



UPCOMING EVENTS

CASH Web-Shop:

State School Bond 2024,
Pre-K Funding, State
Budget, Litigation and
Related Matters
July 20, 2023
Via Zoom

CASH Networking Mixer

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5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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UPDATE

State Budget Approved

On June 27, 2023, the Governor signed Senate Bill 101, the State Budget Act of 2023, and the Legislature passed Senate Bill 114, the Education Omnibus trailer bill. In recent years, Budget development work has continued through the Summer, but this year it appears that the Governor and legislative leaders expedited the work to complete major agreements before the July 1 transition to a new Speaker of the Assembly, Robert Rivas. To view SB 101, please visit: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB101.

SB 114 appropriates \$1.96 million General Fund to the State Allocation Board (SAB) for new construction and modernization projects. This reflects the \$100 million reduction proposed by the Administration in January. The bill also includes intent language to provide \$875 million State General Fund to the SAB for this program in fiscal year 2024-25.

The bill also delays \$550 million in funding for the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program anticipated for 2023-24 to the 2024-25 budget year, and extends the time that the above-described appropriated funds are available for encumbrance or expenditure.

End of the Road for Ballot Label Reform in SB 532

SB 532 (Wiener) has been amended and now no longer relates to local bond ballot label reform. CASH co-sponsored the prior version with the Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California (NPH). The bill aimed at addressing the negative effects created by AB 195 (Obernolte) in 2017, which require local bonds and other tax measures to state on the 75-word ballot label the rate, duration, and amount anticipated to be raised annually. SB 532 originally created an alternative reporting option for bonds, but it was significantly amended in the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee. After further review of the amendments, it was determined that they would not meaningfully contribute to CASH's core ballot label reform goals. Senator Wiener re-wrote the bill, removing the ballot label reform and replacing it with a Bay Area regional transportation funding proposal. This represents the end of the road for ballot label reform in the SB 532 vehicle, but CASH will continue to look for opportunities to address this critical issue.

School Water Quality and Green School Yard Legislation Advances to the Second House

School water quality, and a strong interest in including more green space on school sites, are popular policy areas this year. In particular, many bills and related budget and policy discussions are focused on mitigating extreme heat by way of more shade and green spaces outside, and establishing an interior temperature range. As examples, AB 249 (Holden) would lower the standards for water quality testing to 5 parts per billion, and SB 499 (Menjivar) would require schools to develop an extreme heat



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mitigation plan and replace hard surfaces with green features. CASH is working with the authors and stakeholders to ensure that the fiscal impact to schools and establishing a clear and reasonable path to compliance are critical to success.

State Water Board Storm Water Permit to Include K-14 Schools

The State Water Board's preliminary draft MS4 Permit now includes K-14 schools. Previously, K-14 schools were not designated to participate, and so compliance with the Permit was voluntary. CASH and the County School Facilities Consortium are in discussions with State Water Board staff to discuss the Permit details, highlight both the cost impact for schools and the need for a path to compliance, extended resources and continuing support from the agency. CASH will provide updates on this issue as further information becomes available.

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