



MAY 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

CASH Spring Mini Conference

*State Budget, Proposition 2,
Economic Outlook,
Legislative Landscape, and
Disaster Mitigation &
Preparedness*

May 22, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Long Beach Marriott
4700 Airport Plaza Drive
Long Beach, CA*

CASH Networking Mixer

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3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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*Maintenance Planning and
Budgeting*

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10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom

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UPDATE

Legislative and Budget Deadlines Approach

Legislators are racing to have their bills heard this week in advance of the May 2 deadline for policy committees to act on bills with a State fiscal impact. Bills deemed nonfiscal have until May 9 to meet that milestone. Fiscal bills will next need to be approved by the Appropriations Committee by May 23. Bills that fail to meet these deadlines will be dead for the year.

Budget subcommittees continue to hold hearings to delve into various aspects of the Governor's proposed State Budget for fiscal year 2025-26. Their work will ramp up considerably after the release of the May Revision which the Governor must present by May 14.

Proposition 2 Implementation: Five-Year Master Plan

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) continues to hold stakeholder meetings to present proposals and receive feedback on implementing various Proposition 2 policy changes. Proposition 2 established a new requirement to submit a five-year facilities Master Plan as a condition of participating in the School Facility Program (SFP) for applications submitted on or after October 31, 2024. CASH supports the general direction reflected in the implementation proposals for this item, and we remain committed to ensuring that the Master Plan requirement does not inhibit access to the SFP.

One item of concern was raised by OPSC at the stakeholder meeting on April 10. Regarding the duration of a master plan, OPSC is proposing that when a Master Plan is submitted with a funding application, the plan must have at least four years remaining on the term of the plan, based on the date the plan was approved by the governing board. CASH does not support this recommendation, which would effectively render a five-year Master Plan valid for only one year, which is contrary to the way that many districts undertake their long-term planning. CASH is recommending that a five-year Master Plan should be valid for five years from the date of approval by the governing board. We look forward to continued collaboration with OPSC, our members, and other stakeholders on this and other important Proposition 2 implementation issues.

Key Legislation

AB 503 (González) – Civic Center Act Fee Restoration

This CASH-sponsored bill would restore the authorization for school districts to collect fees for the repair, restoration and refurbishment of facilities used by outside groups. It was approved by the State Assembly on April 24 and is pending referral to a policy committee in the Senate.

AB 832 (Muratsuchi) – CalSHAPE/Indoor Air Quality Standards

As introduced, this bill would re-establish the CalSHAPE program and require new State standards for school heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems.



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The CalSHAPE program is a grant program to allow K-12 schools to maintain and improve their drinking water and air systems, but was eliminated during last year's State Budget deliberations. CASH supports re-establishing the CalSHAPE program, but believes new State standards for school HVAC systems are unnecessary in light of the widely used existing American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards. Responding to this concern by CASH and others, the requirement to establish new State standards have been removed. AB 832 has been referred to the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee, but has not been scheduled for hearing.

AB 942 (Calderon) – Net Energy Metering Contracts

This CASH-opposed bill would have retroactively changed utility agreements for solar customers in investor-owned utility territories entered into before April 2023. Specifically, it would have ended electric service contracts for photovoltaic customers entered into under NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0 at 10 years, instead of the 20 years permitted by the ruling of the California Public Utilities Commission. The bill would then force these customers, which include school districts, into electric service contracts that are vastly more expensive (NEM 3.0). The bill was approved by the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy on April 30 with amendments that removed the 10-year limit, but maintained other provisions, banning solar owners from qualifying for climate (Cap and Trade) credits, and triggering NEM 3.0 when properties are sold or transferred.

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