

COUNTY OFFICE FACILITY PLANNERS MEETING UPDATE

DECEMBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

CASH Web-Shop:

Preparing for Audits & Close-Outs

December 13, 2022

44th Annual Conference on School Facilities

February 22-24, 2023 Sacramento SAFE Credit Union Convention Center

UPDATE

2022-24 Legislative Session Begins

One Legislative session ended on November 30th and another will begin on December 5th. Votes are still being counted and some legislative races remain too close to call. As of press time, the AD 47 candidates City Councilmember Christy Holstege and Legislative District Director Greg Wallis were only 21 votes apart. Thirty-two new Legislators will be sworn in when the state Senate and Assembly meet in the organizational sessions on December 5th. In many ways, the coming session will be more diverse than ever with at least 40% of legislative seats occupied by women, 10% by Members identifying as LGBT, and a small but increasing number of renters.

CASH will initiate outreach and education to new members in preparation for legislative and Budget advocacy, which will begin when the Legislature reconvenes after the start of the new year. To further the efficacy of future advocacy efforts, we encourage CASH members to reach out to newly-elected Senators and Assembly Members as well. They can benefit greatly from understanding what your facilities needs are, the value those projects can add to the experience of your students and staff, and what resources you will need to meet those needs.

Preliminary Results of Local Bond Elections

Many bond elections are too close to call and complete results won't be available until after December 8th, the last day for county elections officials to certify election results. Preliminary results indicate that AB 195-required ballot label language continues to suppress bond passage rates below the historical average. Stay tuned to CASH communications for final, certified results and additional analysis.

Transitional Kindergarten Facilities – SAB Provides Final Apportionments in Current Funding Round

On Monday, November 28, 2022, the State Allocation Board approved \$131.9 million or 43 projects in the Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program. This is the final batch of apportionments for the third funding round, which allocated \$225 million for the program.

Prior apportionments included:

- September 2022: \$33.7 million for 11 projects
- October 2022: \$59.4 million for 18 projects

Applications for the fourth filing round will be accepted February 1, 2023 through March 2, 2023. There is \$350.25 million available for that round, including an additional \$100 million provided in the 2022 Budget Act.

The 2022 Budget Act included a commitment to provide an additional \$550 million for this program in FY 2023-24. Given growing concerns about the state's fiscal picture, it is possible these funds may not materialize. CASH will actively advocate for the Legislature and Governor to uphold this commitment to TK and early childhood education facilities.

Visit the CASH website (www.cashnet.org) for more information and to register for these events!

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