



UPCOMING EVENTS

**CASH Web-Shop**

*After Passing a Local  
Bond – Budgeting,  
Scheduling & Funding Your  
Program*

*March 20, 2025*

*10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

**46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
on School Facilities**

*February 24-26, 2025  
Palm Springs Convention  
Center*

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UPDATE

**State Leaders Focus on Emergency Response & Recovery**

The eruption of wildfires in Southern California is shifting the focus of legislators and the Governor towards the extensive recovery that will be required. While legislators are still developing their bill packages for introduction before the deadline in February, they are increasingly interested in expediting the rebuilding of the thousands of homes damaged and destroyed by the fires. Legislative budget hearings also began the last week of January.

**Uncertainty in the State Budget Picture & Fire Recovery Funding**

In the wake of the LA County fires, and with shifting Federal policies, the State's budget picture is becoming murkier. The Governor's initial FY 25-26 budget proposal was developed before the LA County fires broke out on January 7. As the Legislature and Governor work toward the June 15 deadline to adopt a budget, they will likely be grappling with recovery expenses as well as a potentially significant delay in revenues from an extension of the state tax filing deadline from April to October for taxpayers in LA County. On January 23, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, an initial \$2.5 billion wildfire relief package, including \$1 million to expedite planning to rebuild damaged schools [\$250,000 to the Division of the State Architect, and \$750,000 to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)]. Additionally, at their January 22 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) directed OPSC staff to examine options for the SAB to provide greater assistance to schools damaged by the recent wildfires, including potentially using remaining General Fund dollars previously allocated to the School Facility Program (SFP) through the budget process to move funding forward more quickly.

Because the SFP and its administrative costs are funded by General Obligation bond dollars, it is unlikely that the program will be significantly affected by the State's current budget uncertainty. The Governor's budget includes \$1.5 billion in bond sales in FY 2025-26 to fund the SFP, with the initial sale in Fall 2025. This is made possible by the passage of Proposition 2 in November 2024. However, discretionary one-time funding proposals from the Governor's January budget, such as \$150 million for Kitchen Infrastructure and Training, are more likely to be affected by the cloudy budget picture.

**Proposition 2 Stakeholder Meetings Begin**

On January 30, OPSC staff conducted the first of a series of stakeholder engagement meetings to inform the development of regulations to implement Proposition 2, the K-14 state school facilities bond approved in 2024. Topics discussed were:

- Financial Hardship
- Modernization Eligibility for Schools Located on Military Installations and New Construction Eligibility for Small School Districts
- Eligible Expenditures
- SFP Matching Share
- 75-Year-Old Building Supplemental Grant



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COUNTY OFFICE FACILITY PLANNERS  
MEETING UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2025

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OPSC has stated that the second stakeholder meeting will take place on February 13. An agenda and other information about that meeting will be posted to the OPSC Meetings page one week in advance.

**CASH Annual Conference 2025: CASH Maintenance Network (CMN) to Offer Activities & Offerings Focused on School Maintenance**

On each day of the CASH 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on School Facilities in Palm Springs, February 24-26, CMN will offer robust educational and networking opportunities focused on all aspects of school maintenance. The program begins on Monday, February 24 with the CMN Reception and Vendor Show and concludes on Wednesday, February 26 with the popular and well-attended CMN Breakfast. In addition, many workshops that focus on school maintenance issues will be available throughout the Conference Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Strand, including traditional M&O subjects such as “How to Build a Five-Year Maintenance Plan” and forward-leaning subjects such as “Smart Maintenance: Leveraging AI for Efficiency School Operations.” Attend the CASH Annual Conference and get the most recent information on school maintenance.

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