In last month’s Message from the Chair, I highlighted the fact that approval of the Governor’s Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which was included in his proposed 2013-14 State Budget, would eliminate the Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) and minimum requirements for local maintenance expenditures. Governor Jerry Brown signed the State Budget into law at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013, so in this month’s Message, I would like to highlight the significant school facilities issues that were addressed in the State Budget.

Minimum Requirements for School Maintenance Officially Eliminated

With the signing of the 2013-14 State Budget, the “budget flexibility” that has been in effect since 2008, and has resulted in significant reductions to school maintenance budgets, has been made permanent. Additionally, the LCFF legislation requires that school facilities be maintained in “good repair.” In anticipation of this possibility, the C.A.S.H. Board of Directors and C.A.S.H. Legislative Advisory Committee have been discussing possible options going forward to ensure school districts have access to resources to adequately maintain their schools.

C.A.S.H. will work with the Governor and legislative leaders to ensure that districts have the resources to protect the state’s significant investment in school facilities, that schools are clean, safe, functional, and that schools are in good repair in order to maximize Proposition 39 investments. More specifically, the State Allocation Board (SAB) Program Review Subcommittee has expressed significant concern about the need to adequately maintain schools. C.A.S.H. will work with the Subcommittee on this issue going forward. Finally, the LCFF establishes new accountability provisions, stipulating that districts must adopt a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The State Board of Education is tasked with implementing the accountability provisions, including development of a template to facilitate LCAP compliance, and C.A.S.H. will work with the Board as they begin to develop the LCAP to advocate for inclusion of a process that ensures that schools are maintained in good repair.
Proposition 39 Framework Emerges...But Details Still To Come

The State Budget provides a total of $428 million in funding for energy efficiency programs for K-12 education and community colleges in 2013-14. The following is a summary of the Proposition 39 framework that was approved as part of the State Budget. See the article on page 4 for more details on the allocation of funds.

Next Steps

The CEC will work to develop guidelines for further implementation, addressing issues such as contracting, the calculation of energy benefits and cost savings, and project evaluation. Districts will be required to submit expenditure plans to the CEC for review and approval prior to receiving funds from CDE.

In July C.A.S.H. will hold a joint workshop with the School Energy Coalition (SEC) titled Hot Topics for Summer: The Budget, Energy, and the Law. This workshop will drill down more deeply into Proposition 39 implementation, the LCFF and implications for school maintenance, and other state budget issues that will affect school facility and maintenance departments going forward. The LCFF is a significant change to how California will fund schools - old programs are being phased out, and new funding models are emerging. If you are interested in getting ahead of the curve, I highly recommend you attend this workshop.

Organization’s 2013-14 Budget Approved by C.A.S.H. Board/Printed CASH Register – The End of an Era

At its May Board of Directors meeting, C.A.S.H. leadership approved the organization’s 2013-14 Budget. The organization remains fiscally healthy with strong membership numbers from the public and private sector, conference and workshop attendance and sup-

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NON MEMBERS - ASSOC. $1,204.00

ONE DAY
MEMBERS - SD / COE $428.00
MEMBERS - ASSOC. $653.00
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EARLY FEES
MEMBERS - SD/COE $469.00
MEMBERS - ASSOC $515.00
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MEMBERS - SD/COE $586.00
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NON MEMBERS - SD/COE $653.00
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WORKSHOPS
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