



UPCOMING EVENTS

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UPDATE

AB 247 (Muratsuchi) Bond Call to Action

The Legislature technically has until June 27 to pass a bond bill and send it to the Governor for inclusion on the November 2024 ballot, but we need as much time as possible to run a strong, successful campaign. We have been asking the Governor and Legislative leaders to come to an agreement about the content of the bond bill sooner to give the bond the best chance in November. To date, discussions have taken place between decision-makers but no agreement has been reached.

As a part of our effort to educate legislators on what's at stake, CASH has been providing legislators with data on the specific school facility projects in their legislative districts that are dependent on a future bond for funding. You can support these efforts by contacting your legislator, Speaker Rivas, Pro-Tem McGuire, and the Governor to tell them we need them to come to an agreement on AB 247 now.

Governor Newsom

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Find Your Representatives

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Policy Committees Busy in Lead-up to Deadlines

Policy committees in both houses of the Legislature worked through full agendas during April in the lead-up to the deadline for policy committees to hear bills with a fiscal impact (April 26) and the policy committee deadline for non-fiscal bills (May 3). Most bills are keyed fiscal and will need the approval of the Appropriations Committee by May 17 to continue to advance to the Floor of their respective houses. Surviving bills will repeat that process in the second house. Amidst the crush of bills are many which impact school district facilities. Following are some bills of note:

AB 2009 (Rendon) – K-12 Bid Limits – Support

This bill proposes to increase the K-12 school bid and force account thresholds. Current law requires letting a contract for a public project to the lowest responsible bidder for projects of \$15,000 or more. AB 2009 would increase this informal bid limit from \$15,000 to \$34,500. Additionally, AB 2009 would increase the force account limit from \$21,000 to \$43,000. These figures would both be adjusted annually for inflation. AB 2009 was recently amended to limit the districts that could benefit from these bid threshold increases. Prior to these amendments, CASH supported AB 2009.

Status: This bill did not meet the policy committee legislative deadline and will not move forward at this time.



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AB 2192 (Carillo) – CUPCCAA Bid Limits – No Position

This bill updates the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) bid limits, which are set in statute and may be adjusted every five years based on a recommendation from the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (Commission). AB 2192 proposes the following changes to the CUPCCAA limits:

- Force Account limit – increase from \$60,000 to \$70,000
- Informal bid limit – increase from \$200,000 to \$220,000
- Create a new limit for projects performed by negotiated contract or by purchase order at \$100,000 (currently these are subject to the Force Account limit)

AB 2192 also expands the Commission’s authority to review potential violations when an “interested party presents evidence,” allowing the Commission to review potential violations related to bid splitting or exceeding the CUPCCAA bid limits. AB 2192 also adds “installation” to the definition of a public project under CUPCCAA. AB 2192 does not provide details on what this proceeding would look like, such as whether the local agency would be able to address the Commission to provide an explanation of its contracting decisions.

Status: This bill was approved by the Assembly Local Government Committee and is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2571 (Papan) – Defining School Facilities – Oppose

While intended to put school districts into a stronger position to use Proposition 39 bonds for workforce and student housing, the bill would have likely increased the legal challenges for bonds containing these projects.

Status: This bill was pulled by the author.

AB 2729 (Patterson) – Delaying Collection of Impact Fees – Oppose

This bill would delay the collection of school impact fees to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and would delay other impact fees to close escrow.

Status: This bill is on the Assembly Floor.

SB 937 (Weiner) – Delaying Collection of Impact Fees – Oppose

This bill would extend building entitlements and delay the collection of impact fees to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

Status: This bill is on the Senate Floor.

SB 1374 (Becker) – Restoring Self-Generation – Support

This bill would restore the ability of new, multi-meter energy projects in investor-owned utility (IOU) territories to consume the energy they generate on-site without having to sell all generation to the IOU at a low price and buy back what they use at four times the price. The bill reverses part of the November 2023 California Public



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Utilities Commission ruling for its Virtual Net Metering/Net Energy Metering Aggregation (now Virtual Net Billing Tariff and Net Billing Tariff Aggregation) proceeding. It creates parity with single-meter customers which are allowed to consume the energy they generate.

Status: This bill is pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Status of Bills Related to Water Quality, School Security, and Green School Yards

School water and air quality, school security, and green school yards continue to be popular policies in the Legislature, and this trend continues in this Legislative Session with bills introduced in these areas. The following is a summary of these bills:

AB 1851 (Holden) – Water Quality – No Position

This bill proposes a California Department of Education program for water testing and a water system improvement program for 6-10 schools triggered by 5 parts-per-billion (ppb) or higher tests. This standard would conform to the current 5 ppb standard for childcare facilities but is lower than the existing 15 ppb standards. CASH did not take a position on AB 1851, but worked closely with the author and sponsors on issues related to school facilities and maintenance, such as ensuring that schools are not responsible for mitigating water that tests higher than 5 ppb if the water flows onto school sites from other jurisdictions.

Status: This bill was held on the Suspense File in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2565 (McCarty) – School Safety – No Position

This bill proposes an expansion of projects that would trigger the existing requirement to install interior locks on doors. CASH worked with other school advocacy organizations to highlight the significant cost impact that this bill would have on school facility and maintenance departments, and the Assembly Appropriations Committee confirmed that the cost impact would be significant for schools.

Status: This bill was held on the Suspense File in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1091 (Menjivar) – Green School Yards – No Position

This bill proposes a regulatory incentive, very similar in concept to SB 515/Shade Structures signed into law last year, that caps American with Disabilities Act compliance costs for “green school projects (not defined). Because it is an option and not a requirement, the cost impact is not relevant.

Status: This bill was approved by the Assembly Education and Appropriations Committees and will now be considered by the full Assembly.

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