



UPCOMING EVENTS

CASH Happy Hour/Networking Mixer
February 2, 2023
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sponsored by HMC Architects, Flint Builders & Saiful Bouquet
Le Papagayo, Carlsbad

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February 7, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
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44th Annual Conference on School Facilities
February 22-24, 2023
Sacramento SAFE Credit Union Convention Center

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UPDATE

Legislature Preparing Bills

With the Legislature wrapping up its first month in session, CASH staff are busy conducting meet and greets with newly-elected Members, and providing them and their staffers with an overview of school facilities issues. Legislative offices are busy developing their packages of bills prior to the February 17 introduction deadline. We are also busy exploring potential CASH-sponsored bills and serving as a resource to many offices as they develop their own proposals. Hearings on bills will begin in March and continue through the summer.

Budget Review Begins

The Senate Committee on Budget held its first hearing on the Governor’s proposals on January 18, and the Assembly Committee on Budget will hold its first hearing on February 1. Both houses are expected to release schedules of their budget subcommittee hearings shortly. The Budget Subcommittees will spend the next few months conducting an in-depth review of their respective parts of the budget, requesting additional information from the Administration on its proposals, and staking out legislative priorities.

State School Bond AB 247 Introduced

AB 247, a K-14 2024 state school bond, has been introduced. The bill is co-authored by Assembly Members Al Muratsuchi (Chair, Assembly Education Committee), Mike Fong (Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee), and Lori Wilson. The election (primary vs. general) and dollar amount are left blank at this time. AB 247 proposes to fund the K-12 new construction, modernization, charter and CTE programs, as well as to provide an unspecified amount of funds to community college capital outlay projects.

This bill is a separate proposal from SB 28 (Glazer), which proposes a \$15.5 billion bond on the March 2024 ballot for K-12, community colleges, UC and CSU. CASH does not currently support SB 28, as it contains key provisions from the failed state school bond Proposition 13 (2020). Senator Glazer’s priority appears to be ensuring that UC and CSU are included in bond negotiations.

This is the starting point of negotiations between the Legislature, Administration, and stakeholders, with details to be worked out during the legislative process. CASH is excited to engage in this process and advocate for critical state support of school facilities.

CalSHAPE Fourth Funding Round and Program Improvements

The third and final round of CalSHAPE funding has closed and funding is still available to assess and upgrade school HVAC systems. In addition, the California Energy Commission (CEC) is asking for input from stakeholders about how to improve the program to ensure more schools are able to participate. The requirement to install CO2 monitors and use electric HVAC versus gas powered units is included in CalSHAPE requirements, which are existing



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state requirements of the California Building Code (CBC) and the Division of the State Architect (DSA). These are changes to existing practices for many school facilities and maintenance departments.

CASH, the CASH Maintenance Network (CMN) and the School Energy Coalition (SEC) have submitted a joint public comment letter to support the fourth funding round, raise concern about the need for flexibility in implementing CO2 monitors, use of electric HVAC units, and improvement to the program to make it more efficient for schools to qualify. CEC staff will present at the CASH Annual Conference at the CASH Maintenance Network Breakfast, the CMN Hot Topics workshop, and as part of other presentations as well, so please visit https://cashnet.org/page/AC_AnnualConference and register today if you would like to speak directly to CEC staff. For more information about the CalSHAPE program, contact CalSHAPE@energy.ca.gov.

AB 249 (Holden) – School Water Quality/Lead Testing

For schools built before January 1, 2020, this bill would require an increase in the amount of testing for lead in potable water systems by January 1, 2027. If lead levels test above 5 ppb or above, the school is required to notify parents and shut down all fountains and faucets in these systems, and make potable water available for consumption.

The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to allocate \$10 million annually through January 1, 2027 from the federal Investment Relief Act funding intended for water testing, installing filters and training. The current lead testing trigger is 10 ppb, so the reduction to 5ppb will be a change for many schools, although some schools have chosen to adopt the 5 ppb voluntarily.

Last year, Senator Weiner introduced SB 1144 to improve school water quality that took a different, more expensive, approach but was vetoed. The AB 249 approach to improving water quality tracks closer to AB 746 with the inclusion of provisions that require testing by community water systems and more focus on testing. School water quality continues to be a popular issue in the legislature. For reference, 25% of CalSHAPE funds are dedicated to improving school plumbing fixtures and foundations in addition to the funding dedicated to improving air quality and school ventilation systems.

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