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Double Diamond Contributors Push Bond Campaign Fundraising Over \$500,000

The C.A.S.H. Board of Directors thanks those firms in the Double Diamond category (\$25,000 or more) for their generous contributions to the 2006 School Facilities Bond Campaign. Representatives from each firm were on hand at the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference opening general session lunch.



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Message From The Chair



Pamela T. Johnson, C.A.S.H. Chair

Adequate SFP Grants C.A.S.H.'s Top Priority

initiative on the June 2006 ballot. The Secretary of State has extended this deadline to Thursday March 16th.

As you will recall, the November/December *Message from the Chair* outlined the C.A.S.H. Board's priorities for a school bond, and C.A.S.H. advocates have been working to ensure that our priorities are included in the deliberations. The first priority identified was adequacy of SFP grants – this continues to be C.A.S.H.'s first priority.

The factors that contribute to the current inadequacy of SFP grant levels are well-known to C.A.S.H. members:

- Conversion from Lease-Purchase Program (LLP) to the School Facilities Program (SFP) resulted in less net funding per grant.
- The cost of raw materials such as steel and concrete has risen dramatically in the past few years, and


currently SFP grants are adjusted for inflation only once a year.

- The increasing complexity of navigating the SFP and acquiring sites has added significant cost and time to the process of building schools.

In their comments to the Conference Committee on Infrastructure Bonds, Senator Jack Scott and Assembly-member Goldberg both stated that current SFP grants are inadequate, and recommend that the Conference Committee adjust the grants to ensure school districts are able to build complete schools.

C.A.S.H. has sent a letter to the Conference Committee requesting that they adjust the grants as follows:

- A 10 percent increase *in the very least* across the board to the per-pupil grants as a down payment; and
- A provision to require the State Auditor to review the matter and make its findings to the Legislature and the State Allocation Board; and
- A provision to authorize the State Allocation Board to increase the grant amounts based upon the State Auditor's findings; and
- A provision to adjust the grants pursuant to the Construction Cost Index biannually so that project apportionments allocated by the State reflect more accurately the cost of construction at the time the project is being built.

Whether or not a school bond is placed on the June or November ballot, C.A.S.H. will continue to advocate for an increase in SFP grant amounts. Stay tuned. 

As this issue of the C.A.S.H. Register goes to press, the Senate and Assembly Education Committees have outlined their priorities in testimony to the Conference Committee on Infrastructure Bonds. The Governor and Legislature were not able to come to an agreement on the infrastructure bond proposals by Friday March 10th, which is the legislative deadline for placing an



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27th Annual Conference Gets Straight A's

Straight A's for School Facilities – Advocacy, Action, Accountability was the theme for the C.A.S.H. 27th Annual Conference, held at the Sacramento Convention Center and Hyatt Regency, February 20-23. And straight A's it was, as attendees raved about this outstanding conference on school facilities and maintenance. Some comments were:

“The best conference ever”

“Top-notch workshops”

“Outstanding trade show”

“An all-around quality event”

Over 2,000 attendees, state agency personnel, exhibitors, and presenters were in attendance during this three-and one-half day event.

The conference started on Monday with a pre-conference golf tournament, with over 150 golfers and 50 sponsors (see page 18 for a list of sponsors.)

On Monday evening golfers and early bird registrants enjoyed a reception at the convention center.

The conference kicked off Tuesday morning, with attendees packing the rooms in the *School Construction 101/201*, *State School Facility Program* and *State Agencies' Top Tips for Getting Your Project Approved* pre-conference workshops. The trade show also opened Tuesday morning, with over 170 exhibitors and heavy traffic throughout the day. Attendees enjoyed dessert service in the trade show hall as well as an evening reception. Many exhibitors have already reserved their booths for 2007! For a full list of this year's exhibitors, see pages 16 & 17.

Also on Tuesday, and throughout the conference, attendees were able to visit with our state agency partners and

friends in the State Agency Resource Room. Included in that room were:

- CDE/School Facilities Planning Division
- Office of Public School Construction
- Division of the State Architect
- Department of Toxic Substances Control
- California Energy Commission

C.A.S.H. thanks the agencies for their participation and for taking time away from their busy schedules to provide a service to our attendees.

Attendees were welcomed by Chair Pamela T. Johnson, who reflected on the organization's work over the past year. Following are some highlights:

- Pursued an aggressive legislative and regulatory agenda on nearly 40 issues
- 2006 school bond and grant adequacy being the top priorities
- Organization is 1,119 members strong
- Organization has a healthy \$2 million budget

She spoke of the need for a 2006 school bond and thanked the co-Chairs of the Campaign and co-Chairs of the 2006 Bond C.A.S.H. Issues Committee:

Campaign Co-Chairs

- Dr. Steven Ladd, Superintendent, Elk Grove Unified School District
- Edward Velasquez, Superintendent, Montebello Unified School District

C.A.S.H. Issues Committee Co-Chairs

- Constantine Baranoff, Elk Grove Unified School District
- Terry Bradley, Clovis Unified School District
- Ted Rozzi, Corona Norco Unified School District



Opening General Session Keynote Speaker Michael Pritchard and C.A.S.H. Chair, Pamela T. Johnson

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She mentioned that we had reached over \$500,000 in contributions for the campaign and recognized the Double Diamond Contributors (\$25,000+) seated at reserved tables in the front of the room. For a complete list, see page 5.

Her final comments for the day rolled out the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy (CSFLA). She noted that after a decade in the vision stage and a year in implementation, it was finally a reality. For more information on the CSFLA, see page 8.

Vice-Chair and Annual Conference Planning Committee Chair Ted Rozzi thanked the Annual Conference Planning Committee and welcomed first-time attendees.

After an informative update by John Fairbank on the climate of the voters in California and the outlook for a statewide school bond (see C.A.S.H.

web site for Mr. Fairbank's handout), the general session crowd was treated to the keynote speech by Michael Pritchard, a former comedian and youth counselor. Pritchard touched the hearts of all attendees, making them laugh and cry as he used his comedic talents to recount stories of his work as a youth counselor. After the luncheon, attendees were back to the convention center for more workshops and roundtables.

Early Wednesday morning, delegates were welcomed back to the Hyatt by Kelvin Lee, Chair of the C.A.S.H./AIACC Leroy F. Greene Design Awards Committee. Ted Rozzi and John Melcher, AIACC, were the emcees and handed out 12 awards to school districts and architectural firms for their outstanding school design. For a complete list of award winners, see page 17.

The C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network also held its Annual Breakfast on Wednesday morning with over 100 attendees. This year's maintenance

events were sponsored by PCM3, Inc. and Mondo USA. Due to an overwhelming increase in attendance from last year, the breakfast was moved to a larger room, the spectacular Capitol View on the 15th floor of the Hyatt Regency. For more information regarding the Maintenance Network's Breakfast and Reception, see page 7.

After the breakfast events, delegates were anxious to return to the convention center to attend the many workshops and roundtables offered.

Hungry after an information-packed morning, conference-goers went back to the Hyatt for an outstanding luncheon session. C.A.S.H. Board Member Bill Savidge welcomed attendees to lunch. Mr. Savidge had the honor of handing out the C.A.S.H. membership awards at this time. For a list of awardees, see page 10. The stage was then turned



John Fairbank, Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin



C.A.S.H./AIACC Leroy F. Greene Design Awards Committee Chair, Kelvin Lee



C.A.S.H. Vice-Chair Ted Rozzi

over to Chair Pamela T. Johnson who presented a special award to Mr. Jack Bruce who has retired from the Division of the State Architect after many years of service. For more on this award, see page 11. The finale was the presentation of the James L. Murdoch

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Thank You to the 2006 Statewide Bond Campaign Contributors

As of March 14, 2006

The C.A.S.H. Board of Directors thanks the following members who have made generous contributions to fundraising efforts for the 2006 Statewide School Bond Campaign. The Board encourages all members to make a generous contribution. If you or your firm would like to make a contribution, please see page 14 for the Contribution Form.

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- Henrikson Owen & Associates
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27th Annual Conference Highlights

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David Thorman, State Architect, Pamela T. Johnson, C.A.S.H. Chair, Jack Bruce, Division of the State Architect

Lifetime Achievement Award to retiring C.A.S.H. Treasurer, Carl B. Thorsted. See page 12 for information regarding the presentation to Mr. Thorsted.

Wednesday afternoon attendees had a choice of going to the School Tour of the Cesar Chavez High School in the Stockton Unified School District or attending workshops and roundtables.

During Wednesday evening many companies hosted dinners and events for attendees. The Maintenance Network also held its annual reception in Vines Restaurant at the Hyatt, sponsored by Mondo USA and PCM3, Inc.

Thursday morning's breakfast brought back the die-hard attendees, who feasted on a buffet of scrambled eggs, ham, bacon and breakfast goodies. Immediate Past Chair, Eric J. Hall, welcomed the delegates to breakfast and announced the retirement of Treasurer



Senator Bob Margett

Carl B. Thorsted after 19-years of service. Carl was then called up to the stage to give the Treasurer's Report for the last time. It was good news – the organization is in great financial condition. Mr. Hall then introduced Lettie Boggs as the new Treasurer. See article on page 13. Mr. Hall then asked the membership for approval of Mr. Stephen Newsom of LPA, Inc. as the newest Board Member replacing Dennis Dunston, who is retiring from the Board after serving eight years. There was concurrence on Steve Newsom as a member of the C.A.S.H. Board.

Mr. Hall then introduced Senator Bob Margett. The senator made the audience laugh with some funny stories and then got down to business, discussing the political climate under the dome and offering information on the prospects for a 2006 statewide school bond. He touched upon the pay-as-you-go alternative that has been suggested by some in the Legislature and stated that he supports bonds for state infrastructure and schools.

As we reached the home stretch, those dedicated diehards went back to the convention center to attend more conference workshops and clinics.

The final general session brought a smaller but energetic crowd to the Hyatt for the last time. Past Chair Constantine Baranoff welcomed guests to lunch and introduced Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg. Assembly Member Goldberg gave her perspectives on the school bond proposals being discussed by the Governor and the Legislature. She stated her support for converting the *Williams* Emergency Repair Program from a reimbursement to a grant program, and advocated for reducing the charter school set-aside in the bond. Assembly Member Goldberg also outlined some of the Assembly

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C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network Annual Breakfast and Reception

On Wednesday, February 22, the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network hosted its Annual Breakfast. Due to the overwhelming response to last year's event, this year the breakfast was held in the Capitol View Room on the 15th Floor of the Hyatt Regency, a spacious room with large windows and a balcony overlooking the State Capitol and Capitol Park. Over 90 maintenance and operations professionals attended to hear updates on legislation, *Williams*, and other key issues.

Maintenance Network Co-Chairs Joe Dixon and Jim Bush moderated the meeting. Joe began by welcoming attendees and introducing the speakers. Todd Butcher of Val Verde Unified School District introduced the membership to the event's sponsors: Jim Conger, Bryan Hanna, and Bob Laurine of **Mondo USA**; and Gene Irestone and Craig Rouse of **PCM3, Inc.** Todd thanked them for their support of the Maintenance Network and for being the first-ever sponsors for the Annual Breakfast.

Sandy Silberstein, Director of Governmental Relations for CASBO, gave the Legislative and Budget Update. Sandy outlined legislation and budget issues of interest to school maintenance and facility professionals for 2006. Specifically, Sandy stated that in light of the *Williams* lawsuit, the Governor's proposed Budget for 2006 proposes to fully-fund the Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP), and in all likelihood would continue to do so in the future. Concerning legislation, although not all bills have been introduced, a preliminary review of bills indicates that there is not much in the area of school maintenance, though Sandy indicated that this may change as the last bills are introduced.


Ian Padilla, advocate for the Maintenance Network, gave an update on the current proposals for a statewide school bond. Ian stated that the Legislature and the Governor have proposals for a school bond, and that a Joint Legislative Conference Committee on School Facilities has been convened to iron out the differences between the proposals.

Roger Chang and Gerald Yarbrough presented the *Williams* update from a school district/county office perspective. Roger and Gerald posed a number of questions regarding the *Williams* settlement and prompted the attendees to consider how *Williams* has impacted their Maintenance and Operations divisions, both positively and negatively. They also urged everyone to consider what opportunities *Williams* has presented to school districts and whether the attendees had taken advantage of them. They described the rating system used by LACOE when inspecting deciles 1-3 school districts, and what they have observed around their county.

Janice Rogala of Dimensions Unlimited first spoke to the Maintenance Network during the Fall Workshops in the weeks following Hurricane Katrina, impressing the members with her very timely discussion of the importance of

disaster preparedness. As a follow-up, she appeared before the Annual Breakfast attendees to describe disaster recovery, and the benefits of preparedness during recovery efforts. These are relevant topics in light of the flooding experienced in various areas of the state this winter and the debates over levee repairs and the infrastructure bond in the Legislature.

Jim Bush concluded the breakfast by unveiling the Maintenance Network Participation Series. This program is offered to all Maintenance Network members and there is no fee to enroll. Participants are awarded points toward a completion certificate for attending C.A.S.H. conferences and workshops. For more information, please contact Gretchen Kocinsky at (916) 448-8577 or gkocinsky@m-w-h.com.

After a full day of workshops and roundtables during the Conference on Wednesday, the members had an opportunity to enjoy themselves and network with colleagues during the Maintenance Network Annual Reception, held at Vines Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency. This reception is typically a highlight of the conference and is open to all attendees of the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference. 

~Jan Padilla

Thank You

Maintenance Network Breakfast Sponsors

- Mondo U.S.A.
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About the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy (CSFLA)

What is the School Facilities Leadership Academy?

The School Facilities Leadership Academy is an educational program designed to develop current and future leaders in the school facilities and maintenance arena.

Why C.A.S.H.?

As the premier school facilities organization in the state of California, it is appropriate that C.A.S.H. has a learning institute that fosters the development of current and future highly educated and skilled professionals in the area of school facilities and maintenance. C.A.S.H.'s strength lies in the expertise of its leadership and the many other members of the organization.

Why partnership with FCMAT?

FCMAT, as an independent state agency, has earned a statewide reputation in the successful assistance in monitoring and maintaining the fiscal health of California's school districts while C.A.S.H. has earned a statewide reputation for its advocacy and expertise on facilities funding, development, and maintenance. Since school facilities are an expensive and complex part of a district's fiscal health, FCMAT's commitment to professional development, combined with C.A.S.H.'s expertise, form a natural alliance to develop future school facilities leaders.

Who will be the faculty?

The faculty will be selected from among recognized experts who have

peer respect and knowledge of school facilities issues. Others knowledgeable in certain areas will be invited to assist as needed.

Who will select the faculty?

The faculty will be selected by a Steering Committee comprised of current and former C.A.S.H. leaders and a representative of FCMAT.

Who's writing/approving the curriculum?

The curriculum is being written by a team of long-standing members of C.A.S.H. (both public and private sector) who are experts in their respective fields. The curriculum will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and will be formatted to be consistent and congruent throughout.

How does the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy differ from other programs?

The School Facilities Leadership Academy will be a rigorous program with course study both in and outside of the classroom. Students must complete all 11 course strands and each participant will be continuously evaluated from determined performance criteria. This will be a mentor program where mentors are matched with participants. An intensive program evaluation system to monitor the effectiveness and accountability of the training program will be implemented throughout the program.

How will participants be selected?

Participants and mentors must be **nominated**. Nominees will be required to submit an application. The Academy's Steering Committee will select participants and mentors. Classes will be limited to **25 students**.

What is the cost to participants?

Participants will be responsible for meals, lodging and travel. There will be a registration fee still to be determined. The program will be partially underwritten by FCMAT.

How long will the School Facilities Leadership Academy take to complete?

The School Facilities Leadership Academy is a one-year program. The program begins with a 3 1/2 day Institute, followed by monthly 1 1/2 day sessions, commencing on Friday afternoons and ending at 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Where will the courses be held?

The courses will be held in Sacramento.

What are the areas of curriculum?

The curriculum is made up of 11 strands:

- Determining the Need and Coordinating the Activities of Consultants
- Planning
- Selection of the Architect, Educational Specifications, and the Design Process
- Commissioning a New School
- Site Selection and Acquisition
- Local Board and Community Relationships and Bond Elections
- Governmental Relations
- School Facilities Financing

- Program Management
- Construction
- Maintenance and Operations

Thank You

What is the proposed timeline?

- Applications will be made available from April 3, 2006 to May 19, 2006. Nomination and application forms will be available on the C.A.S.H. web site and sent to all C.A.S.H. members.
- June 2, 2006: Selection of Mentors and Participants for the 2006-2007 first cohort
- August 9 - August 12, 2006: Program begins with 3-1/2 day Institute
- Other courses (Friday/Saturday) to be held in the following months:
 - o September
 - o October
 - o November
 - o January, 2007
 - o March
 - o April
 - o June

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Membership Awards

Each year C.A.S.H. recognizes several members who go above and beyond on behalf of C.A.S.H. and California public school children. This year C.A.S.H. Board Member Bill Savidge presented awards to the following people: Joe Dixon, Dick Cowan, Nancy White and Joe Camara. Also recognized for his work as a C.A.S.H. Board of Director was Dennis Dunston. Finally, C.A.S.H. honored Jack Bruce who recently retired from the Division of the State Architect.

Following is a recap of the contributions each of these individuals has made to the organization.

Joe Dixon, Capistrano USD, is a dedicated member who is passionate about maintenance and operations. Joe was charged with refocusing and increasing membership in the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network – he has done that and more. In his C.A.S.H. career

he has been a veteran of the Annual Conference Planning Committee, and, for the past few years, has co-chaired the Maintenance workshops strand. Under his leadership, his team has crafted and put on state-of-the-art workshops for Maintenance personnel which are the best this organization has ever seen. As a direct result of his involvement, we have seen a large increase in Maintenance personnel at our Annual Conference.

Dick Cowan, Clark & Sullivan, has been involved in C.A.S.H. for many years. His work on construction management issues and participation on the Annual Conference Planning Committee have not gone unnoticed. Dick has worked tirelessly on C.A.S.H. workshops explaining the nuances of alternative delivery methods in practical and easy-to-understand ways. He has also served as a resource in collaborating

with the Association of California Construction Managers (ACCM) for whom he serves on the leadership team. In the past two bonds, Dick has helped to convince and cajole the entire ACCM membership to contribute to the Bond Campaign. C.A.S.H. appreciates his leadership role among the construction managers that make up an important part of C.A.S.H.'s membership.

Nancy White and Joe Camara, Hanford Elem. SD, are a dashing duo that drive to Sacramento every fourth Wednesday of the month from Central California to attend C.A.S.H. meetings. They are longstanding members of the Annual Conference Planning Committee and have not missed a meeting. Recently, Nancy chaired the roundtable strand, bringing fresh topics and a revised setup to this important educational component of our conference. Joe has helped to craft Annual Conference workshops and has been a presenter at many of them. Both of these dynamic members always lend a hand to make sure the golf tournament is a success.


Dennis Dunston, HMC Architects, is a very dedicated and deserving individual. He has been a member of the C.A.S.H. Board since 1998. During Dennis' term on the C.A.S.H. Board he has served as the chair to the Architects Committee and has chaired or assisted with several subcommittees on architectural related issues. In addition, he has helped C.A.S.H. navigate through many changes and new regulations, such as a major revamp of the State School Facility Program (SB 50), implementation of labor compliance programs, addition of new environmental restrictions for site approvals (DTSC), and most recently, code adoption changes and much, much more. Dennis rarely missed a Board Meeting. Dennis never said no



Back Row (l-r) Dennis Dunston, HMC Architects and Joe Camara, Hanford Elementary School District • Front Row (l-r) Joe Dixon, Capistrano Unified School District, Dick Cowan, Clark & Sullivan, Nancy White, Hanford Elementary School District, C.A.S.H. Board Member Bill Savidge

27th Annual Conference Highlights

when called upon and did all of this while being the principal of a large school architectural firm.

Jack Bruce served the State of California for over 43 years as a mentor and resilient leader for the Division of the State Architect. During his tenure, he weathered many changes in state leadership and demonstrated an unwavering sense of team. He began his career with the state as a junior civil engineer for the Department of Transportation and rose to the rank of principal structural engineer with DSA. Among his many accomplishments, he established a fourth DSA regional office in San Diego. During the fifteen years he spent as the Los Angeles regional office manager, he consistently enforced the Field Act for over 10,000 projects worth \$15 billion. Jack is an unassuming professional who avoids the spotlight. 

Mark Your Calendar


**for the 28th
Annual Conference**

**February 26 –
March 1, 2007**

**Sacramento
Convention Center
and Hyatt Regency
Hotel**

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Education Committee's recommendations to the Joint Legislative Conference Committee on School Facilities.

The C.A.S.H. Board of Directors and staff thank the Annual Conference Planning Committee, sponsors, volunteers and others who contributed to the success of the Conference. The Planning Committee will start work right away on the 28th Annual Conference, February 26 – March 1, 2007 at the Sacramento Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel. If you are interested in participating on the Planning Committee, be sure to attend the first meeting on Wednesday, March 22 from 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 1215 K Street, 14th Floor in Sacramento. For more information about the Planning Committee, please contact Lisa Church in the C.A.S.H. office at lchurch@m-w-h.com. 



C.A.S.H. Past Chair Constantine Baranoff



Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg

2006 James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award – Carl B. Thorsted

The James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award honors the memory and legacy of Jim Murdoch, who had an unrivaled commitment to education and public school facilities. Every year, C.A.S.H. recognizes one of its own with this award – one who has dedicated, and continues to dedicate, his or her professional life to continuing the legacy begun by Jim.

This year's recipient has a profound respect for this organization and was a great friend of Jim Murdoch.

This University of Utah graduate's vast career was spent with one school district, where he started as a teacher in 1954 after a stint in the Army. Two years later he became an administrative assistant for the district and the next year he went on to become an elementary school principal.

After six years he was promoted to assistant superintendent for business services, a position he held for the next 20 years. During this time in his career he was instrumental in assisting the

Fairfield Elementary School District to unify and become the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. In 1982 until his retirement he served as the Deputy Superintendent for the district.

One of his many achievements was holding the title of Lead of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, during which time he traveled up and down the state overseeing accreditations. A highlight of this position was the opportunity to travel to South Korea in 1979 to perform accreditations on high schools.

In 1986 he received a phone call from Jim Murdoch asking him if he would be the next C.A.S.H. Treasurer – only the third since the organization started. Little did he know he would have a second career and hold that title for the next 19 years. During his career as Treasurer he served alongside many Chairs and always kept close watch of the coffers ensuring the financial stability of the organization.

He has been married to his wife, Jackie for 53 years. He is the proud father of two daughters, Karen and Sally, grandfather of Aubrey, Adam and Jenna and great grandfather to two-year old Isaac.

The education community, and particularly the school facilities industry, has been graced by the continued presence and leadership of this year's recipient. C.A.S.H. is forever indebted to him for the leadership and ability to keep the organization financially stable. In receiving this award he joins the ranks of Floyd Stork, Dave King and Gene Hartline, with whom he sat at the first meeting of C.A.S.H. in 1978. 🏠



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Thorsted Retires as C.A.S.H. Treasurer – Boggs Takes the Reins




Carl B. Thorsted

After nineteen years as C.A.S.H. Treasurer, Carl B. Thorsted has retired. The C.A.S.H. leadership and staff thank him for his years of service and wish him well in his retirement.

Lettie Boggs has been appointed as the new Treasurer. Some changes have been made by the C.A.S.H. leadership regarding this position. This position will no longer be a long-term appointment.

The treasurer will remain an officer of the organization but will now be a current sitting board member and serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Leadership and staff look forward to working with Lettie in her new role. 



Lettie Boggs

FRC Update

LABOR COMPLIANCE

The following presentations on LABOR COMPLIANCE can be found on the Facility Resource Center at www.cashnet.org by entering LABOR COMPLIANCE in the **Search Resource Center** box.

2.4.25 California's Prevailing Wage Law and Labor Compliance Program

Kevin Collins, Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubaclava and MacCuish, LLP, C.A.S.H. Register, June 2003, pages 7 & 11.

This article outlines the specific steps that school districts must follow to be in compliance with the prevailing wage law. This law pertains to districts obtaining State funds from Prop 47.

2.4.26 Accounting for Labor Compliance Programs

Lettie Boggs, Collbi Technologies, Inc., C.A.S.H. Register, September 2003, pages 2 & 7.

The article describes district options for complying and accounting for contracting out vs. district labor. It includes required documentation for project expense under SFP.

2.4.37 Labor Compliance Functions, Documents, Reviews, Audits and Investigations

Terry Zinger, Golden State Labor Compliance and Phil Henderson, Miller Brown and Dannis, September 2004.

Types of payroll records are dealt with here, as well as: the review of records, audits, investigations and the legal status of third party provider.

2.4.39 Labor Compliance Program and Construction Management Services

Ron Kuehl, Neff Construction Inc., June 2005

This lists labor compliance requirements connected to CMAS documents and piggyback contracts.

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State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell Gives Third State of Education Address

"The future just ain't what it used to be," quoted Superintendent Jack O'Connell – a famous line of the legendary Yogi Berra. With this, Superintendent O'Connell urged the education community, the State Legislature, and the Governor to help him meet new and future challenges that we have yet to face – to be proactive and to be innovative, and to be cooperative and flexible – themes threaded delicately and consistently throughout his address.

While Superintendent O'Connell's speech focused primarily on closing the achievement and professional gaps, he did highlight a few facilities issues. Specifically, Superintendent O'Connell said he was looking for "flexible and creative ways" to build our schools. He thanked Governor Schwarzenegger for proposing a \$7 billion bond for K-12 facilities, and thanked Assembly Speaker Nuñez and Senate pro Tempore Don Perata for working with the Administration on the proposal in the Legislature. He stated that we can no longer afford to build simply *adequate* schools, but that we need to find incentives to construct flexible learning environments beyond the "cells and bells" that are conducive to the different ways in which students learn. Superintendent O'Connell talked about the importance of providing energy efficient and high performance schools, and the need to restore local school district flexibility to make the necessary decisions to meet the needs of their student populations. He indicated that he has instituted a research group to study the issue of adequate and efficient funding for our schools; however, he



offered few details as to the composition of the group or the timeline for completing the research.

Superintendent O'Connell outlined his goal of educating the State's children beyond being able to pass the high school exit exam, but for their futures in business, manufacturing and teaching. He emphasized the need to provide them with the educational foundation to be life-long learners and productive partners in the global economy. As part of this broader goal, he talked of the need to provide, and invest in, career-technical education programs as the technology of traditional blue-collar jobs grows increasingly advanced and complex. The issue of career-technical education has come to the forefront of recent discussions around the next statewide school bond, so Superintendent O'Connell's support of it is notable.

Superintendent O'Connell touched briefly on charter schools, recognizing them for fostering innovative learning environments and exploring new methods of learning and teaching. He said, however, that we cannot rely solely on charter schools to provide that innovation and that our traditional public school system must rise to the challenge to be innovative, modern, and proactive.

The *Preschool For All Initiative* has been, and continues to be, one of his top priorities since being elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction. As an advocate of preschool education, Superintendent O'Connell stressed that the preschool initiative would improve student performance in the future and that it is "an idea whose time has finally come." Proposition 82, slated for the statewide ballot in June, may have a tremendous impact on the demand for facilities if the voters pass the initiative. Consequently, the competition for scarce state resources will likely become more acute.

Trumpeting the need to bring school facilities into the modern era, Superintendent O'Connell stated that, "we should question whether it still makes sense to build classrooms that were designed more than 100 years ago for the Industrial Age," and that the opportunity before us, spurred from the commitment to improve our infrastructure, must be seized to design modern learning environments for our kids and our communities. 📷

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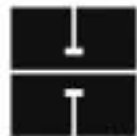
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