 2020.

CASH Maintenance Network (CMN) Holding Workshops on Key Water and Air Quality Issues at the CASH Annual Conference on School Facilities

Health and safety, air and water quality, energy efficiency and other environmental standards have become a primary challenge for school maintenance and facility departments.

To help provide resources for school maintenance departments and others interested in these and other M&O hot topics, the CASH Maintenance Network has designed a series of workshops to provide information on these critical and timely issues. Below are examples of two workshops that are focused on health and safety issues for school maintenance and facility departments.

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Are You Ready to Implement New Storm Water Regulations?
This mini-workshop will focus on storm water regulations being developed by the State Water Board that propose to include K-14 schools.

- What will be the practical impact on school facility and maintenance departments?
- What are the cost implications?
- What is the status of the regulations?
- Is there funding available?
- What can you do to prepare?

These and other critical issues will be outlined and discussed by leading experts in storm water management in educational and municipal environments. If you are a school district, county office of education, or part of the design and construction community, this is a workshop you can't afford to miss.
Where: CASH Annual Conference 2020 in Long Beach
When: Thursday, February 20

Indoor Air Quality, HVAC Systems, and Acceptance Testing
Proper operation and monitoring of HVAC systems is vital to ensure healthy indoor air quality in classrooms and new research shows this is true even in new schools. The California Energy Commission (CEC) is currently developing requirements for 'acceptance' testing (part of the 'commissioning' function required by Title 24) of HVAC units to ensure they are working as designed, which will be reviewed by the Division of the State Architect (DSA). This mini-workshop includes an expert speaker from a school district, as well as an expert in energy efficiency and acceptance testing, to discuss the connection between HVAC maintenance and healthy indoor air quality.
Where: CASH Annual Conference 2020 in Long Beach
When: Friday, February 21

Hundreds of Millions of Dollars for Pre-School Facilities…Plus $9 Billion for K-12 Facilities
Now that we have your attention, make sure you have registered for the CASH 41st Annual Conference on School Facilities to learn more. Attendees of the conference will have the advantage of learning how to access the hundreds of millions for preschool facilities available, as well as the more than a billion dollars for discretionary funds that can be used for operations, including maintenance. Also learn about the latest status of Proposition 13 – the $15 Billion State School Bond which includes $9 Billion for K-12 school facilities.

Return to your workplace with confidence and knowledge about how to access these funding sources and more!

41st Annual Conference on School Facilities - Are you ready for Long Beach?
Take a look at the highlights below and if you haven't done so already, register online at the CASH website.

Education Highlights

- **Workshops:** More than 35 workshops in the areas of school construction, fiscal management, architecture, maintenance, state agency updates, planning and program management, and more!

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- **Clinics**: In-depth and hands-on. Gain knowledge you can put to immediate use in your district or business.
- **Mini-Workshops:** New this year! 40-minute sessions, focused on one topic, led by 1-2 presenters.

Networking Highlights

- **Trade Show/Next Gen Experience:** Open Wednesday and Thursday, bigger and better than ever!
- **Networking Dinner**: Continue making connections after the Trade Show closes in a casual setting in Tides on Pine at the Hyatt.

General Session Highlights

- **Thursday, February 20 Luncheon**: Featuring keynote speaker Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell
- **Friday, February 21 Breakfast:** Featuring keynote speaker Phillip Johnson, LG
- **Friday February 21 Luncheon**: End the Conference on a high note celebrating your industry friends and colleagues during the Design Awards, Member Service Awards, and recognition of the graduating class of the School Facilities Leadership Academy.

For more Conference information, please visit the CASH website.

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

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