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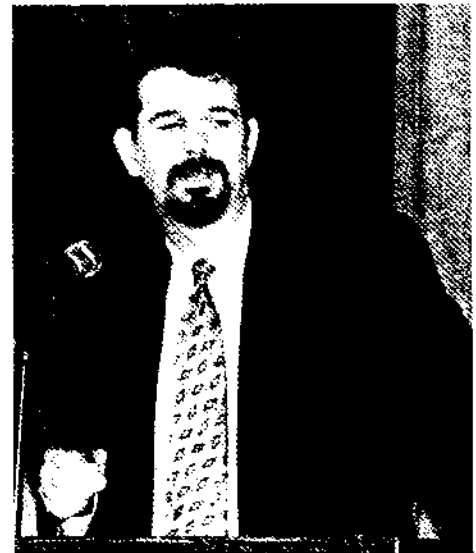
*Over 1,500 people attended C.A.S.H.'s Annual Conference, which was held in Sacramento on March 5 - 8 at the Doubletree Hotel.*

This year's workshops and roundtables were well attended. The General Session speakers were excellent. They included Steve Rizzo, a humorist; Senators Deirdre Alpert, Jack O'Connell and John Vasconcellos; Assembly Member Marco Firebaugh and Mr. Reed Hastings, President of the State Board of Education.

Selected comments of the General Session speakers follow:

### **Mr. Reed Hastings, President of the State Board of Education**

Mr. Reed Hastings, who was one of the driving forces behind the enactment of Proposition 39, the 55 percent initiative, gave significant credit for its enactment to Senator Jack O'Connell, the long term champion of the majority vote issue, the California Teacher's Association, and John Door, a venture



capitalist in the Silicon Valley. Mr. Hastings said that the "caps," the citizens oversight committee and other accountability provisions were key

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# Statewide School Bond – C.A.S.H. Fundraising Committee

C.A.S.H. and others are working to place a major statewide school bond on the ballot in 2002. At this time there is no guarantee that a bond will be on either the March or November ballot, nor is success guaranteed if a bond is placed before the voters.

Potential voter backlash because of the energy crisis, the debt being assumed by the State to finance California's energy needs, and the uncertain economic outlook 12 months from now are issues which may impact a statewide bond.

Accordingly, the C.A.S.H. Board is establishing a campaign committee to begin to raise funds for a statewide school bond campaign in 2002. The Committee will be comprised of three

co-chairs, and members representing selected categories of C.A.S.H.'s business members. These individuals are listed below.

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Contributor	\$999 or less

## Do's and Don'ts in Local Bond Campaigns

C.A.S.H. has prepared a user friendly, easy-to-read pamphlet which provides guidelines to public school employees about activities they may and may not engage in associated with local school bond campaigns. The pamphlet will be distributed to all C.A.S.H. members shortly.

-Jim Murdoch

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# Major Facility Issues

The following highlights major school facility issues that C.A.S.H. believes should be addressed in major school facility legislation this year. It does not include other issues which while less significant should nevertheless be included in legislation. (Examples include elimination of eligibility reductions for high school districts, repealing sunset for special grants for small districts, more state assistance to address toxic issues, increased use of non-school property for educational programs.)

**Revise Hardship Funding:** We suggest that the state hardship funding program be revised to require that school districts make a reasonable financial effort in order to access state hardship funding. Reasonable financial effort is to be defined as the district having bonded itself to a certain percentage (15%) of its bonded debt capacity to have available local capital outlay funds in an amount sufficient to meet the state's local match requirement. The percentage calculation will include debt and other long-term financial obligations that are not voter approved. Districts must continue to hold bond elections until 60% bonded debt capacity is reached. Percentage Calculations for hardship will include debt other than tax backed debt.

Rationale: The requirements of the current hardship financial system are not really related to a reasonable local financial effort.

Additional Areas of Emphasis:

- The New Construction fund (rather than the Hardship Fund) should support project augmentation such as the geographic index factor and urban adjustment factor. We believe existing law permits for adverse site augmentation; this needs to be clarified in statute.
- Protect low wealth districts due to disparities anticipated with Proposition 39
- Create an appeals process

**Eliminate the current priority point mechanism:** We believe that the present priority point system should be affirmatively eliminated by legislation.

Rationale: The current priority point program including the quarterly rationing of funds is having a devastating impact on many districts which have construction ready projects. The rationing system at a minimum creates delays, and in the worst case will deny funding for districts having construction ready projects.


**Partial Apportionments for Site Acquisition:** Allow the State Allocation Board to provide partial apportionments for the acquisition of land for school sites in advance of construction apportionments.

Rationale: Acquiring school sites is becoming an increasingly difficult problem for many school districts and particularly so for districts which do not have readily available land. Allowing districts to receive grants for land acquisition in advance of construction grants would benefit such districts.

**MTYRE Year Round Multi Year-Round Track Programs:** Delink operational grants from state eligibility provisions and eliminate the reductions in district eligibility currently required – the "hits."

Rationale: With the movement away from year round programs and the increasing demands being placed on schools for lengthening the school day and school year and the promotion of programs to improve low performing schools we believe it is appropriate to do this.

**Low Performing Schools:** Establish a program of facility assistance to school districts which have higher percentages of pupils having low achievement scores.

Rationale: The adequacy of school facilities has a definite impact on the learning environment. Those districts with low performing schools on MTYRE schedules could plan new schools to convert from year-round; those with impacted sites could seek additional new sites. A special new construction grant would help to deal with such needs. In many cases low achieving students are housed in crummy schools in need of rehabilitation. A special facility grant to assist school districts to rehabilitate inadequate schools would complement the state's efforts to improve the educational outcomes in such facilities. 


- Jim Murdoch and Tom Duffy

## Clovis, Fresno Pass Big Prop. 39 School Bonds

The Clovis and Fresno school systems have earned voter endorsement of large-scale school bonds that were among the first sought under Proposition 39, which lowered the approval threshold from 66.7 to 55 percent.

On March 6, voters in Clovis Unified School District were 64.38 percent in favor of a \$79 million plan to build three elementary schools, acquire an elementary school site, plan and design a high school and middle school, and modernize numerous schools.

Clovis USD is expected to grow in enrollment from the present 33,000 to 41,000 by 2009, according to Terry Bradley, deputy superintendent, administrative services, and a past chair of the Coalition for Adequate School Housing. The district will need six or seven new elementary schools and the new middle and high schools to accommodate that growth, Bradley said.

In Fresno USD, the \$199 million measure would have passed whether or not Proposition 39 had been approved last fall. The margin of approval was 67.05 percent.  - Jon Engellenner

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elements to the success of Proposition 39. He said that the Governor would veto anything which "unwound" any of the accountability provisions because such provisions were part of a deal with the voters.

He spent some time talking about EdVoice, a new statewide organization which is being run by former Assembly Member and former member of the State Allocation Board, Ted Lempert. The organization is being staffed by Brad Strong, former legislative staffer who worked for Assembly Member Lempert.

Mr. Hastings suggested that the process of building schools in California is cumbersome and requires streamlining. He talked about legislation to allow charter schools to rent private space for school facilities and use state funds to help finance such rents. He said that EdVoice is working on teacher certification so that individuals in the private sector who have high levels of knowledge about subject matter may more easily teach in the public schools. He noted legislation authored by Senator Jack O'Connell to provide financial incentives to encourage teachers to work in low income schools.

### Senator Jack O'Connell



Senator Jack O'Connell thanked Mr. Hastings, Mr. Door and the education community for their work in passing Proposition 39. He noted that both Clovis and Fresno Unified passed successful Proposition 39 elections on the previous day. He also said "... we want to make sure that ... Proposition 39 elections are held at ... regularly scheduled elections ... and that the ... elections are within ... district boundaries."

"We do desperately need another statewide general obligation measure. Hopefully it's on the ballot in 364 days, and we need it to be of significant size so that we can continue to address the school facilities need that we have."

"When you continue to have 60 percent of our schools 30-years old or older, when we want to have more class size reduction, when we want to be able to modernize our schools and build schools with the requisite technology so that we can train students for jobs, not just for the rest of this decade, but for the next decade as well, clearly, we need to have another bond measure on the ballot."

He talked about how the schools in California were gradually improving and pointed to encouraging results from the class size reduction program in the elementary grades, more transfers to our colleges and universities and a stabilization in drop out rates. However, he said that challenges exist and work must be done to improve so-called low performing schools.

"Our goal has to be a qualified teacher in every class. Our goal has to be modern schools. Our goal has to be safe schools, and ultimately we want to have a seamless educational delivery system, because the future of the economy of this state is dependent upon that. The future of the state of California is dependent upon your work and safe schools and modern schools, and the future of society as we

know it today is totally dependent on having an educational system that's not only one of preeminence, but one of dominance."

### Senator John Vasconcellos



Senator Vasconcellos noted that Senator O'Connell would be on the ballot next year to succeed Delaine Eastin and he said that Senator O'Connell is his candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

He noted that he and Virginia Strom-Martin, Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, have a strong working relationship and that they have developed a five point education program.

- Assist underachieving pupils (he does not like term 'low achieving')
- Attract, prepare and retain more and better teachers
- Allow students on a voluntary basis to begin to attend school at age 4
- Revise the state assessment system
- Review vocational education

"The instinct for learning is as powerful as that for food or sex, and if

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he isn't learning at two, or she at five, or me at 68, it's because they've been taught not to learn."

"And if we can truly cherish children's learning impulses and instincts and that force within them and nurture it through good parenting and inspirational teaching and good facilities, I think we'll have a whole different face on what the schools of California can provide for all of our kids, especially those who aren't so far achieving so well."

"I'm not here to help those who have the most but to help those who have the least, be sure they get their chance to share in what the rest of us have so often and so much."

"We live in California, live in the most privileged place on the face of the earth. The most diverse, the most creative, talented people amalgamate here, convene here. We owe it to ourselves that every child in our midst knows that he or she, who they are, what they mean. They mean something to all of us."

### **Assembly Member Marco Firebaugh**



To date, energy has been the all-consuming issue before the Legislature. Assembly Member Marco Firebaugh said that a recent legislative report indicates that the state's budget situation is more pessimistic than thought previously, and that that energy crisis is causing much of the problem.

In regard to education, he said: "I have the single largest middle school in the nation. In the entire United States, the single largest middle school is South Gate Middle School, and it operates on a multi-track year-round calendar, and the kids there are robbed of the opportunities that are available in many, many other parts of the state.

"...We may disagree about how bad, how imperfect, but the first come, first serve system was an imperfect system"... the priority point system that we ultimately implemented was a compromise and it tried to respond to rural districts and to small districts, and the districts that have projects in the pipeline." "Ultimately, ... the problem is a question of resources." The Speaker's office has established a small working committee to develop a bond bill for next year. "We are committed to a bond bill."

He said that many issues remain to be solved such as the appropriate match, the amount of money for different purposes, and developer fees. He mentioned that the Republicans are suggesting a one time General Fund allocation for school facilities and he noted that he has a proposal to allocate \$1 billion for modernization.

"...I do think that we have to build schools smarter." "I am of the opinion that there are now sacred cows remaining in California." He suggested that we should reexamine the Field Act to see if all elements should be retained or if it can be streamlined. He also said design-build deserves a chance.

He closed by saying that he has a real problem with the habitability of California's schools and believes that school districts must pay more attention to maintenance and deferred maintenance issues. He also asserted that "...by and large those kids that are failing or those kids where education is failing them are those schools that are the most deteriorated." "There is an absolute nexus there and we need to fix that, and part of the fix has to be deferred maintenance, part of the fix has to be the physical plant."

### **Deirdre Alpert, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Member of the State Allocation Board.**




One of the most difficult times for a Board member occurred in July of last year when all funding for modernization ran out. Additional funding has slowed considerably because of the Board's establishment of a priority point

system which was required as a result of the Godinez court case.

There are many issues to be resolved surrounding a school bond for 2002; shall it include higher education. How do we ensure that a k-12 bond will be fair to all parts of the state and different types of school districts? "If we are going to put the bond on in March, we are actually going to need to pass this bond measure before we go in at the end of this session ... by the end of the summer."

"Because of the state's energy crisis ... I'm just keeping my fingers crossed that we're able to keep all the money that the Governor suggested in January for education, that all of those dollars are able to remain." She said that the

outlook for a General Fund appropriation for school facilities was not encouraging. She mentioned her SB 1796 on joint use (libraries, multi purpose rooms and gymnasiums) for which the Implementation Committee recently developed regulations.

"There is at least some indication that by July, we will have on the unfounded list enough projects that would take all of the \$120 million that we are going to allocate every quarter and use all of it up, and so we're going to, I think, have an interesting discussion when and if developer fees change at that point; another thing that I hope you're thinking about and will help us and you'll help us with." 

- Jim Murdoch

## **HEADS UP!!!! Budget Accordingly!!!**

**2002 Annual Conference**

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**Sacramento Convention Center**

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## **C.A.S.H. Leadership**



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*Humorist Steve Rizzo, above, encouraged conference attendees to acquire a Healthy Attitude, and a Sense of Humor to make more out of their personal and professional lives.*





*Immediate Past Chair Dave Doomey, Capistrano USD, passed the gavel to incoming Chair Kathleen Moore Baratta, Elk Grove USD.*



*Dave Doomey welcomed Bruce Hancock, Assistant Executive Officer of the State Allocation Board, to the C.A.S.H. Conference.*



*Karen McGagin, Deputy Director, Department of General Services and Luisa Park, Interim Executive Officer of the Office of Public School Construction and the State Allocation Board.*



*Conference attendees take time out to relax and prepare for upcoming events.*

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*Past Chair Terry Bradley, thanks Bruce Kerns, Stone & Youngberg, left, and Ron Pregmon, WLC Architects, right, for their service to the Board of Directors. Both served for 8 years. Ron will continue on the Board in the ex-officio position of Event's Coordinator.*



*Pam Johnson, Montebello USD, thanks Lynn Halfhide, McCarthy Building Companies, left, and Mike Vail, Vista USD, right, for their continuing efforts on behalf of C.A.S.H. and California's public school children.*

# The 2001 Leroy F. Greene Design Awards

*Congratulations to the following winners of the Coalition For Adequate School Housing and the American Institute Of Architects, California Council, 2001 Leroy F. Greene Design Awards:*

## **Modernization/Reconstruction**

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Salinas High School  
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Juarez-Lincoln Elementary School Modernization  
Chula Vista Elementary School District  
Ruhnau•Ruhnau Associates

### **AWARD OF HONOR**

Mercedes Edwards Theatre Renovation  
Clovis Unified School District  
Edwin S. Darden Associates

## **New Built**

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Scripps Ranch/Thurgood Marshall Middle School  
Gymnasium  
San Diego Unified School District  
Roesling Nakamura Architects, Inc.

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Diamond Ranch High School  
Pomona Unified School District  
Thomas Blurock Architects

### **AWARD OF HONOR**

Cragmont Elementary School  
Berkeley Unified School District  
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### **AWARD OF HONOR**

Windsor High School  
Windsor Unified School District  
Quattrocchi Kwok Architects and DEV Architects

### **AWARD OF MERIT**

Barrel Springs School (K-8)  
Palmdale School District  
NTD Architects

### **AWARD OF MERIT**

Silverado Middle School  
Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District  
Perkins & Will Architects

### **AWARD OF MERIT**

International Elementary School  
Long Beach Unified School District  
Thomas Blurock Architects

## **Project-In-Design**

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Pueblo Elementary School  
Pomona Unified School District  
Thomas Blurock Architects

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Culver City High School Photo Lab  
Culver City Unified School District  
Dougherty + Dougherty Architects

### **AWARD OF HONOR**

The Accelerated School Of South Central Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
Marmol Radziner + Associates AIA

### **AWARD OF HONOR**

Mission Hills High School  
San Marcos Unified School District  
NTD Architects

### **AWARD OF MERIT**

Valley Community School  
Imperial County Office Of Education  
HMC Architects

### **AWARD OF MERIT**

Alan F. Daily Continuation High School  
Glendale Unified School District  
HMC Architects

## **Specialized Facility: New Or Modernized**

### **AWARD OF MERIT**

Education Center  
Jurupa Unified School District  
Perkins & Will Architects

# Legislation Aims to Assist Schools with Energy Crisis



The shortage and rapidly rising cost of power in California is clearly the issue de jour in the media and the Legislature this year. In addition to the difficulties that California's power crisis is presenting for ratepayers, businesses, and local governments, the power crisis has had a negative impact on school districts. All indications are that the situation is poised to become more acute as we enter the Spring and Summer months.

Many school districts have seen their utility bills rise significantly, some have been caught in interruptible service contracts with utility companies, and others have had to deal with rolling blackouts. This article will identify

the major issues in energy legislation relating to school districts and briefly summarize key legislation.

Legislation has been introduced in the following general areas:

- Loan and grant programs to assist school districts with increased energy costs
- Advanced warning before implementing rolling blackouts
- Assistance for districts caught in an interruptible service contract
- Funding to retrofit energy-saving upgrades in existing schools
- Funding to include energy-saving measures for new schools
- Assistance for districts to secure stable utility rates

The following is a brief summary of the significant energy/school bills moving through the Legislature:

- SB 4X (Soto): Allows a variety of entities, including education institutions, to cancel or suspend their interruptible service contract and qualify for the ISO's demand relief program.
- SB 5X (Sher): Authorizes state agencies to implement energy related projects. Appropriates \$1,039,500,000 to the Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission.
- AB 14X (Havice): Exempts public or private schools and public or private preschool programs from involuntary electric service interruptions required by the ISO during any state of emergency declared by the ISO.
- SB 19X (Haynes): Allows educational entities to cancel interruptible power contracts if compliance would interfere with normal operations.
- AB 25X (Runner): Creates revolving funds for loans to schools and charter schools due to unexpectedly high energy costs and appropriates an unspecified amount for these purposes.
- AB 26X (Leach): Creates revolving funds for loans to schools, community colleges, and private post secondary education entities due to unexpectedly high energy costs and appropriates an unspecified amount for these purposes.
- AB 33X (Pacheco): Appropriates an unspecified amount for the Public Education Facilities Renewable Energy Generation Program to provide incentives so that eligible electricity generating systems will offset part or all of a public education facility's own electrical energy demand.
- SB 37X (Brulte): Requires State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to

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# C.A.S.H. Legal Action Regarding Priority Points

*C.A.S.H.'s legal action with the imposition of priority points is winding its way through the court process.*

Currently 109 districts in 37 counties representing over 900,000 school children are financial contributors to the legal action.

The following chart lists in alphabetical order by county the school districts which are participating in the legal action. Districts with an asterisk (\*) are co-plaintiffs. The listing notes the district's student population and the percentage of pupils who receive free and reduced priced meals. This later information is a good poverty indicator.

The breadth and diversity of financial supporters is startling. It ranges from large urban school districts such as West Contra Costa Unified with 34,000 pupils to Mulberry Elementary in Imperial County, which is a small rural district with 85 children.

The presentation illustrates that many of these school districts have high percentages of poor children. It is ironic that the priority point system which is supposed to benefit poor children is in fact denying needed schools to many of them. 

- Jim Murdoch


COUNTY	DISTRICT	1999 ENROLL	MEAL PCT
Alameda	Pleasanton Unified	12,554	3.98
Butte	Thermalito Union Elementary*	1,537	85.56
Colusa	Maxwell Unified	444	64.41
Colusa	Pierce Joint Unified*	1,211	61.27
Contra Costa	Brentwood Union Elementary	3,753	26.59
Contra Costa	West Contra Costa Unified	34,022	50.56
El Dorado	Buckeye Union Elementary	3,830	7.7
El Dorado	El Dorado Union High	6,380	8.24
El Dorado	Gold Oak Union Elementary	809	19.53
El Dorado	Latrobe Elementary	180	1.67
El Dorado	Placerville Union Elementary	1,310	36.46
El Dorado	Rescue Union Elementary	3,063	9.17
Fresno	Central Unified*	9,954	46.34
Fresno	Clay Joint Elementary	207	23.67
Fresno	Clovis Unified*	32,254	27.26
Fresno	Coalinga/Huron Joint Unified	4,148	62.62
Fresno	Kingsburg Joint Union High	937	17.18
Fresno	Washington Colony Elementary	456	60.96
Fresno	West Fresno Elementary	1,024	96.68
Humboldt	Fortuna Union High*	1,245	24.68
Humboldt	Rio Dell Elementary	335	83.98
Imperial	Mulberry Elementary	85	42.35
Inyo	Bishop Joint Union High	792	2.4
Kern	Beardsley Elementary	1,659	81.42
Kern	Greenfield Union*	6,261	74.12
Kern	Panama-Buena Vista Union	12,501	32.06
Kern	Tehachapi Unified*	4,978	23.93
Kings	Lemoore USD	2,088	14.42
Lassen	Susanville Elementary	1,404	36.87
Los Angeles	Burbank Unified*	14,558	32.74
Los Angeles	Eastside Union Elementary	2,422	60.16
Los Angeles	El Monte City Elementary	11,801	90.31
Los Angeles	Hawthorne Elementary*	9,226	81.26
Los Angeles	Lawndale Elementary*	5,828	83.97
Los Angeles	Los Nietos Elementary	2,308	84.52
Los Angeles	Norwalk-La Mirada Unified*	23,140	0
Los Angeles	San Gabriel Unified*	5,404	51.33
Los Angeles	South Pasadena Unified*	3,913	0
Los Angeles	Westside Union Elementary	6,262	0
Los Angeles	Whittier City Elementary	7,210	60.08
Madera	Chawanakee Jr. Elementary	951	35.23
Madera	Minarets Jr. Union High	51	33.33
Mendocino	Mendocino Unified	858	22.84
Merced	Gustine Unified*	1,544	65.35
Merced	Hilmar Unified*	2,510	40.48
Merced	Le Grand Union Elementary*	462	42.64
Merced	Los Banos Unified*	6,705	61.8
Mono	Mammoth Unified*	1,189	32.44
Monterey	Salinas City Elementary*	9,075	70.73
Orange	Capistrano Unified*	43,589	15.89
Orange	La Habra City Elementary*	6,147	71.42
Orange	Saddleback Valley Unified*	34,663	10.33
Placer	Eureka Union Elementary*	3,918	4.13
Placer	Dry Creek Elem. SD	4,986	14.46
Placer	Loomis Union Elementary*	1,887	11.71
Placer	Placer Union High*	4,715	10.63
Placer	Rocklin Unified*	6,858	12

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COUNTY	DISTRICT	1999 ENROLL	MEAL PCT
Placer	Roseville City Elementary*	5,839	23.26
Riverside	Corona-Norco Unified*	35,087	40.03
Riverside	Hemet Unified	16,756	67.27
Riverside	Lake Elsinore Unified*	16,447	38.05
Riverside	Moreno Valley Unified*	32,348	56.74
Riverside	Nuview Union Elementary	1,271	44.85
Riverside	Palm Springs Unified*	19,998	68.75
Riverside	Perris Union High	5,831	29.39
Riverside	Val Verde Unified*	10,230	60.4
Sacramento	Elk Grove Unified*	45,094	37.82
Sacramento	Elverta Joint Elementary	369	46.34
Sacramento	Folsom-Cordova Unified*	15,688	30.55
Sacramento	Natomas USD*	5,406	34.79
San Bernardino	Fontana Unified*	35,644	63.36
San Bernardino	Redlands Unified	19,008	36.8
San Bernardino	Silver Valley Unified	2,623	41.79
San Bernardino	Upland Unified	12,217	34.04
San Bernardino	Yucaipa-Calimesa Jt. Unified*	8,786	29.2
San Diego	Borrego Springs Unified*	389	71.21
San Diego	Chula Vista Elementary*	22,169	44.5
San Diego	Oceanside Unified*	22,243	50.74
San Diego	Ramona City Unified*	7,063	27.96
San Diego	San Dieguito Union High	9,965	5.76
San Diego	San Marcos Unified*	12,114	43.92
San Diego	San Pasqual Union Elementary*	413	19.04
San Diego	Sweetwater Union High	34,004	36.18
San Diego	Valley Center Union Elementary	2,855	33.12
San Joaquin	Jefferson Elementary*	1,019	11.48
San Joaquin	Lodi Unified*	26,154	51.6
San Joaquin	Manteca Unified*	18,179	30.44
San Joaquin	Tracy Joint Unified*	12,761	23.39
San Luis Obispo	Coast Unified	988	32
San Luis Obispo	Lucia Mar Unified*	10,905	39.13
San Luis Obispo	San Miguel Joint Union Elementary*	433	54.04
San Mateo	Ravenswood City Elementary*	5,393	81.01
Santa Barbara	Buellton Union Elementary SD	594	32.45
Santa Clara	East Side Union High*	24,521	23.41
Santa Clara	Gilroy Unified	9,308	48.27
Shasta	Grant Elementary*	505	9.9
Shasta	Junction Elementary	555	32.79
Solano	Dixon Unified*	3,857	37.71
Sonoma	Twin Hills Union Elementary*	918	12.55
Stanislaus	Hart-Ransom Union Elementary	980	16.51
Tehama	Lassen View Union Elementary	370	48.11
Trinity	Weaverville Elementary*	445	53.22
Tulare	Alta Vista Elementary	531	100
Tulare	Burton Elementary	2,266	53.64
Tulare	Earlhart Elementary*	1,786	84.26
Tulare	Farmersville Unified	2,101	89.72
Tulare	Kings River Union Elementary	469	84.01
Tulare	Oak Valley Union Elementary	387	54.5
Tulare	Strathmore Union Elementary	746	85.04
Tulare	Sundale Union Elementary	588	51.02
Tulare	Tipton Elementary*	492	77.64
Tulare	Woodlake Union Elementary*	1,552	77.26
Tulare	Woodlake Union High*	750	57.2
Yolo	Winters Joint Unified*	2,013	48.24
Yuba	Wheatland Elementary*	1,761	58.55

## Proposition 39 Guidelines

CASH's Legal Advisory Committee chaired by Steve Hartsell and Alex Bowie recently developed a 50 page (check) document titled, "Which provides school districts with valuable information about utilizing the provisions of Proposition 39 for local General Obligation bonds. This document was distributed at CASH's recent Annual Conference. Because of its value CASH is distributing a complimentary copy to all school district members who did not attend the Conference.

For further information, contact Ernie Silva at (916) 441-3300. 

-Jim Murdoch

## California's School Facility Needs 2000-2005

	Billions
Growth (new schools and additions)	\$9.7
Modernization and Rehabilitation	\$7.0
Deferred Maintenance	\$3.8
Total	\$19.5

- Public school enrollment is estimated to increase by 188,000 pupils in grades K-12 between 2000 and 2005.
- This growth will require an additional 14,000 classrooms including 344 additional schools
- Over 60 percent of California's schools are 25 years old – these facilities must be rehabilitated and modernized.
- State initiatives to reduce class size, improve educational quality, lengthen the school year, promote preschool, encourage a longer school year and other new programs will tax existing facilities and will result in a need for additional instructional and support space.

-Jim Murdoch

# Selected School Facility Legislation

## Bonds

**AB 16** (*Hertzberg*) would authorize a combined K-12 and higher education bond bill in an unspecified amount to appear on the ballot in 2002. (Assembly Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 18, 2001)

**AB 20** (*Koretz*) as amended March 29, 2001, would authorize the Senior Center Bond Act of 2001 and would authorize \$225 million in bonds for such purpose. (Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee) (Hearing Date, April 17, 2001)

**SB 868** (*Costa*) would authorize a statewide water bond in an unstated amount to appear on the ballot in 2002. (Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee)

**AB 1156** (*Aroner*) would enact the State Hospitals Bond Act of 2002 and would authorize a statewide bond issue for the March 2002 ballot in an unspecified amount. (Assembly Health Committee) (Hearing Date, April 24, 2001)

**AB 1299** (*Leonard*) would authorize a \$10 billion school bond for the March, 2002 ballot. A sum of \$6 billion would be earmarked for K-12 and \$4 billion would be earmarked for higher education. (Assembly Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 18, 2001)

**SB 196** (*Chesbro*) would authorize a \$2,275 billion statewide parks bond for the March, 2002 ballot. (Senate Appropriations Committee)

**SB 574** (*Polanco*) would authorize a statewide bond in an unspecified amount for juvenile facilities for the March, 2002 ballot. (Senate Public Safety Committee) (Hearing Date, April 17, 2001)

**SB 844** (*Chesbro*) would authorize a statewide school bond in an unstated amount for K-12 and higher education. The bond would appear on the March, 2002 ballot. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 25, 2001)

## Design-Build

**AB 1543** (*Frommer*) would establish a design build program applicable to projects over \$20 million. For such projects the school district may reward the project to either the lowest responsible bidder or by best value. (Assembly Business and Professions Committee) (Hearing Date, April 24, 2001)

**SB 127** (*Johnson*) asks the Legislative Analyst to study the appropriateness of expanding the number of local governmental entities which may use design-build. (Senate Rules Committee)

**SB 353** (*Alpert*) would allow school districts to enter into design build contracts as defined for

construction projects which exceed \$10 million. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 18, 2001)

## Field Act

**AB 484** (*Runner*) as amended March 27, 2001, would exempt from the Field Act community college facilities and instead would make such facilities subject to California Building Standards Code. (Assembly Higher Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 17, 2001)

**SB 709** (*Alpert*) as amended April 3, 2001, would expand an exemption from the Field Act for the use of nonconforming buildings as school buildings to include leased commercial buildings for which the initial construction permit was issued on or after January 1, 1976. The bill's intended purpose is to provide facilities for charter schools. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 18, 2001)

## Fire Detection, Alarms and Sprinklers

**SB 575** (*O'Connell*) would require that all new construction projects and modernization projects submitted to the State for funding after July 1, 2002 include automated fire detection, alarm and sprinkler systems. The bill directs the State Allocation Board to adjust

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## Selected School Facility Legislation

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the per grant allowances as necessary to accommodate 50 percent of the increased costs resulting from the systems required by this measure. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 18, 2001)

### Funding

**AB 12** (*Firebaugh*) as amended April 2, 2001, would allocate \$1 billion General Fund appropriation for modernization. (Assembly

**SB 1010** (*Poochigian*) would authorize the appropriation of one time state general fund monies for school construction projects at the K-12 and community college levels. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 25, 2001)

### Maintenance

**AB 1558** (*Leach*) would require school districts as a prerequisite for state facility funding develop, update as needed and follow a plan of major maintenance and it would require that the local governing board certify that the district is in compliance with the plan. (Assembly Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 4, 2001)

**AB 542** (*Runner*) as amended April 5, 2001, would require that portable classrooms including units which are 700 square feet or less which are used as classrooms be included in the district's assumed capacity for purposes of determining state eligibility. The net effect of this measure will be to reduce state facility eligibility for many school districts statewide – many of which are already over

“portablized.” (Assembly Education Committee)

**AB 768** (*Shelley*) would require a school district to report to the State Board of Education and the Department of General Services any modification of a school structure if the modification changes the purposes for which the structure will be used. (Assembly Education Committee)

### Priority Funding Mechanism

**SB 256** (*Machado*) requires that the State Allocation Board report to the Legislature by March 2002 regarding the effects of the priority point mechanisms on school construction funding. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 25, 2001)

**AB 325** (*Reyes*) would repeal the current law provision which authorizes the State Allocation Board to establish a priority point system when state funding falls below prescribed levels. (Assembly Education Committee)

**SB 440** (*Monteith*) would require that the priority point mechanism be applied in such a manner to ensure that every geographic area of the state receive a fair and equitable share of funding. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 25, 2001)


**SB 1043** (*Soto*) as amended March 27, 2001, would exempt from priority points calculations school districts which have filed

hardship applications. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 25, 2001)

### School Building Capacity

**SB 491** (*Vincent*) would exclude from a district's capacity for purposes of determining state eligibility that is projected to be lost because of the removal from, eviction from or destruction of existing buildings which the district is unable to prevent. (Senate Education Committee) (Hearing Date, April 25, 2001)

### Smaller Schools

**AB 1255** (*Cardenas*) would provide a state supplemental allowance in an amount 25 percent higher than regular unhoused pupil grant for small projects intended to house 400 pupils or less. (Assembly Education Committee) 

# Spring Conference

## About the Conference

This year's Spring Conference will be held Thursday and Friday, May 3-4, 2001 at the Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel, 400 W. Broadway in San Diego, California. It will be particularly valuable to C.A.S.H. members due to the timely topics covered.

With the current priority point system in place and limited bond money remaining from Proposition 1A, funding issues are on the front burner. Thursday's morning session will focus on many funding issues; the status of the Godinez and C.A.S.H. law suits; impact of priority points; and the status of funding.

The possibility of converting commercial buildings to school facilities holds interest for many. A panel of experts will discuss the feasibility of using commercial buildings to house students, and any legal impediments which exist.

The issue of toxic review and CEQA is always relevant as districts acquire sites. In the afternoon session, you will hear how to coordinate your toxic review with CEQA.

The final part of Thursday's session will focus on significant issues surrounding the state School Facility Program (SB 50). A panel of C.A.S.H. staff and members will discuss expediting site acquisition through advanced purchase; the need for flexibility for the State Allocation Board vs. the current regulations; multi-track year round programs; and other issues.

## Other Events on Thursday

The Association of California Construction Mangers will hold a general membership lunch meeting

from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. For further information, contact Karen Blackwell at (916) 441-3300 or [kblackwell@m-w-h.com](mailto:kblackwell@m-w-h.com).

The following C.A.S.H. committees and other related organizations will meet from 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday:

- Architects' Committee (contact Dennis Dunston at (916) 649-3201 or [ddunston@hmcgroup.com](mailto:ddunston@hmcgroup.com))
- Legal Advisory Committee (contact Karen Blackwell at (916) 441-3300 or [kblackwell@m-w-h.com](mailto:kblackwell@m-w-h.com))
- Legislative Advisory Committee (contact Patti Herrera at (916) 448-8577 or [pherrera@m-w-h.com](mailto:pherrera@m-w-h.com))
- Cal Fed (contact Lisa Church at (916) 441-3300 or [lchurch@m-w-h.com](mailto:lchurch@m-w-h.com))

A reception sponsored by associate members will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more information on how to become a sponsor, contact Shannon Mahoney at (916) 448-8577 or [sfife@m-w-h.com](mailto:sfife@m-w-h.com).

Friday morning's session will include the usual informative state agency updates and in-depth review of legislative issues affecting school facilities.

Following is a full list of topics to be covered:

## Thursday:

- Funding Issues
  - ✓ Status of Funding/SAB Policy and Regulation Update
  - ✓ Status of C.A.S.H. Legal Action
  - ✓ Statewide Bond
  - ✓ Bridge Financing/Financial Hardship
- Feasibility of Converting Commer-

- cial Buildings to School Facilities
- Cal Fed Update
- Short and Sweet: Coordinating Toxic Reviews Under CEQA
- Significant Issues within the State School Facility Program (SB 50)
  - ✓ Expedite Site Acquisition Through Advanced Purchase
  - ✓ State Allocation Board Flexibility vs. Regulations
  - ✓ Inadequate Grants and MTYRE


## Friday:

- Office of Public School Construction Update
- Division of the State Architect Update
- California Department of Education/School Facilities Planning Division Update
- Department of Toxic Substances Control Update
- Legislative Update
  - ✓ May Revise (if available)
  - ✓ Proposition 39 Issues
  - ✓ Charter Schools
  - ✓ Other School Facilities Legislation

## Invited Speakers:

Nancy Sidhu from the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (formerly with Bank of America) will 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.

**Note:** On Wednesday, May 2 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. C.A.S.H. will hold a buffet lunch and workshop on the current energy crisis and how it is affecting schools. To register for this conference there is a separate flyer and fee. If you have not already received a flyer, please contact Leyla Taber at (916)448-8577 or [ltaber@m-w-h.com](mailto:ltaber@m-w-h.com).

For more information about or to register for the conference check your mail for the conference brochure or visit our website at [www.cashnet.org](http://www.cashnet.org). 

# California's Energy Crisis: Consequences and Solutions for Schools

## A continuation of the popular C.A.S.H. Energy Crisis workshops held in January

This workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel, 400 W. Broadway in San Diego, California.

In light of the strong response to the recent *California's Energy Crisis: Consequences and Solutions for Schools* workshop, C.A.S.H. will hold another workshop on energy the day before the Spring Conference to provide an opportunity for more C.A.S.H. members to attend.

The workshop will address the challenges school districts face under the current energy crisis as follows:

- Overview of the energy crisis
- Review of state and private programs available to assist school districts
- Practical steps to save energy in a school environment
- School safety (i.e. how to deal with rolling blackouts)

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 12:00 p.m. Registration and Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions  
*Kathy Tanner, Del Mar Union HSD*
- 1:05 p.m. The Anatomy of Energy Markets  
*Michael Rochman, School Project for Utility Rate Reduction (SPURR)*
- 1:30 p.m. Energy and Schools  
*Daryl Mills, California Energy Commission*  
*Tony Hesch, California Department of Education*
- 2:20 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. School District Perspectives  
*Rob Williams, Franklin-McKinley ESD*
- 3:00 p.m. Case Study  
*John Palmer, San Juan USD*
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

#### The following should attend the workshop:

- School District Chief Business Officials
- School District Facility Planners
- School District Maintenance and Operations Managers and Staff
- Private Energy Consultants
- Architects

For more information about this workshop check your mail for the workshop flyer or visit the C.A.S.H. website at [www.cashnet.org](http://www.cashnet.org).

## C.A.S.H. WELCOMES THESE NEW MEMBERS

(As of March 31, 2001)

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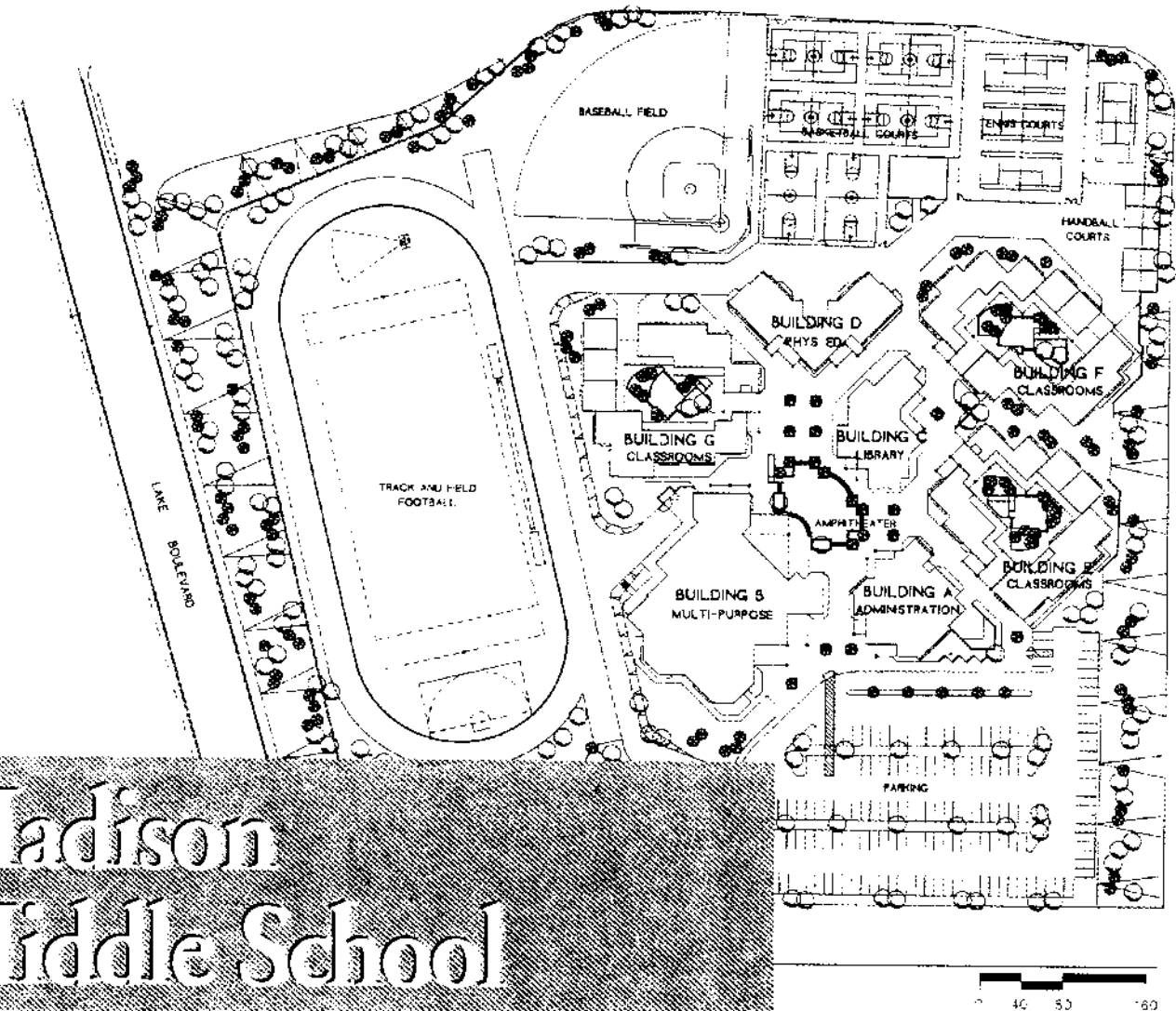
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# Madison Middle School Under Construction

*Recently, Vista Unified celebrated the start of its first major construction project in many years by breaking ground for the Madison Middle School expansion project.*

The expansion project, which was designed by LR Design Associates of Oceanside, includes seven new buildings, totaling over 86,172 square feet. When construction is completed in the spring of 2002, the facilities will include science and academic classrooms, a multi-purpose building, and an advanced educational technology system that will link the entire campus.

The new buildings will replace a collection of portable buildings that were installed on the site in the early 1990s. Because of the construction

project, Madison's student capacity will increase from 600 to 1,181.

"We're all very excited about the project," said Madison Principal Theresa Grace. "These changes provide first-class facilities and equipment for our students and community."

Vista Unified obtained State funding for the Madison expansion as a "hardship" school district. Vista Unified placed a local school construction bond measure before local voters in June 1999. Although 64.6 percent of the voters supported the bond measure, it

failed to receive the required two-thirds approval.

Over the next several years, Vista Unified plans to construct a new high school, a second new middle school and six new elementary schools. The district is one of the most overcrowded in California. Almost 60 percent of its classrooms are portables, and all elementary and middle schools operate on three-track year-round schedules.



-Mike Vail, Executive Director, Vista USD

## Workshops Focus on Bridge Financing, Charter Schools


Workshops on charter school responsibilities under Proposition 39 and bridge financing for hardship schools will be offered April 24 in Sacramento and April 27 in Ontario by the Coalition for Adequate School Housing.

Under Proposition 39, school districts must begin to make facilities available for charter schools by November 8, 2003, and even sooner if the district passes a school bond. The seminar will be offered 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. April 24 at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. April 27 at the Ontario Airport Marriott. Lunch will be included. The workshops will cover:

- What facilities districts must make available.

- Whether the district may charge the charter school for use of the facilities.
- Whether the district must pay for housing students from outside district boundaries.
- What happens if the charter school reneges on an agreement or goes bankrupt.

The bridge financing workshops, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will present pathways around obstacles raised by the priority point program. They will offer avenues for borrowing through various financing agencies without OPSC or SAB penalties.

For more information about the workshops or to register, please visit the C.A.S.H. website at [www.cashnet.org](http://www.cashnet.org) or contact Lisa Church in the C.A.S.H. office at (916) 448-8577. 

### Legislation Aims to Assist Schools with Energy Crisis

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- monitor compliance with building energy efficiency standards.
- AB 43X (Kehoe): Appropriates \$250 million to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to provide grants and no interest loans to schools for prescribed energy conservation projects.
  - AB 46X (Calderon): Provides financial assistance in an amount that is equal to the difference between the charges that would have been incurred if the district had been able to curtail its consumption during a Stage 2 or Stage 3 emergency and the charges that it actually incurred due to

its consumption during those periods.

- AB 50X (Bates): Provides for an ADA adjustment in the case of power or gas service interruptions, and requires electrical and gas service providers to give 24 hour notification to schools and community colleges.
- SB 51X (Polanco): Establishes the School Energy Conservation Act that would make grants available to schools to implement cost-effective energy conservation projects.
- AB 63X (Havice): Allows school districts to enter into joint powers use agreements to secure large energy user rates from public utilities.
- AB 139 (Calderon): Appropriates

\$2 million for schools and community colleges which have experienced power interruptions and incurred additional costs as a result.

- SB 431 (Monteith): Allows districts with less than 2,000 ADA to use up to 30% of reserves for energy cost increases.
- SB 1085 (Bowen): Requires public buildings, except schools, to meet certain energy efficient standards.
- AB 1315 (Havice): Allows school districts to opt out of interruptible power contracts when it interferes with learning during Stage 2 or Stage 3 power alerts.
- AB 1605 (Bates): Deems pupils to be in attendance if attendance is prevented by power outages. Requires power companies to provide 24-hour notice to schools regarding gas or power outages.

C.A.S.H. anticipated the emerging energy crisis last year, and has responded with a series of workshops to bring members up to speed on how this situation developed and what we can do about it (**California's Energy Crisis Workshop: May 2, 2001, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California**), surveys of membership intended to determine the actual fiscal impact of the energy crisis on school district budgets, and a significant number of panels and roundtable discussions at the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference on the issue of energy use and schools. 

- Ian Padilla

## March 28 Actions of State Allocation Board


- Received a report from staff indicating that Proposition 1A hardship money (excessive costs, facility hardships, and financial hardships) is diminishing rapidly and may be completely committed by this June.
- Received a staff report which had been reviewed by the Implementation Committee dealing with the issue of bridge financing. Bridge financing is a fiscal device allowing school districts having financial hardship projects to borrow funding and complete their state eligible projects when the state is out of money.

Board member Alpert and others expressed concern that putting in writing any such policy would give school districts a false sense of security that their projects would somehow be guaranteed funding

from the next state bond. She said "no guarantee" language attached to the proposed policy would not be sufficient.

In response to a question, the state indicated that they would modify their procedures to allow districts to use developer fee revenue as interim financing for a project without needing a regulation. The Board directed staff to do this.

- Deferred one month a staff proposal dealing with date changes and out of order financing; this after extensive discussion.

Adopted with one change a proposed policy dealing with the process when hardship funds are unavailable (deleted language that districts must have interim financing). 

## C.A.S.H.'s School District Legislative Directory

C.A.S.H. has developed a handy pocket size legislative directory that lists all the school districts in the state and identifies the state Assembly members and state Senators who represent each school district. We will shortly send a copy to each C.A.S.H. member who did not attend the recent annual conference where they were distributed. For additional information about the document and to request additional copies contact Jim Murdoch.

## Priority Points Leave School Projects In Limbo

When Laura Bruno told the Sacramento Bee, "We have no idea where we stand," she was referring to the shaky school financing ground created by the priority points system. Bruno, chief financial officer of the Sacramento Unified School District, shares that wobbly playing field with a lot of others who expected to get state bond money to help build their badly needed new schools.


In Sacramento's case, \$8 million was anticipated to go along with a \$32 million local share to build a new high

school. The state money is in limbo, according to the front-page article in the March 20 Bee written by Pamela Martineau.

"The new system has bumped many districts off the funding list. And many of those still on the list don't know where they rank because a school with greater need could apply and alter their standing," she wrote. "Local school officials said the uncertainty has made construction planning a nightmare."

The article also makes note of another issue rippling out of the

priority points system. It stresses the fears of school officials that a statewide school construction bond issue in 2002 wouldn't gain public support because of the current uncertainties.

The article quotes Elk Grove USD Superintendent Dave Gordon: "My fear is that the voters will think that the state did not do what it promised and changed the rules in the middle of the game." 

-Jon Engellenner

## C.A.S.H. MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

– March 28, 2001 –

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

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT – *Jim Murdoch, Ernie Silva, and Tom Duffy*

Jim Murdoch said that there are currently three statewide school bond issues being considered by the Legislature. AB 16 (Hertzberg) proposes a K-12 and higher education bond issue for the March 2002 primary ballot. AB 1299 (Leonard) proposes a \$10 billion bond for the March primary ballot, and SB 844 (Chesbro) proposes a combined K-12 and higher education bond in an unstated amount.

Jim cautioned that the state is rapidly running out of money. He estimated that the modernization deficit is now \$1.3 billion and growing, that the deficit for growth projects will shortly be \$800 million and that hardship funding will be used up in June of this year. He suggested that the backlog could exceed \$3 billion in growth and modernization by the time the next statewide school bond is placed before the voters; and that districts should not assume that current local match requirements will not be changed.

Ernie discussed the Proposition 39 Charter School process. Ernie is working with a group that is working on updating the regulations to amend this part of Proposition 39 law. He noted that Reed Hastings, Chair of the State Board of Education (SBE), is a proponent of charter schools. The SBE is the state agency that has final approval of the new regulations. C.A.S.H. will be hosting two workshops in April on this topic. More information on the topic is also being updated on the C.A.S.H. website.

Tom reported on the latest happenings in the lawsuit against the State Allocation Board. The next hearing date is tentatively scheduled for April 6. Tom briefly covered C.A.S.H.'s position in the suit.

### ARCHITECTS' COMMITTEE – *Dennis Dunston*

Dennis reported that the meeting at the Annual Conference was very well attended. The Owner/Architects' Agreement was discussed. The Committee will meet today to continue the discussion. The combined cost estimate form will be available on the OPSC website and will be discussed at the next Implementation Committee meeting. Any concerns with the form should be directed to Dennis.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – *Eric J. Hall*

Eric reported on the actions of the Planning Committee. The Committee met on March 27 and discussed changes to the conference and the move to the Convention Center in 2002.

### CAL FED – *Emily Kozak*

Emily reported on current federal legislation for construction funding. The House Ways and Means Committee met to discuss the President's Budget proposal. Bob Canavan testified on behalf of Cal-Fed before the Committee. When Cal-Fed goes to Washington DC on May 17 and 18 they will continue with follow-up on the testimony and meet with Administration staff and legislators.

California is working on the guidelines for the School Renovation Program and how the program will be administered. The funding should be available by July.

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – *Jim Bush*

Jim announced that Bedelia Honeycutt replaced Sue Pendleton at CDE. The visiting educator position vacated by Ray Godfrey is still open.

CDE is still meeting with C.A.S.H. and DTSC on current issues affecting school districts in the toxics arena. CDE is also working on a lead and asbestos policy.


CDE is working on issues concerning the energy crisis. They are trying to find ways to help districts deal with the increasing energy costs. Any input on the subject should be directed to Tony Hesch at CDE.

### IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE – *Phil Shearer*

Phil noted that the next meeting is on April 4 in Ontario. Phil briefly discussed the meeting agenda. Agenda topics are available on the OPSC website. Phil noted that Bruce Hancock has returned to work.

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

Phil briefly discussed the current SAB agenda. He said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly allotment would be distributed at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at Noon. 

## C.A.S.H. MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Esquire Building  
1215 K Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
California Chamber of Commerce  
Meeting Room  
Sacramento, CA

Wednesday, April 25, 2001  
11:00 a.m. to Noon

1. **Introductions**  
*Kathleen Moore Baratta*
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**  
*Eric J. Hall*
5. **CAL-Fed Update**  
*Emily Kozak*
6. **California Department of Education Update**  
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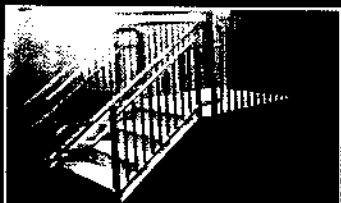
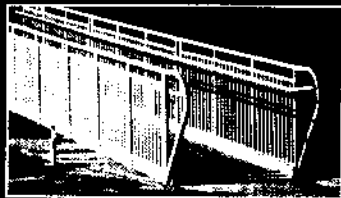
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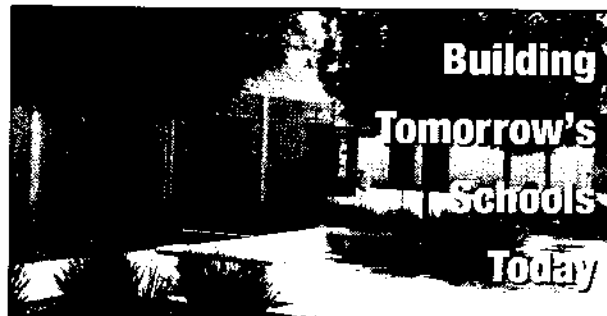
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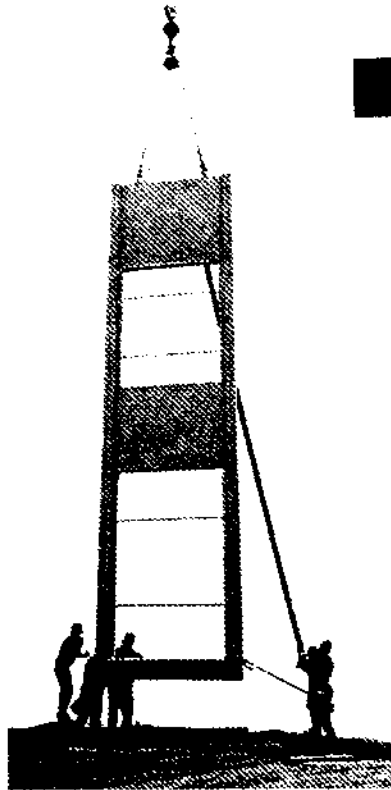
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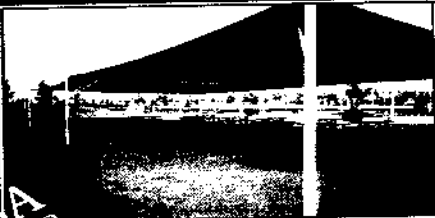


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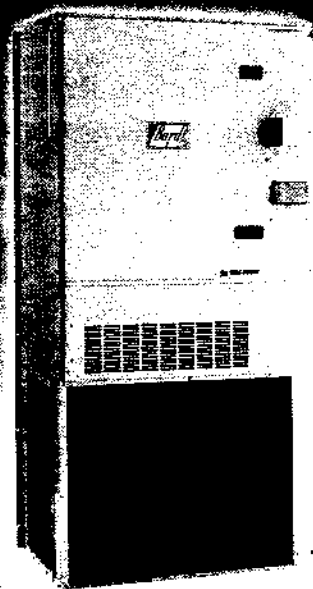
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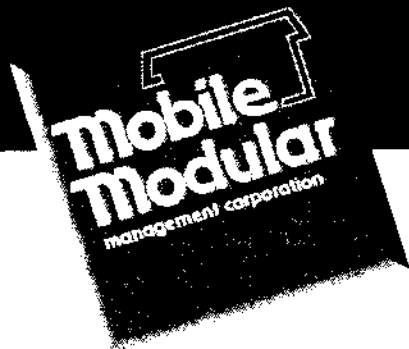
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**Providing Facilities to Charter Schools (a.m.) and Financing Alternatives (p.m.) Workshops**  
Ontario Airport Marriott  
2200 E. Holt Blvd., Ontario, CA
- May 2, 2001**  
Wednesday  
**California's Energy Crisis Consequences and Solutions for Schools Workshops**  
Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel  
400 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA
- May 3 & 4, 2001**  
Thurs. & Friday  
**C.A.S.H. Spring Conference**  
Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel  
400 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA
- February 25-28, 2002**  
Mon. - Thurs.  
**C.A.S.H. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**  
Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA

*Monthly C.A.S.H. meetings are held from 11:00 a.m. to Noon in Sacramento. The monthly meetings are always scheduled to coincide with the monthly meetings of the State Allocation Board on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except in November and December, to enable C.A.S.H. members to attend the SAB's afternoon session. Both SAB meetings and General membership meetings are subject to change.*



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