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Are Your Playgrounds Safe?

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Playground Safety Inspections

Have you inspected your playgrounds?

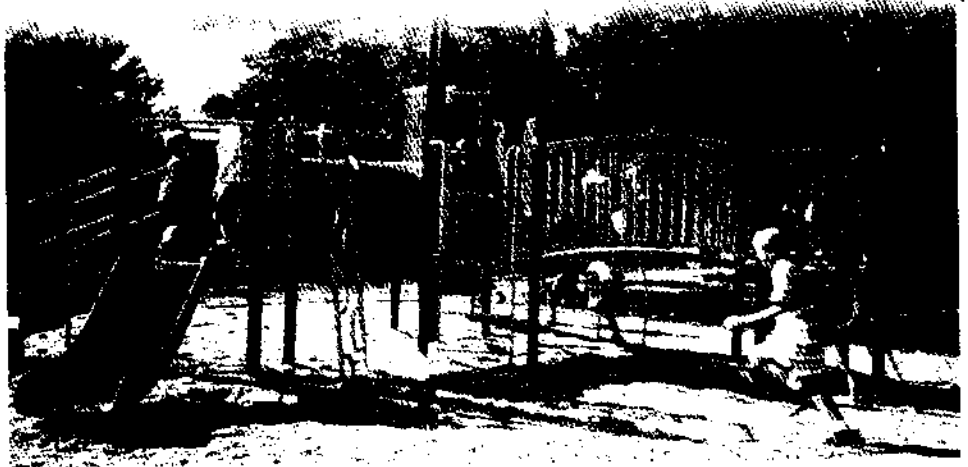
[Newly enacted legislation, AB 1055 (Chapter 712/Statutes of 1999), requires public agencies to have certain playground facilities inspected by a certified playground safety inspector by **October 1, 2000.**]

This inspection process will assist public agencies with upgrading playgrounds to comply with the standards set forth in the Handbook for Public Playground Safety, published by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. Funding was not provided in the budget to pay for the inspections.

Playground Safety and Recycling Act

The Playground Safety and Recycling Act of 1999 was also established in this legislation. The purpose of the Act is to encourage the use of recycled materials for upgrading and repairing playgrounds. The 1999-2000 State budget provided \$2 million of Proposition 98 education funds to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for implementation of this program.

The CIWMB has developed emergency regulations for awarding grant funds under this program. The regulations are expected to be approved at the April 18-19 CIWMB meeting. The



maximum grant is \$25,000 per application and includes a 50/50 local match. The cost for the playground safety inspection will *not* be allowed as part of the grant application.

The Notice of Funds Available document, which provides all of the details for the grant application, should be available by April 14. This information can be found on the CIWMB website: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Playgrounds.

Grant applications must be submitted by June 30, 2000. The CIWMB will review the applications during July and the first part of August. The CIWMB has scheduled the approval of grants for their September Board meeting. Note: Even though applications are due in June, districts will have until August 4 to have their playgrounds inspected.

Applications will be sent to 7,900

local education agencies; the CIWMB expects to fund approximately 80-100 grants under this program.

Parks, Water and Coastal Protection Act

The Parks, Water and Coastal Protection Act was approved by the voters on March 7, 2000 (Proposition 12). This Act, among other things, provides an additional \$7 million for the playground safety grant program. This funding will expand the pool of local agencies to include both local public agencies and local education agencies. Funds will be released sometime next year. Stay tuned...

Information about the Playground Safety and Recycling Act can be found at the CIWMB website: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Playgrounds, or from Shelly Brown, CIWMB at (916) 255-3890.

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The CASH Register solicits articles on school facility-related topics from the membership. If you are interested in submitting an article, please send it or a letter of inquiry to: Editor, CASH Register editorial office, 1130 K Street - Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95814. Sorry, we are unable to return or acknowledge unpublished manuscripts. The views expressed herein are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Coalition for Adequate School Housing, its board, staff or general membership.

AB 2266 (Firebaugh)

by Jim Murdoch

AB 2266 (Firebaugh) is a statewide school bond issue proposed for the November, 2000 ballot. At this time the bill is simply a vehicle; it does not yet contain specific appropriations for growth or modernization.

The bill was heard by the Assembly Education Committee the last week in March and was referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Following is our most recent estimate of the need for another statewide school bond bill.

modernization to be funded from July 1, 2000 money totals \$600 million, which when combined with current workload of \$400 million leaves \$300 million in modernization. This will be fully committed by July 1.

Growth (New Schools, additions to existing schools)

We understand that growth money from the first round of financing will be totally committed by July 1, 2000.

C.A.S.H. estimates that the second round of \$1.55 billion will be totally committed by July 1, 2001.

C.A.S.H. Surveys


C.A.S.H. recently surveyed the workload in Division of the State Architect. Under current law a district must receive a "stamp" on construction plans before it can receive state funding. The DSA workload is a good harbinger of potential projects which will be transmitted to OPSC for funding. As of a month ago, there was \$1 billion for growth projects, growing at \$100 million monthly.

A statewide survey of C.A.S.H. members asking when they anticipated submitting plans for funding to Division of the State Architect revealed:

Districts intend to submit plans totaling \$1 billion for growth projects alone within 24 months.

Districts intend to submit

plans for modernization totaling \$1 billion within the next 24 months.

We conclude that funding for growth projects will be committed by July 2001. 

Toxics

C.A.S.H. has formed a committee to develop appropriate recommendations for changes to state administrative regulations and state law dealing with the implementation of this year's toxics legislation.

Members of the committee include Past Chair Terry Bradley, Legislative Chair Stephanie Gonos, and Board Member Lettie Boggs. These members, assisted by staff Laura O'Leary, have been meeting regularly with state personnel, legislative staffers and legislators, on the various issues associated with the new legislation.

Because of the technical issues associated with some aspects of the toxics legislation, C.A.S.H. has contracted for two acknowledged experts to help us resolve certain administrative and legislative issues.

The individuals are environmental attorney Peter Weiner, Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP; and environmental consultant Anthony Ward, ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller.

The committee, assisted by our experts, is working on the following issues:


Administrative Issues:

- MOU for use during PEA stage
- Standards, including agriculture land
- Model Agreement

Legislative Issues:

- REA II qualifications
- Indemnification for the Phase I study
- Public participation after the PEA is completed
- DTSC overhead fees

We are developing proposals for each issue to present to legislative, budget and policy consultants in the near future.

Also, C.A.S.H. sent to select member districts requests for information regarding overhead being charged school districts by the Department of Toxic Substances Control. 

The Need for Another Statewide School Bond

Proposition 1A provided the following funding:

November 1998 School Bond Fund Breakout

Funds Available as of November 4, 1998

New Construction	\$1,350,000,000 *
Modernization	800,000,000 *
Hardship	500,000,000 **
Class Size Reduction	700,000,000 **
Subtotal	\$3,350,000,000

Additional Funds Available July 1, 2000

New Construction	\$1,550,000,000 *
Modernization	1,300,000,000 *
Hardship	500,000,000 **
Subtotal	\$3,350,000,000

Grand Total \$6,700,000,000

*Not Less Than

**Not More Than

Funding Status

Modernization

Funding for modernization from the first round of Proposition 1A funds has been committed. The unfunded list for

California Department of Education Processing of Minor Modernization Plans

*A CDE School Facilities
Planning Division advisory
follows:*

SFPD Advisory 00-04

March 10, 2000

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION PROCESS-
ING OF MINOR MODERN-
IZATION PLANS**

Dear County and District
Superintendents:

In order to expedite plan checking
for minor modernization projects, the
California Department of Education
(CDE), School Facilities Planning


Division (SFPD) is modifying its
procedures for checking such projects.

A. TYPE OF PROJECT

Projects covered under this process
consist of minor scope of work modern-
ization projects related to general
maintenance/repair work. Examples
include painting, floor coverings,
glazing, roof repair, concrete, flatwork,
fire alarm upgrades, electrical wiring
upgrades and non-structural HVAC
installations.

Minor scope of work modernization
projects do *not* include structural safety
(SS), access compliance and fire/life
safety (FLS) components that are part
of the normal Division of the State
Architect (DSA) plan review process.

Projects must meet the parameters
described in the State of California,
Department of General Services,
Division of the State Architect, Office
of Regulation Services, Policy #97-08
(on page 7).

School districts are still responsible
for complying with the current Califor-
nia Building Codes and Title 5 Admin-
istrative Code. Responsibility for
compliance with California Building
Codes and Title 5 Administrative Code
includes compliance with all aspects of
construction including lead and
asbestos abatement, consideration of
other toxic materials, and provisions for
protection of indoor air quality during
construction and during use of the
remodeled facilities. 

It's Not Too Late!

*If you haven't already signed
up for the C.A.S.H. Architects
Workshop, you can still send
in your registrations.*

The workshops will be held from
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Tues-
day, April 25 at the Doubletree
Hotel in Sacramento and Friday,
April 28 at the Ontario Airport
Marriot.

If you need more information or
a registration form, please call
Teala Daniels in the C.A.S.H.
office at (916) 448-8577 or visit
the C.A.S.H. Web Site at
www.cashnet.org

SCHOOL PROFILES

*Attention School Districts, Architects,
and Construction Management firms:*

*C.A.S.H. would like to highlight your
interesting and unique school projects.*

Following are the guidelines for placing information in the
CASH Register about a school project:

- 2-3 black and white photos of the school.
- One to one and one-half pages of typed text (single spaced)
about the project. This information needs to be about the
project and not the architectural firm or other firms associated
with the project.
- Projects are featured in the *CASH Register* in the order they are
received.

Please mail this information to: *CASH Register*/School Profile
1130 K Street, Suite 210
Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions: Call (916) 448-8577

State of California Division of the State Architect Office of Regulation Services

September 30, 1997

POLICY #97-08 (SS, FLS, ACCESS)

AB 611 EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

ISSUE: AB 611, which came into effect on August 27, 1997, amends Section 17280, a7295, 81130 and 81133 of the Education Code and Section 20111.5 of the Public Contract Code.

RESOLUTION: The following amendments shall be implemented:

For alterations or additions to any existing certified school building conforming to Title 24 where the

estimated cost does not exceed \$25,000.00, the Division of the State Architect/Office of Regulation Services (DSA/ORS) is not involved in the review and approval of the project.


For alterations or additions to any existing certified school building conforming to Title 24 where the estimated cost exceeds \$25,000.00 but does not exceed \$100,000.00, a licensed structural engineer shall review the project and report if this constitutes a structural or a non-structural alteration. A copy of this report shall be filed with DSA/ORS.

When the licensed structural engineer determines that the alteration or addition is of a structural nature, plans and specifications need be submitted to

DSA/ORS for review and approval according to current rules and regulations.

When the licensed structural engineer determines that the alteration or addition is of a non-structural nature, plans and specifications need not be submitted to DSA/ORS for review provided that:

The design professional in responsible charge of the project shall certify in writing to DSA/ORS that the project is in compliance with the applicable fire and life safety standards and does not affect the access compliance requirements of Section 4450 of the Government Code.

The DSA/ORS certified inspector of record on the project shall, within 10 days of the completion of the project certify in writing to DSA/ORS that the project has been implemented in compliance with the plans and specifications. 

CHANGES IN C.A.S.H. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION?

Please submit this form when a name or address change occurs!

School district/firm _____

Contact name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1(_____) _____ Phone(_____) _____ Fax(_____) _____

E-mail _____

Please check the appropriate category (one only):

- Affiliated Organization
- Architect
- Architect Selection Consultant
- Attorney
- Consultant or Facility Planner
- Contractor, Developer or Subcontractor
- Construction Manager
- County Office of Education
- Election Consultant

- Energy Consultant
- Environmental/Toxics Consultant
- Facility Consultant
- Financial Consultant
- Financial Institution
- Furniture or Equipment Supplier
- Governmental Relations Consultant
- Licensed Professional Serving Architects
- Outdoor/Recreation Equipment Supplier
- Relocatable Manufacturer

- School Construction Inspector
- School District
- Real Estate Consultant
- Technology/Telecommunications Consultant/Supplier
- Other (please specify) _____

Please fax any changes to the C.A.S.H. office at (916) 448-7495.

Proper HVAC System Design in School Portables

By Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc.
San Jose, CA

With the Statewide K-3 Class Size Reduction Program, the number of portable classrooms in California has increased dramatically. Many of these portables were brought in quickly to satisfy the classroom size requirements. Some have been in place for a number of years and may not have been originally designed for full time classroom use.

Often because portable buildings are considered temporary, they do not get the same HVAC system design consideration that a permanent school building would.

Some of the criteria that school districts should consider are summarized as follows:

1) Noise: The typical portable classroom uses a wall-mounted heat pump. The return air contains no ductwork to separate the unit from the classroom (In some instances, a student's head may be right in front of this return air opening). As such, noise generated by the unit is transmitted to the classroom. In many instances, teachers turn off the heat pump rather than try to talk over it. When this happens, the classroom gets no ventilation.

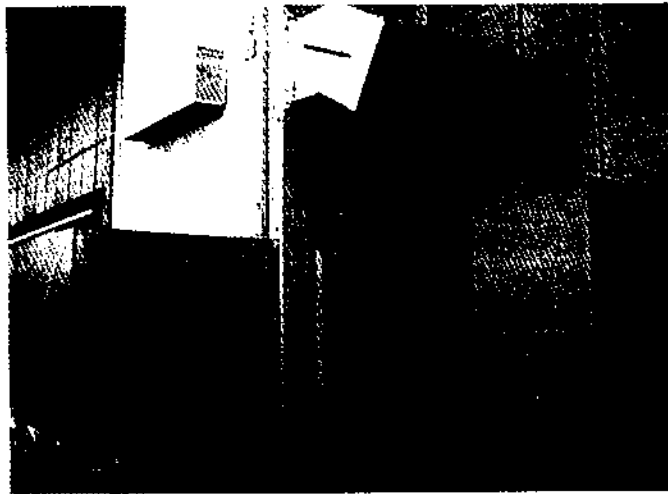
2) Exhaust Air: Portables often are built with no exhaust air or even relief air provisions. It becomes difficult for the air conditioning unit to bring in fresh air when no means is provided for exhaust air. In this scenario, because of the energy code requirements to keep

the building of tight construction, the room is pressurized and does not provide an outlet path for the fresh air.

3) Undersized equipment: Portables may be intended to be used as offices



then later changed to classroom use. This may result in maintenance technicians minimizing outside air ventilation to enable the unit to maintain tempera-



ture setpoint on hot or cold "design days". The system needs to be re-evaluated when a change in use occurs. In some cases, portables are converted

to computer rooms with no changes to the HVAC system.

4) Economizers, which can provide for more than minimum outside air when conditions are beneficial (cooler outside than inside when unit requires cooling), are poorly designed for the typical heat pump. Heat pumps typically use the condenser section as the exhaust section in economizer mode. This exposes the condenser fan to the classroom and creates more of a noise concern than normal operation.

The typical economizer control also does not allow for "integrated economizers" (integrated economizers allow both economizer and cooling simultaneously). As such economizers are rarely utilized in the portable application.

5) Excessive duct leakage: After a period of years, settling and often movement of the portable building, excessive duct leakage from loose connections occurs (duct tape is often used in joints which dries out over a period of years). This leakage precludes ventilation getting into the classroom.

Evaluation of 32 portable classrooms-including portables of different ages and types, was completed for seven Milpitas school sites. Implemented upgrades included:

1. Exhaust fans were added to all rooms. The exhaust fans were controlled by a dual technology occupancy sensor, so that anytime the room was

People in the News

With the recent retirement of Mike Willis from the Office of Public School Construction, Dave Zian, former Manager of Program Services for the South and West Regions, has been promoted to Chief of Fiscal Services. Audrey Edwards is now Manager of Program Services for the North, South, East and West Regions. Mike Willis is now working with California Financial Services in their Sacramento office.

occupied there would be proper ventilation. As an added feature, the lighting was included with the occupancy sensor to achieve energy savings.


2. Outside air ventilation was increased from approximately 100 cfm (some even lower) to 525 cfm.

3. In a few portables the HVAC unit was replaced, as it was older and the noise generated was substantially more than in the other portables.

4. Several other units were replaced as they were undersized (they were changed from 3 ton to 4 ton units). New ductwork and supply grilles were installed on these units.

5. Two units had the return modified to include a sound plenum.

6. Supply ducts on all existing systems were repaired which increased total supply air by approximately 20% on the worst units.

As is the case in any classroom, portables should be designed to meet ASHRAE Std. 62-1989 ventilation standards. The system must be commissioned to ensure that the ventilation standards can be met continuously. The costs to this project were not prohibitive. It is in the best interests of the students, teachers, and staff, if all districts consider these upgrades where problems of this nature are identified. 

State Allocation Board Actions

The State Allocation Board at its March 22 meeting took the following actions:

- Adopted staff proposal for regulation dealing with implementation of School Facility Program Priority Points (see page 8).
- Deferred action on proposed regulation for special education class loading and funding standards.
- Deferred action on staff recommendations to implement provisions of SB 191 - Special funding for gymnasium and multipurpose rooms
- Agreed with staffs recommendation to hold over action on certain school district requests for unfunded modernization grants which represent a small percentage of the district's specific modernization eligibility (note- there is concern that a pattern is developing in which modernization funding intended for major projects is increasingly being used for routine maintenance.)

State Allocation Board Meeting Dates

The SAB meeting dates for the 2000 calendar year are as follows:

Board Date	Type of Meeting
January 26, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
February 23, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
March 22, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
April 26, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
May 24, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
June 28, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
July 26, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
August 23, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
September 27, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
October 25, 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)
*November/December 2000	Monthly (Consent/Special)

The SAB meets in different rooms within the State Capitol at 4:00 p.m. when the State Legislature is in session and at 2:00 p.m. when the State Legislature is out on recess. Due to scheduling changes of the Legislature, some of the SAB meetings may be cancelled with short notice.

**Date to be determined.*

State Allocation Board Meeting, March 22, 2000

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE LEROY F. GREENE SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT OF 1998 PRIORITY POINTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request adoption of proposed amendments to the Regulations that administer the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (SB 50) for purposes of funding priorities for new construction projects.

DESCRIPTION

On November 18, 1998, the State Allocation Board (SAB) adopted Emergency Regulations for the implementation of the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (SB 50), also called the new School Facility Program (SFP). These regulations were subsequently amended by the SAB on January 26, 2000, as a result of additional legislation that became law on January 1, 2000. These amended regulations are currently under review by the Office of Administrative Law.

At the meeting on January 26, 2000, the SAB addressed Assembly Bill (AB) 562 (Cardenas), which amended Education Code Section 17072.25 to require the SAB to adopt a priority point mechanism to rank new construction project funding when either of the following occur:

1. The total State funds necessary to fund all approved projects exceed the total State funds available for allocation under the SFP.
2. The funds available to allocate to new construction projects on or after July 1, 2000, is at \$300 million.

The SAB directed the Office of Public School Construction to develop a priority point regulation that addressed the following issues:

- The ability for the SAB to establish a priority point threshold and fund certain projects only;
- The notification to the Legislature when the SAB is not approving new construction applications due to the lack of funds.
- Establish a provision for reimbursement of expenditures on a new construction project when the project is ready for apportionment but the project is not funded due to the lack of funds.

To assure compliance with AB 562, Regulation Section 1859.91 should be amended to indicate when priority points are implemented and how priority points for new construction projects will be enforced once they are in effect.

Additionally, for purposes of the appropriate developer fee authority, the language in Government Code Section 65995.7(a) "...state funds are not available if the State Allocation Board is no longer approving apportionments for new construction....due to a lack of funds available for new construction...", means that notification to Legislature should occur only when the SAB does not have sufficient new construction funds to apportion to all new construction projects ready for apportionment, regardless if the SAB elects to not fund a new construction project because it does not have a minimum number of priority points when the priority point mechanism is in place. The regulations should be clarified that the SAB make the declaration of insufficient funds to the Legislature based only on new construction projects ready for apportionment and the amount of funds available for allocation for new construction projects only. For purposes of reimbursement, the regulations should be clarified that when a project is placed on an "unfunded" list, it is protected for purposes of re-establishing eligibility and is eligible for reimbursement, subject to certain developer fee adjustments, prior to the SAB funding at a later date.

These issues were discussed at the SAB Implementation Committee meeting and proposed amendments to the regulations regarding these issues are provided on page 3.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopt the proposed amendments to the following regulations and authorize the Executive Officer to begin the regulatory process.

1. Amend the following Regulation:

Section 1859.91. Implementation of Priority Points Due to Insufficient State Funds.

The OPSC shall report to the Board on a monthly basis the status of funds available for New Construction Grants and the aggregate amount of SFP New Construction Grant requests that have been received but not yet funded. The Board shall declare that State funds are insufficient for New Construction Grants when the SFP grant requests that are ready for Apportionment exceed funds available for that purpose. This declaration will implement the priority point system and the Board shall approve new construction projects and apportion funds based on the highest priority points assigned to projects. This declaration shall serve as the mechanism for the Board to make the appropriate notifications as required, pursuant to Government Code Section 65995.7(a).

All New Construction Grant requests shall be funded in order received until such time that the Board declares that the available funds for construction are insufficient to finance the grant requests ready for apportionment. When this occurs, the Board shall fund those projects with the highest number of priority points first. When one or more projects have the same number of priority points assigned, the projects will then be funded by the date order the applications for funding were received by the OPSC.

(a) The OPSC shall report to the Board on a monthly basis the following:

(1) The status of funds available for New Construction and Modernization Grants.

(2) The amounts of New Construction and Modernization Grant requests ready for apportionment.

(b) The Board shall implement a priority point system for New Construction Grant requests and apportion funds for New Construction Grant requests when either of the following occur:

(1) The State funds available for New Construction and Modernization Grant requests are insufficient to fund all New Construction and Modernization Grant requests ready for apportionment.

(2) The State funds available for New Construction Grant requests on or after July 1, 2000, is \$300 million or less.

(c) All New Construction Grant requests shall be funded in date order received until such time that either (b)(1) or (b)(2) occurs.

When either (b)(1) or (b)(2) occurs, the OPSC shall develop a list of all New Construction Grant requests ready for apportionment based on the highest number of priority points assigned to each New Construction Grant request as authorized in Section 1859.92. When two or more New Construction Grant requests have the same number of priority points assigned, those New Construction Grant requests shall then be shown on the list in date order of receipt of the funding application by the OPSC. The Board shall fund the New Construction Grant requests included on this list in the following order:

(1) the highest number of priority points assigned to each New Construction Grant request until a New Construction Grant request will result in \$300 million or less available to the Board for New Construction Grants.

(2) Based on a specified minimum number of priority points from zero to 220 priority points assigned to each New Construction Grant request. The specified minimum number of priority points may be changed at the discretion of the Board at any time.

When the Board does not fund a New Construction Grant request ready for apportionment pursuant to (c)(2), the request shall be included on an "information" list pursuant to Section 1859-95.

The Board shall declare that State funds are no longer available to fund New Construction Grant requests when the State funds available to fund New Construction Grant requests are insufficient to fund all New Construction Grant requests ready for apportionment. This declaration shall serve as the mechanism for the Board to make the appropriate notifications as required, pursuant to Government Code Section 65995.7(a).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17072.25, and 17070.35 and 17977.10, Education Code.

Reference: Section 17072.25, Education Code and Section 65995.7, Government Code.

2. Amend the following Regulation:

Section 1859.95. Acceptance of Applications When Funding Is Unavailable.

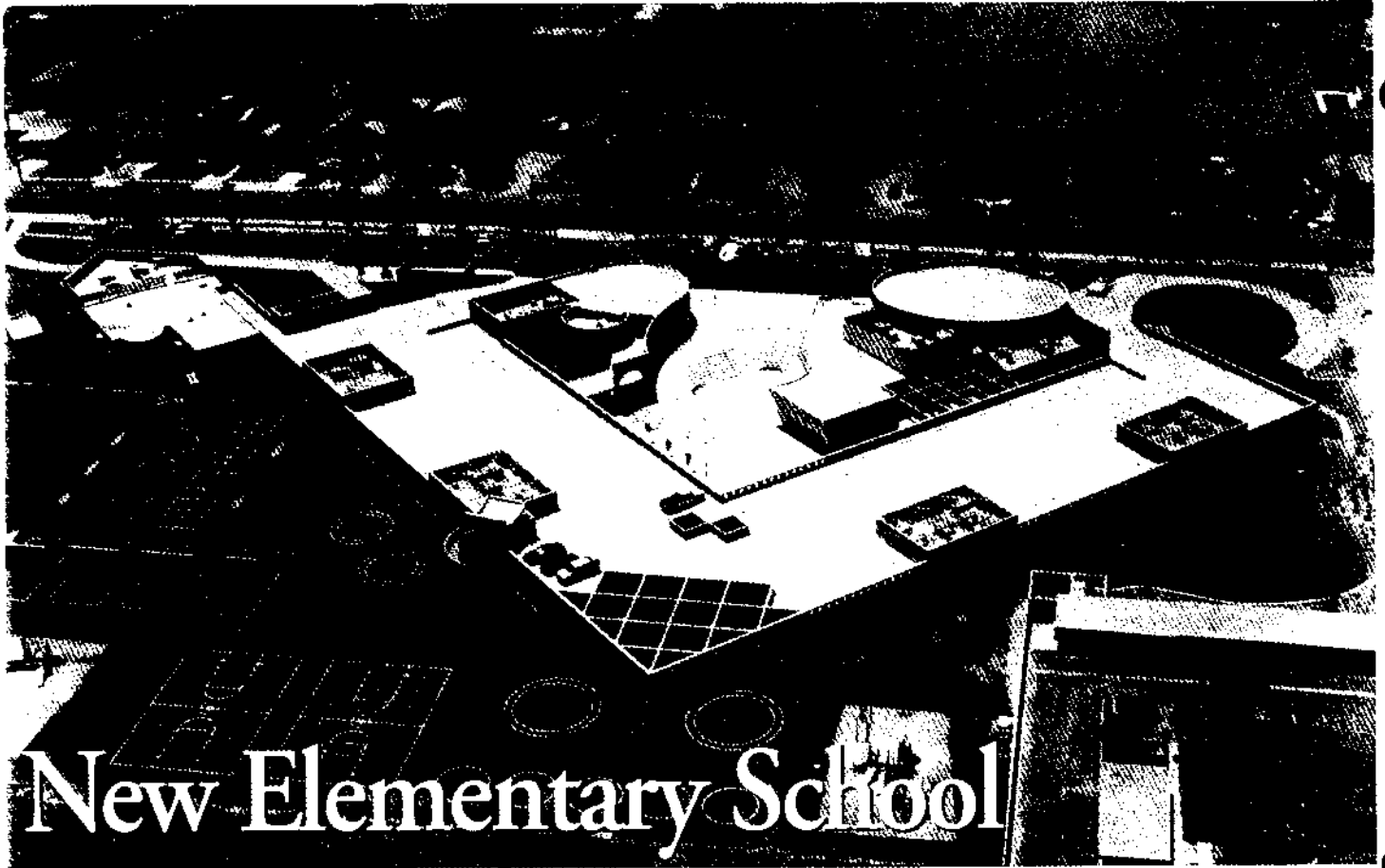
When the Board has no funds to allocate to either New Construction or Modernization Grants, the Board will continue to accept, process and approve applications for eligibility determination. The Board will also accept and process applications for funding for purposes of developing an information list of projects based on the date an eligible application was received by the OPSC. Applications received for new construction grants for a project where the site was apportioned pursuant to Section 1859.75.1 shall receive a date on the information list based on the date the environmental hardship site apportionment was made for the project;

A district with a project included on a funding information list shall not be required to reestablish the eligibility for that project prior to funding.

A new construction project included on a funding information list is eligible for reimbursement subject to adjustments in the New Construction Grant amount pursuant to Section 1859.77.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17072.25 and 17070.35, Education Code

Reference: Section 17070.35, Education Code

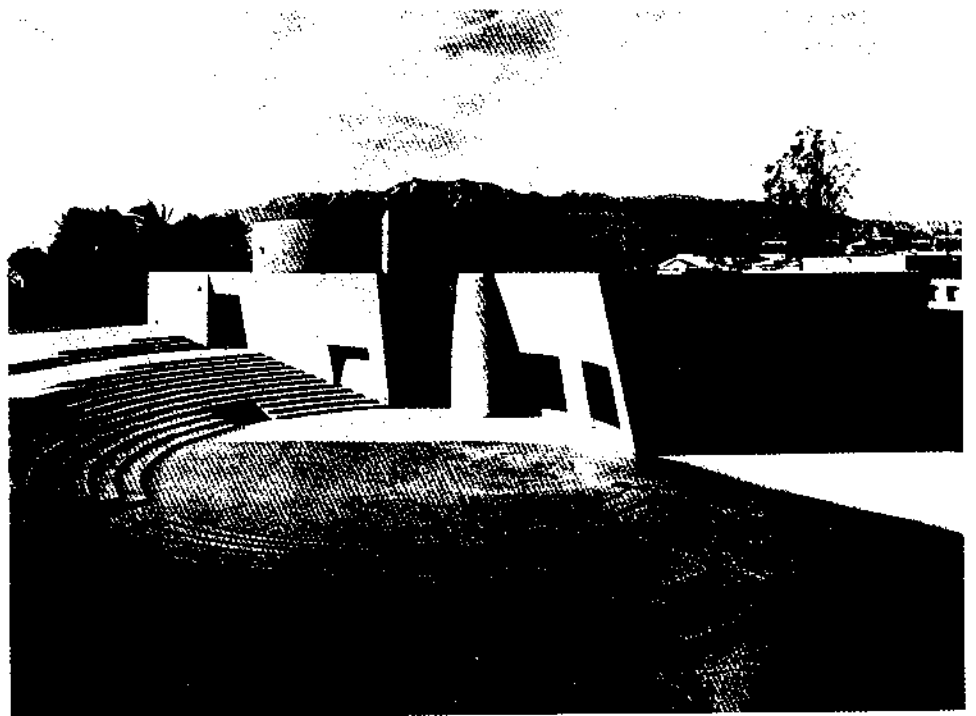


New Elementary School

- ▶ 58,552 Sq. Ft., 7.67 Acres, Total Construction Cost: \$7,740,047, State Budget: \$9,300,000,
- ▶ 20 Classrooms, 3 Kindergarten, Day Care, Severely Handicapped, Library with Story & Computer Lab, Healthy Start, Administration, Multipurpose Room and Full Service Kitchen,
- ▶ Architect – Ralph Allen & Partners

Date Elementary School was instantly nicknamed the castle by the children and adopted the Date Dragon as their mascot. From a child's perspective it is a magical place. It is a real place that is helping unlock the imagination of more than 800 preschoolers through sixth graders in a rough neighborhood where stories of castles and kings are rarely heard.

Security and a community gathering place were top priorities in the program of the school. A small site also made for some unique design opportunities. In addition to typical classrooms the



school houses Preschool, Day Care, Severely Handicapped and Healthy Start that includes Medical and Dental Facilities.

Pedestrian entry to the school is between the circular library and elliptical Multipurpose Room directing the visitor to the Administration Offices.


Continuing on to the main quad area, students descend a brick "stramp" which doubles as an Amphitheater.

Even a Security Tower for the School District Police was designed into the facility. The mass of the concrete roof serves as a heat sink that conserves energy by delaying the time that it takes the heat to penetrate the roof. After the kids go home in the afternoon, the system is turned off. The cold California nights cool the roof

slab for the cycle to begin the next morning.

The many programs in the school generate the need for a large number of parking spaces. Roof top parking solved the conflict between a small site and more than 100 required spaces. The elevated parking area became the battlement of the castle and the material selection of the load-bearing masonry walls and concrete became the stone walls. Even the rounded forms of

the Library and Multipurpose room buildings surrounding the central plaza created similar images to the rounded towers and courtyards of the ancient castles.

The kids had it right. Through their own fantastic and unique way of looking at the grown up world surrounding them, they understood that this place was made just for them, a place of learning, a place that will protect them, a place that is theirs. 

New Financial Reporting Requirements

By Ernest Lehr

There are "vast implications" for school districts resulting from new governmental reporting standards. These new standards include reporting on fixed assets land, buildings and equipment. Also, there will be annual calculation of depreciation.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis For State and Local Governments. On November 15, 1999, Janet Sterling, Director, School Fiscal Services Division, California State Department of Education issued a letter to all California county and district superintendents and chief financial officers advising them that Statement 34 will significantly change the way these entities report finances to the public. In addition to the effort to make financial information easier to understand, the emphasis shifts from the status of individual funds to the overall status of financial health of the agency.

The financial health of the agency includes financial information regarding the value of fixed assets land, buildings, and equipment and the annual calculation for depreciation. "GAS13 Statement 34 has vast implications for LEAs, including the addition of government-wide full accrual reporting and new budgetary comparisons." The changes resulting from the full accrual

requirement are believed to result in the following changes:

Assets: Currently, most LEAs do not report their general fixed assets account group. However, capital (fixed) assets will be included in the statement of net assets as part of the government-wide financial statements. If capital assets are not included on the statement, the total net assets amount, i.e., the bottom line, will be understated. If the LEA has significant long-term liabilities but no capital assets reported, the net asset amount could be negative. LEAs should begin planning to have their fixed assets valued so that the information is available for inclusion in the statement of net assets. Once GAS13 34 is implemented, LEAs should also begin calculating annual depreciation of these assets.


Standard 34 also requires that financial reports include long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This will include facilities bonds along with other items.

Additionally, there is to be a introductory management analysis for the financial statement. How has the financial picture of the LEA improved or deteriorated as a result of the year's activities?

Full implementation of Statement 34 is several years away: agencies with total revenues of over \$100 million will begin in 2002, those with revenues between \$ 10 million and \$ 100 million

will begin in 2003, and all others in 2004.

The Department of Education is convening representatives of various organizations to study the impact of Statement 34 and to make recommendations and suggestions for implementation. The content of the November 13, 1999 letter is available at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sfsdiv/financial/financial.htm> under Fiscal Management Advisories, Bulletins, and Correspondence. Calls may be directed to 916-433-1770 or an e-mail message to faisinfo@cde.ca.gov.

Comment: The idea of calculating depreciation of public education fixed assets has been resisted for years as an unnecessary workload with no benefit since there is no tax advantage or deduction. Similarly, few if any reports are made to boards of trustees regarding the value of assets managed and the condition related to that value. Particularly absent is life cycle information for years in advance so that needs can be anticipated and planned for. Implementation of Statement 34 should be perceived as an opportunity to focus attention on facilities and equipment needs so as to keep them up to date, not characterized as dilapidated. This can and should be far more than an accounting exercise. 

Ernest Lehr is a former consultant to the California Department of Education


Call for Annual Conference Workshop and Roundtable Topics

The C.A.S.H. 22nd Annual Conference Planning Committee is in the early stages of the planning process for the 22nd Annual Conference, March 5-8, 2001 at the Doubletree and Red Lion Hotels in Sacramento.

We need your help with suggested topics for workshops and roundtables.

If you have a suggested topic of interest that you propose for our next annual conference, please fill out the workshop and/or round table proposal

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It is imperative that C.A.S.H. members are aware of the latest information on these topics. C.A.S.H. is not responsible for those who do not attend and are out of the loop.

Below is a full list of topics to be covered:

Thursday:

- Status of Proposition 1A Funding
- Aftermath of Proposition 26
- Cost Containment
- Quality School Construction Without Compromise
- Developer Fee Issues
- Toxics Update
- Design Build

Also on Thursday, there will be a

reception hosted by many associate members.

Friday:

- Office of Public School Construction Update
- Division of the State Architect Update
- California Department of Education/School Facilities Planning Division Update
- Legislative Update

Conference Schedule

Thursday, May 18:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - Noon	General Session
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	General Session Resumes
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Reception

Friday, May 19:

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - Noon	General Session
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Invited Speakers:

Richard Riley, Education Secretary to address attendees concerning issues of federal funding for school facilities.

Nancy Sidhu from the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (formerly with Bank of America) to update attendees on the state of the economy in California. Nancy has addressed attendees for the past several years and does an excellent job of presenting California's economic forecast in a fun and educational manner.

Senator Deirdre Alpert to give attendees an update on key educational issues facing California.

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C.A.S.H. MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

– March 22, 2000 –

Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) Chair Dave Doomey called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. New members and guests were welcomed and introduced.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – *Jim Murdoch*

Jim discussed the modernization funds. The state will likely be out of money on July 1. This included the second round of funding. OPSC feels the Growth funds should last for a couple more years. Recent C.A.S.H. surveys seem to indicate otherwise. Jim asked that everyone send letters to the Assembly Ed. Committee and Marco Firebaugh concerning another statewide bond election. Firebaugh has introduced AB 2266. If possible we would like to get this on the November ballot.

The failure of Proposition 26 was a major blow. There might be a chance of another initiative with changes and a better explanation.

Jim Murdoch briefly commented on the following bills: AB 424 (Wildman), AB 2115 (Lempert), AB 1743 (Villaraigosa), AB 1908 (Lempert), AB 2266 Firebaugh, AB 2794 (Alquist)SB 1469 (O'Connell), and SB 2066 (O'Connell).

Laura O'Leary discussed current toxics legislation. She noted that C.A.S.H. has contracted with a toxics attorney and toxics consultant to develop more clear guidelines. AB 2644 (Calderon) is a current bill co-sponsored by C.A.S.H., ACSA and CSBA. Laura also discussed DTSC budget and fee issues.

ARCHITECT'S COMMITTEE – *Dennis Dunston*

Dennis noted the Architects workshop in April geared towards Architects and DSA. There are some new certification forms from OPSC that some architects are concerned with. Dennis has been working with Phil Shearer regarding some of these concerns.

C.A.S.H. ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – *Kathleen Moore Baratta*

Kathleen reported on the Annual Conference Planning Committee debriefing. She noted we are contractually obligated to the Doubletree Hotel for 2001. Plans for 2002 look like we will move to the convention center in downtown Sacramento.

CAL FED – *Mike Vail & Sue Pendleton*

Mike reported on recent bills regarding Federal tax credits. The authors of the two bills are now working together on one bill. Mike asked that everyone write their U.S. Congress member on this issue. For more information on the topic call Mike or Emily Kozak at School Facility Consultants. The proposed rules by FEMA regarding emergency insurance were discussed. The next trip to Washington DC is in late September.

Sue Pendleton from CDE discussed the QZAB program.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – *Jim Bush*

Jim thanked C.A.S.H. for their help in working with DTSC. He also discussed some of the changes occurring at DTSC regarding some of their requirements. CDE is in the process of hiring a consultant attorney to help with the process. CDE is also developing an advisory on the CEQA process.

CDE sent out an advisory on minor modernization projects that do not need to go to DSA. The process will help projects go through faster.

CDE is expanding their staff next month.

The special education item on today's SAB will be continued to next month.

DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT – *Richard Conrad*

Richard noted the amount of anticipated projects coming into DSA in the next three months. The amount is much higher than expected. They are planning accordingly to alleviate any backlog on reviewing the projects. DSA is working with OPSC and CDE on the minor modernization rules.

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE – *Stephanie Gonos*


The last meeting was on March 10. Stephanie reviewed some of the topics discussed including the priority point issue.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION/STATE ALLOCATION BOARD – *Phil Shearer*

Phil reported on the current SAB agenda. Dave Zian will now be in charge of the fiscal section at OPSC, Audry Edwards is now in charge of the project management section. Phil reported that a draft version of the required cost containment guidelines were sent to the implementation committee for review.

New State Architect

Dave Doomey introduced Mr. Stephan Castellanos, the new State Architect. Mr. Castellanos said he looked forward to working with C.A.S.H. and other groups on various partnering efforts of mutual concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon 

C.A.S.H. MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Esquire Building
1215 K Street, 14th Floor
California Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Room
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Wednesday, April 26, 2000

11:00 a.m. to Noon

1. **Introductions**
Dave Doomey
2. **Legislative Report**
Jim Murdoch
3. **C.A.S.H. Architects' Committee Report**
Dennis Dunston
4. **C.A.S.H. Annual Conference Planning Committee Update**
Kathleen Moore Baratta
5. **CAL-Fed Update**
Mike Vail
6. **California Department of Education Update**
Jim Bush
7. **Division of the State Architect Update**
Richard Conrad
8. **Implementation Committee Update**
Stephanie Gonos
9. **Office of Public School Construction Update**
Phil Shearer
10. **Job Exchange**
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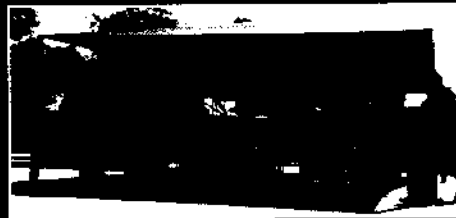
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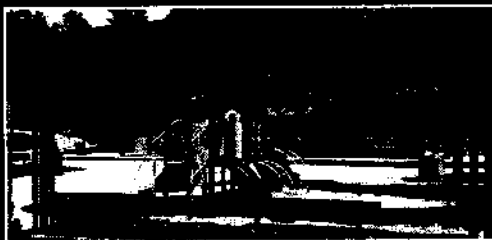
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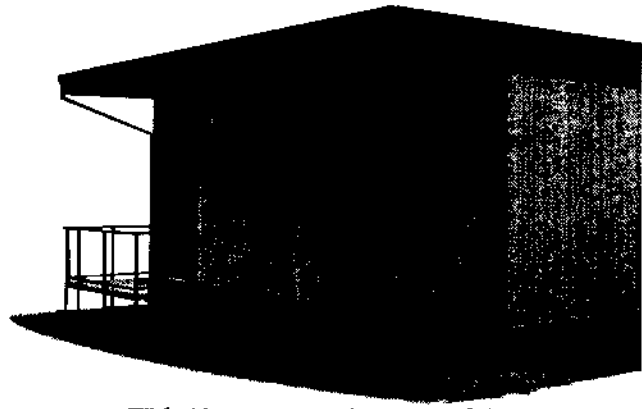
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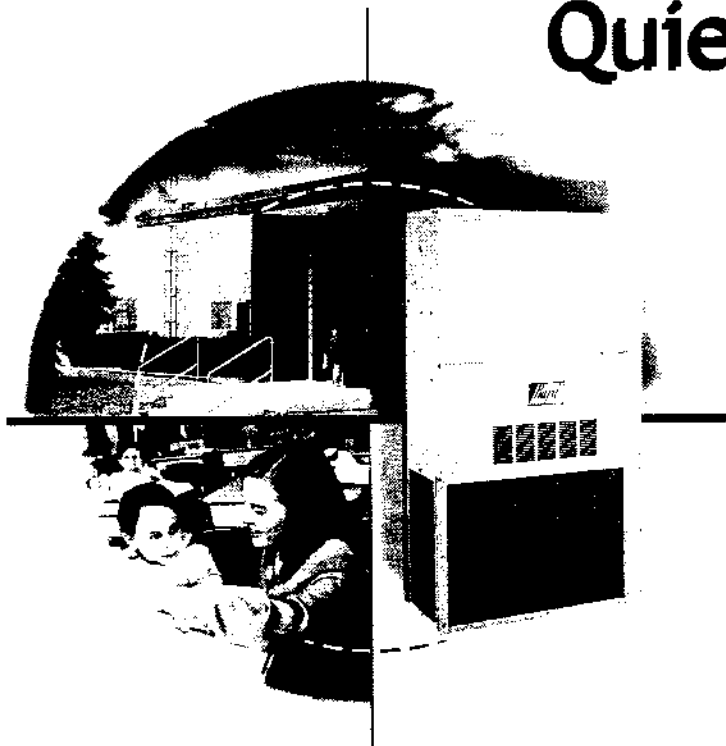
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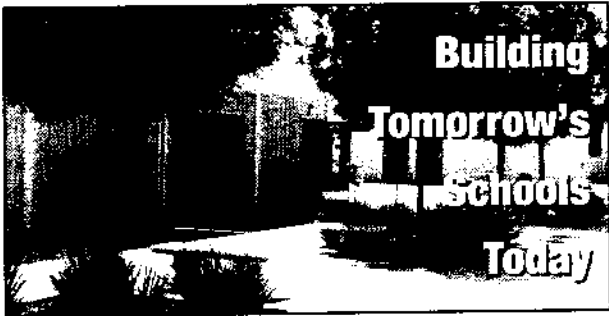
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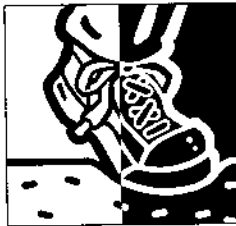
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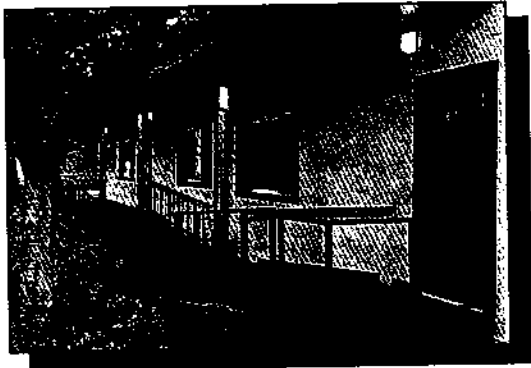
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- April 25, 2000**
Tuesday
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Architects Workshop
Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA
- April 26, 2000**
Wednesday
11:00 a.m. - Noon
General Membership Meeting
Esquire Building, 1215 K Street, 14th Floor, Sacramento, CA
California Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room
- April 28, 2000**
Friday
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Architects Workshop
Ontario Airport Marriott
2200 E. Holt Blvd., Ontario, CA
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Thurs. & Fri.
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Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel
400 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA
- May 24, 2000**
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11:00 a.m. - Noon
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