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## C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy: Year Two

Year two of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy debuted September 4-6, 2007 in Sacramento at the Hawthorn Suites. A quick look at the kick-off luncheon's guest list is a testament to the success of the program.

In the audience were the representatives of the four agencies within state government that take an active role in the school facilities world, State Architect David Thorman, AIA, Rob Cook, *Continued on page 4*



*(l to r) Tom Duffy, C.A.S.H. Legislative Advocate; Ted Rozzi, C.A.S.H. Chair; Will Bush, Director, Department of General Services; Rob Cook, Executive Director, Office of Public School Construction/State Allocation Board; Mavonne Garrity, Assistant Executive Officer, State Allocation Board; William Ellerbee, Deputy Superintendent, School & District Operations Branch; David Thorman, State Architect, Division of the State Architect*

# Message From The Chair



Ted E. Rozzi, C.A.S.H. Chair

What an amazing summer! Over the past few months, C.A.S.H. members and your hardworking, multi-tasking C.A.S.H. staff have been going in so many directions. I want to take a minute to recognize their contributions to our success in representing the interests of our member school districts and county offices of education in areas related to the implementation of Proposition 1D programs, the continu-

## C.A.S.H. On The Job

ing issue of Grant Adequacy as addressed in the OPSC Project Information Worksheet, the pending Macias Report on the Adequacy of State Funding in the School Facilities Program, the CDE Report on Complete Schools, the appeal faced by the SAB on the Financial Hardship Program, the development and analysis of new legislation and the C.A.S.H. Legislative Platform, the development of relevant workshops and conferences on current school facilities issues, the impact of the Little Hoover Commission Report on the Governance of the State Allocation Board, and finally, the continuing development of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy.

With Proposition 1D, C.A.S.H. has been working with the State Allocation Board on the new programs authorized in November 2006. The first round of Career Technical Education grants have been reviewed by CDE and the results were released on October 2. The final regulations for the High Performance

Incentive Grant were approved by the SAB in August and the Seismic Mitigation Program regulations were approved by the SAB in September. For each of these programs, C.A.S.H. was involved at every step in working with OPSC staff and the SAB Implementation Committee to ensure the program met the needs of school districts and county offices of education.

At the September SAB meeting, the new Project Information Worksheet (PIW) was approved and will now be required as part of the SAB 50-05 Fund Release process. However, C.A.S.H. has questioned the SAB's legal authority to withhold funding if the PIW is not completed. C.A.S.H. lobbied hard to keep this document simple and we encourage school districts to provide all the information requested to allow OPSC to clearly understand the deficiencies of the current SFP Per Pupil Grants. The collected data from the PIW, along with the CDE Complete Schools Reports and information provided by the upcoming Macias Report on State Funding, will be used by the SAB as they contemplate the authorized up to 6% increase to the SFP Grants in January 2008. C.A.S.H. will again be following this process closely as the issue of Grant Adequacy is a top priority of our organization

As we move into fall, C.A.S.H. hosted the Fall Conference in Costa Mesa on October 8-10; will host a series of Maintenance Network workshops starting in Los Angeles - October 31<sup>st</sup>, Clovis - November 9<sup>th</sup> and Contra Costa County - November 30<sup>th</sup>; and finally our flagship event, the 2008 C.A.S.H. Annual Conference in Sacramento, February 25-28. Each of these events requires a tremendous amount of C.A.S.H. staff time as well as

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# 2008 School Bond

C.A.S.H. believes there will be a school bond on the November 2008 ballot. By November 2008, we anticipate almost all of the modernization funds and most of the new construction funds will have been apportioned. There will not be sufficient remaining funds to meet school facility applications between November 2008 and June 2010 unless there is a new school facilities bond in 2008. Additionally, we believe there will be a school bond on the ballot for the following reasons:

- The state will be continuing its infrastructure investment proposals and it is doubtful an infrastructure program can be enacted without including schools.
- Post-secondary education will have run out of money by November 2008 and it is doubtful they could pass a bond simply for post-secondary education without including K-12.
- Charter school funding applications: The \$500 million (Proposition 1D) is oversubscribed and there will be an effort to ensure there are additional funds for charter school facilities.
- Finally, seismic, career technical education, and green school issues will need to be addressed through additional funding and a new bond.

While we anticipate the school bond will be on the November 2008 ballot, it is possible it could be on a June 2008 ballot. If that is the case, we need to start raising money now in order to be prepared for a June campaign. A June campaign would be difficult and expensive.

We have started our contacts with the other education organizations (CTA, CASTO, ACSA, CSBA, CFT and other statewide organizations) on preparing for a 2008 school bond. We anticipate the campaign will have a total cost of greater than \$10 million and consequently, C.A.S.H. needs to ensure its proportionate commitment to this campaign. 

~C.A.S.H. Staff

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## **C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy: Year Two**

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Executive Officer of OPSC, Sharon Fair, Acting Chief of DTSC, and others. Dr. William Gillaspie of FCMAT addressed the attendees, and reconfirmed the partnership of his organization and C.A.S.H. Will Bush, Director of the Department of General Services, spoke on the awesome responsibility of building, maintaining and operating the billions of dollars of school facilities constructed or modernized annually. Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. William Ellerbee also took the podium, and commended the mentoring aspect of the Academy. Then there was the extraordinary presence of expert practitioners, as represented by the Academy mentors, core presenters, and staff, including nearly all of the former and current C.A.S.H. Chairs. Finally, there were the students themselves, representing almost every facet of the school facility world, both public sector and private.

If stability is a sign of health, the Academy is in great shape from that aspect in that virtually every mentor from year one has returned to serve in year two. The core faculty, Academy staff, and the Steering Committee all

remain unchanged. In an effort to keep what is best and yet seek improvement, much of the curriculum and many of the visiting lecturers will be carried forward into the second year, while fine tuning is accomplished in keeping with feedback from all parties. Of course, one component is necessarily different. The students themselves are new, but they continue the high standards established by the inaugural year's cohort.

As there is always the challenge to offer enough class time to impart the full range and operational intricacies of the field of school facilities, this year's Academy kicked into full instructional gear even faster than last year's. The energy of the second cohort was palpable.

Over the course of the three days, the students were marched through a comprehensive overview of the field and the nine strands into which they will be delving this year. They undertook personality self-assessments regarding innate strengths and conflict resolution styles, and how to utilize each most effectively. They were presented with the history of facility crises and responses which engendered C.A.S.H. and have kept the organization at the forefront of the school facilities world. They were able to meet

one-on-one with their mentors to exchange real-world experiences and to share the professional challenges they expect to face in the near future. They had the opportunity to meet with C.A.S.H. Chair, Ted Rozzi, to learn the Academy's expectations, and with two of last year's graduates, Steve Turner, Ukiah USD and Melinda Hennes, Atwater Elementary SD, to learn what to really expect and how to make the most of this opportunity.

The last morning opened bright and early with a conversation between two school facilities "icons," Kelvin Lee, retired Superintendent, Dry Creek Elementary School District and Constantine Baranoff, Assistant Superintendent/Facilities and Planning, Elk Grove Unified School District, to give a unique perspective on the world the students were now entering. Along with a world of priceless, practical advice from the longstanding friends and former C.A.S.H. Chairs, two themes threaded throughout this conversation. One was the ever-changing, often escalating, and always surprising nature of the challenges facing a school facility leader. And the second was the importance of having a support network to help in meeting those challenges. "If

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*(l to r) Melinda Hennes (1<sup>st</sup> Cohort), Atwater Elementary School District; Mamie Starr (Mentor), San Joaquin County Office of Education; Jaime Quintana (2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort) Merced County Office of Education*



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## **C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy: Year Two**

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I'm an advocate for anything, I'm an advocate for C.A.S.H.," said Lee, who went straight from the classroom to the superintendency of what was at the time a five-classroom school district, which he guided over the next 29 years into becoming one of the nation's most exceptional school districts and a lighthouse for the use of facilities as an active partner in the educational program. "I couldn't have done what I did without this organization."

The remainder of the session's presentations supplied the students with

the "toolkit" they will need to excel in the Academy, including the how-to's of Power Point and presentations, the nuts and bolts of written communication, the fundamentals of leadership, and perhaps most significantly given the demands of the Academy on already overloaded schedules, the fundamentals of and strategies for time management. The session ended with an overview of homework expectations, pre-teaching the assignment due in October, and goodbyes from a group of 26 exceptional individuals who were already on their way to becoming an even more exceptional community. 📷

~Bob Blattner, Academy Director



*(l to r) Core Faculty Bill Savidge, West Contra Costa USD, Lettie Boggs, Colbi Technologies, Inc. and Eric Hall, Eric Hall & Associates*

## **Message From The Chair**

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significant contributions from our various school district, county office, state agency partners, and associate members to provide the most current information on school facility issues. This year's Fall Conference included presentations from the directors of all our state agency friends and featured topics such as Project Delivery Methods, Declining Enrollment Impacts and Human Resources Issues as they related to school facility planning.

In June, C.A.S.H. held the graduation ceremony for the first cohort of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy and in September, we held the "Kick-Off" ceremony for the second cohort of 26 individuals who made the commitment to be the next generation of school facility leaders in our state. The success of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy has initiated requests that C.A.S.H. provide a similar academy program for our Maintenance Network and an abbreviated School Facilities series for Superintendents. Your C.A.S.H. Board believes that providing continuing professional development opportunities is one of the best services we can provide to our members and we will be evaluating

these new opportunities over the next several months to ensure we can develop rigorous curricula in the most efficient financial manner.

For their work this summer, there are a few people who deserve special recognition. Vice Chair, Bill Savidge, serves as one of three core instructors to the C.A.S.H. Leadership Academy, as the C.A.S.H. Representative to the SAB Implementation Committee and provided great leadership on Labor Compliance, High Performance, and Seismic issues as well as the Facilities Inspection Tool. Board Member Lettie Boggs, serves as C.A.S.H. Treasurer, Chair of the C.A.S.H. Budget and Urban Schools Committees and is another core instructor member to the Leadership Academy. Past Chair, Eric Hall, rounds out the core instructors to the Leadership Academy and has continued to work on SAB Implementation Committee issues. Pamela Johnson, my mentor and Immediate Past Chair, continues to provide great leadership to the organization, and the C.A.S.H. Leadership Academy will be a lasting tribute to her vision. Finally, Tom Duffy, our main C.A.S.H. lobbyist, continues to be a great resource to the Board and his boundless energy in

working on legislation and interacting with the state agencies is incredible.

I especially wish to thank the C.A.S.H. staff for all their support this summer. Ian Padilla serves C.A.S.H. as a lobbyist on legislative and state agency issues and works with the Maintenance Network. Duwayne Brooks works with our state agencies and coordinates our monthly workshops. Operations Director, Greg Golik, coordinates a great staff that includes Lisa Church, C.A.S.H. Annual, Fall, and Spring Conferences; Heidi Wadsworth, C.A.S.H. monthly workshops and conference sponsorships; Shannon Mahoney, website, CASH Register, and Annual Conference Trade Show; Leyla Taber, membership information and conference and workshop registrations; Gretchen Kocinsky, school bond fundraising and C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy; Patti Herrera, C.A.S.H. Legislative Analyst; Jenny Hill, C.A.S.H. Administrative Assistant; and Cheryl MacKelvie, Administrative Assistant to Tom Duffy and Duwayne Brooks and Candace Lewis, C.A.S.H. Bookkeeper. What a great staff.

What a great summer. 📷

## *C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy 2007-08 Mentor Pairings*

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# September 26, 2007 State Allocation Board (SAB) Meeting Notes

The September 26<sup>th</sup> SAB meeting lasted four and a half hours.

## **Executive Officer Statement**

Rob Cook reported that the Overcrowding Relief Grant Regulations were approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and became effective August 31. He also reported that the outside consulting group, Macias, was working on a methodology to determine the cost of school construction and that OPSC scheduled an open, public meeting on October 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the State Capitol Room 4203 to obtain public input. The SAB chair asked the Executive Officer to report back at the next SAB meeting on legislation that passed in the current legislative session relating to the SFP.

## **Status of Funds**

The SAB approved \$77 million in new construction funding leaving a balance of \$2.8 billion; \$31.5 million in modernization funding leaving a balance of \$2.8 billion; and \$4.8 million in Emergency Repair funding leaving a balance of \$130.6 million. The status of funds item stated that the 2007 State Budget Act added \$100 million to the ERP and transferred \$250 million from the ERP to the Prop 98 Reversion Account. 2007 State Budget language guarantees that sufficient funds will be transferred back to the ERP during the current fiscal year if necessary to ensure funding for all ERP eligible projects.

## **Val Verde**

OPSC staff recommended that the failure of the district to disclose its financial ability to contribute to its own SFP projects using COP's specifically

designated for capital facility purposes resulted in a funding advantage of \$11.8 million and is a potential material inaccuracy. OPSC staff recommended that the removal/addition of classrooms was not a material inaccuracy; and certain off-site expenditures were not a material inaccuracy, although some may be audit adjustments. On a split vote, the SAB approved the finding that material inaccuracies had occurred and directed the district to repay \$12.5 million (\$11.8 million in funding advantage that the district received and \$678,000 in interest). The SAB did not approve staff recommendation to charge the district \$100 per hour for the additional hours OPSC staff will spend processing and reviewing the district's applications since the district will not be allowed to self-certify their project information for five years.

Val Verde also requested funding for May Ranch Elementary. OPSC staff recommended that the district's COP revenue be determined available as a local matching contribution, and the State apportion \$4.2 million for the May Ranch project. The SAB approved staff recommendation to fund this project. After applying the district's COP revenue as available local matching fund the project essentially became a 50/50 project although the district still qualifies as a financial hardship district.

## **Project Information Worksheet (PIW)**

The SAB approved the use of the proposed PIW for at least three months, and directed staff to report back at the January SAB meeting on whether or not the form needed to be revised. C.A.S.H. testified that while they

supported collecting data to help determine the actual cost of school construction they did not think this particular PIW form will accomplish that purpose. C.A.S.H. also stated that their interpretation of the law is that the SAB does not have the authority to withhold a project's fund release if the district does not fill out the PIW. The SAB legal counsel stated that the SAB had broad authority and, as the regulations are currently drafted, districts are required to provide the information.

## **Manzanita Elementary**

OPSC staff stated that the district built a 9,900 square foot joint use gym, but was eligible to build only a 6,637 square foot gym and recommended that the district return \$159,181 which is the difference in eligible project costs. The superintendent/principal of the 260 student, one school district stated that the district added a joint use library to the joint use gym using funds from a \$950,000 local bond and the state funds apportioned by the SAB. The district stated that they were not informed by OPSC about how the apportioned amount was determined and the project exceeded the budgeted amount so there was no "savings." The SAB had sympathy for the district's circumstances and directed staff to continue working with the district on an equitable solution, and to bring the item back to a future SAB meeting.

## **Seismic Mitigation Regulations**

Proposition 1D authorized up to \$199.5 million out of new construction funds for the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of the most vulnerable Category 2 school buildings as determined by DSA to pose an unacceptable risk of injury to its occupants as a result of a seismic event.

OPSC proposed two options to the SAB without recommending one option over the other. Option A essentially was the option presented to the SAB in August to adopt the 4 criteria outlined below defining "Most

Vulnerable Category 2 Buildings”, and to fund all seismic mitigation related and ancillary costs out of the \$199.5 million. One proposed change in the September recommendation from the August recommendation was to change the acceleration threshold from 1.55 g or more to 1.70 g or more. Option B is the same as Option A except Option B would fund ancillary costs for seismic rehabilitation out of modernization funds and all replacement costs out of the \$199.5 million, and adopt an acceleration threshold of 1.65 g or more.

OPSC recommended against adopting the following requests made by C.A.S.H. and the SAB Implementation Committee at the September Implementation Committee:

1. reimburse the cost of all structural engineer’s reports for Category 2 buildings, not just those that result in eligibility for seismic mitigation funding
2. provide an allowance for interim housing needed during a seismic mitigation project
3. create an unfunded list to help determine the future need for seismic funding

OPSC also recommended against a request made by a member of the audience at the September Implementation Committee to reimburse districts for projects that repaired or replaced buildings on the DSA AB 300 list before the effective date of the law, May 20, 2006.

DSA proposed the following 4 criteria to define “Most Vulnerable Category 2 Buildings”:

1. Located where the short period spectral acceleration is 1.70 g or more (for Option A) or 1.65 g or more (for Option B) based on the 2002 USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps adjusted for site class factors
2. Designed for occupancy by students and staff
3. Either C1 (concrete moment frame), PC1A (Precast/Tilt-up

Concrete Shear Wall with Flexible Roof), PC2 (Precast Concrete Frame and Roofs with Concrete Shear Walls), or URM (Unreinforced Masonry Bearing Wall).

4. Structural report by a structural engineer that demonstrates the lateral force-resisting system of the building does not meet collapse prevention performance objectives and the specific deficiencies and reasoning for concluding that the building has a potential for catastrophic collapse.

On the minimum number of votes necessary (6) the SAB approved Option A, and staff recommendations not to approve the requests listed above made by the SAB Implementation Committee and C.A.S.H.

### **High Performance Incentive Grant Regulations**

The SAB approved the regulations at the August 2007 SAB meeting. At the August 2007 SAB meeting C.A.S.H. requested that an alternative plan be developed for approval by the SAB if the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) had not given final approval to the regulations by the September 2007 SAB meeting. OPSC reported that they expect to receive OAL final approval during the week of October 1, 2007 and that an alternative plan is not necessary.

The SAB accepted the OPSC report.

### **Macias Consulting Group Report on the Financial Hardship Program**

OPSC contracted with an outside consulting group, Macias, to review the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the SFP Financial Hardship Program. The report pointed out four “key areas of concern”.

1. Lack of equity and fairness in the distribution of State facility construction funds. The current condition is more beneficial to larger school districts than to smaller ones.

2. Indebtedness requirements that cause applicants to unnecessarily take on more debt to qualify for State construction funding.
3. Inability to determine the accuracy of financial data submitted by applicants.
4. Outdated review process administered by the OPSC reviewers.

The report appears to assume that the financial hardship program funding is sufficient to build complete schools.

The SAB directed staff to come back next month with suggestions on how school districts can participate in the development of the revisions to the program, and to share with the SAB the work plan OPSC staff is developing in response to the report.

### **Little Hoover Commission Report**

In August 2006 the legislative members of the SAB submitted a joint letter to the State’s Little Hoover Commission requesting a study of the SAB and its interaction with OPSC and the Department of General Services (DGS). Specifically the letter requested a study of the SAB’s governance structure, board composition, rules of operation, and fiscal relationship with DGS. On May 24, 2007 the Commission held a public hearing and received written and verbal testimony mainly from current and previous SAB members and staff. Ted Rozzi, chair of C.A.S.H., also provided testimony.

The Chair of the Little Hoover Commission presented the report. Below is a brief summary of the major recommendations. The full report is on the Commission’s website at <http://www.lhc.ca.gov/lhcdir/report188.html>

1. Restructure the SAB to an 11 member board with four public members, four legislative members, and the current three State Agency members
2. Formally establish the Director of the Department of Finance as the chair of the SAB
3. Transfer OPSC staff and functions

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# September 7 Implementation Committee Notes

Three items were on the agenda for the September 7, 2007 meeting: Proposed Seismic Mitigation Regulations, Project Information Worksheet, and a technical clean-up to the Deferred Maintenance Regulations 1866.4.3.

## **Future Items**

The chair stated that an item regarding the role and responsibility of the committee will be added to the list of future items.

## **Seismic Mitigation Regulations**

At the August 2007 State Allocation Board meeting the SAB requested that staff return to the implementation committee to discuss several issues, including having ancillary costs funded from the respective new construction or modernization fund; look at interim housing costs being funded out of the \$199.5 million for seismic mitigation; and whether projects could be reimbursed if the building was mitigated prior to the effective date of the law (May 20, 2006). Those and other issues were discussed.

## **Ancillary Costs**

OPSC will present two options to the SAB at their September meeting. One option will be to fund all ancillary costs out of the \$199.5 million seismic mitigation funds, basically the same item they presented to the SAB at its August meeting. The other option will be to fund ancillary costs out of the respective new construction or modernization fund. OPSC stated that they would not make a recommendation as to which option the SAB should choose. However, OPSC staff stated at the implementation committee meeting

that they thought it would be very difficult to separate ancillary costs from other costs for replacement projects.

If the SAB chooses to fund ancillary costs out of the respective new construction or modernization fund, OPSC stated that the 1.55 g that was proposed in the regulations as the minimum threshold to define “most vulnerable” would have to be reduced so that additional buildings would qualify. They did not propose an alternative horizontal acceleration response level, stating that staff is still working on an alternative to the 1.55 g.

## **Interim Housing Funding**

OPSC is recommending against an additional allowance for interim housing. The implementation committee requested that the write-up to the SAB indicate that the committee prefers that additional funding for interim housing be provided since it is a major cost in seismic retrofit projects.

## **Preliminary Review by DSA**

The committee requested that DSA offer a voluntary preliminary review of a potential project's eligibility to receive seismic mitigation funding. DSA stated that the eligibility was intended to be an off or on light switch, you either clearly met the criteria or you didn't. However, they indicated that they could look at the engineering report and comment on whether it appeared to contain the necessary information required in the proposed regulations.

## **Pipeline of Approved but Unfunded Projects**

The committee requested that after the \$199.5 is allocated that the SAB establish an approved, but unfunded list

of projects to help measure the level of needed funding in future bonds, and possibly to assist districts obtain bridge financing. OPSC staff stated that no guarantee of funding could be provided and they thought an approved but unfunded list of projects could create problems for a district that was unable to fund the needed seismic mitigation project.

## **Process to Remove Projects from the AB 300 List**

The committee requested that there be a process for districts to request projects be removed from the AB 300 list if, for instance, they were evaluated and determined to be safe, they were repaired, they no longer existed, etc. DSA stated that they would consider the request but that the AB 300 list was a data base, and they were concerned about “changing” the data base in the report. They also stated that it could create a workload problem for them.

## **Set Aside Funds for Certain Structural Evaluations**

The committee requested that funds be set aside for the cost of conducting a structural evaluation for projects that the evaluation determines do not need seismic mitigation. OPSC stated that the SAB legal counsel opined that the \$199.5 million must be used only on projects that meet the established definition in the regulations of Most Vulnerable Category 2 Buildings, and if a project is determined not to need seismic mitigation the seismic mitigation funds can't be spent on the cost to prepare the engineering report. For a project that meets the definition of most vulnerable Category 2 building the cost of completing the engineering report is an eligible cost.

## **Project Information Worksheet (PIW)**

Members of the audience asked why the information requested on the PIW is being requested because a lot of the information is currently available. The chair responded that the information is being requested to assist with adjusting

SFP grants in 2009, and OPSC added that the information might be used for this purpose in 2008.

Concerning implementation methodology, OPSC stated that they will conduct pilots in 27 districts to solicit input from practitioners, but that the districts have not been identified yet. Implementation Committee Members asked if districts are required to fill out the PIW, and if fund releases would be held up if the PIW was not completed. OPSC responded that it is required, but that if it was clear that school districts are making legitimate attempts, it would be fine.

Tom Duffy stated that C.A.S.H. wants this information and has worked very hard as partners with OPSC on a methodology to acquire it, but that OPSC has no authority to withhold funds if a school district does not complete the PIW. OPSC responded that currently they will not hold up fund releases, but that they are uncomfortable saying that OPSC will never hold up fund releases over the issue. The chair stated that the main concerns had been expressed, and that if interested parties would like to make further comments, they should e-mail OPSC staff as soon as possible.


This item will go to the State Allocation Board (SAB) at their September meeting.

#### **Macias Group Report on Grant Adequacy**

OPSC was asked when the results from the Macias Group report would be available. OPSC responded that they are planning a meeting on September 28th in Sacramento (specific information to follow) for the Macias Group to share its information with interested parties. Concern was expressed as to why the results of Macias Group's study were not discussed at the Implementation Committee. Some members of the Committee and the audience requested that this item be addressed in the Implementation Committee. OPSC responded that members of the Imple-

mentation Committee and any interested parties are welcome to attend.

#### **Deferred Maintenance Program Technical Amendments**

Technical changes needed to clarify the source from which districts can use funds to deposit their DMP matching share were approved. 

~C.A.S.H. Staff


#### **September 26, 2007 State Allocation Board (SAB) Meeting Notes**

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- to the SAB, have the SAB develop its own budget and hire its own Executive Officer, eliminate the Assistant Executive Officer position
- 4. Make public the operational procedures and practices of the SAB
- 5. Define the role and composition of the SAB Implementation Committee


C.A.S.H. Chair, Ted Rozzi, reiterated C.A.S.H.'s testimony at the Little

Hoover Commission Hearing in May, 2007, that the current composition of the SAB appears to be working efficiently, there is value in having the legislative members on the SAB to balance the representation of the administrative members, the Assistant Executive Officer provides balance on the staff, the SAB should have its own independent counsel, the SAB Implementation Committee for 21 years has provided a very valuable service to the SAB and should continue.

The report states that most of their recommendations require legislative action and cannot be implemented administratively. The Commission representative stated that the recommendations were intended to be implemented as a package, except for the recommendation to make the Department of Finance the statutory chair of the SAB. That recommendation is a stand alone recommendation. The SAB took no action on the report. 

~C.A.S.H. Staff

## **Senate Re-Confirms David Thorman as State Architect**

On August 29, the Senate reconfirmed David Thorman as the California State Architect. C.A.S.H. has supported and continues to actively support Mr. Thorman as the head of the Division of the State Architect (DSA), formally requesting that the Senate reconfirm his gubernatorial appointment, because of his numerous accomplishments while at DSA. Specifically, Mr. Thorman sought to enhance the collaboration between DSA and school districts and their architects by shepherding the implementation of the Collaborative Process for Project Development. Under his leadership, DSA has made substantial progress in that and other areas of public service. Specifically, he has been a trailblazer in modernizing the technologies used by DSA and their clients such as electronic plan submittals. Mr. Thorman has also made organizational changes to meet client demands, including opening satellite offices in growing areas of the state. Such enhancements within the organization of DSA have served only to make the agency a more effective partner in delivering much-needed public schools and other infrastructure. C.A.S.H. congratulates Mr. Thorman on his recent confirmation. 

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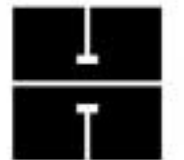
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# C.A.S.H. Meetings, Conferences & Workshops

**October 24, 2007**  
Wednesday

**General Membership Meeting**  
1215 K Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA

**October 31, 2007**  
Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. – Noon

**C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network Regional Meeting**  
Los Angeles County Office of Education  
9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, CA

**November 9, 2007**  
Friday  
8:00 a.m. – Noon

**C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network Regional Meeting**  
Clovis Unified School District Professional Building  
1680 David E. Cook Way, Clovis, CA

**November 30, 2007**  
Friday  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network Regional Meeting**  
Contra Costa County Office of Education  
77 Santa Barbara Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA

**December 4, 2007**  
Tuesday

**Workshop TBD**  
Doubletree Hotel  
2001 Point West Way, Sacramento CA

**December 5, 2007**  
Wednesday

**General Membership Meeting**  
1215 K Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA

**December 7, 2007**  
Friday

**Workshop TBD**  
Ontario Airport Marriott  
2200 E. Holt Blvd., Ontario, 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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