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Secretary of State Assigns Official Ballot Number to AB 48: Proposition 13

In accordance with state guidelines, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the official numbers for propositions qualified for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election. The bond bill, AB 48 (O'Donnell), has been officially designated as Proposition 13. The next step is for the Attorney General to publish the official ballot label by November 1, 2019.

Questions may arise as to why the State is "re-using" such a prominent proposition number. In 1998, ballot measures were restarted at "1," and since then have been reset every 10 years. As such, AB 48 was assigned the number 13 because it was the next number available.

Legislative Update

The Legislature adjourned for interim recess on September 14, and on October 13 Governor Newsom completed his work acting on bills passed by the Legislature in 2019. The Governor signed 870 bills and vetoed 172 bills, a 16.5% veto rate. This is the same veto rate as Governor Brown had in his final year in office. Below is an update on a selection of bills that made it to the Governor's desk.

AB 1303 (O'Donnell) – Civic Center Act

In the middle of the Legislative Session it came to the attention of Assembly Education Committee staff that without action the Civic Center Act would sunset on January 1, 2020. CASH worked with staff to introduce legislation that would extend the sunset to January 1, 2025. This bill, AB 1303 (O'Donnell), was signed by the Governor (Chapter 541, Statutes of 2019). CASH took a support position on the legislation.

SB 268 (Wiener) – Ballot Label Transparency

SB 268 (Wiener) was passed by the Legislature but ultimately vetoed by the Governor. His veto message expressed concern that the bill would reduce transparency for local tax and bond measures. SB 268 revises the requirements of AB 195 (Obernolte, 2017), which requires local bonds and other tax measures to state the rate, duration, and amount anticipated to be raised annually on the 75-word ballot label. SB 268 proposed a new option for local bonds and "tiered taxes." In lieu of following the new requirements created by AB 195, such measures could include the statement "see Voter Guide for tax rate information" on the ballot label. SB 268 also proposed additional financial disclosures in the tax rate statement in the Voter Information Guide, such as a plain language description of why the rate may vary over time.

In the final days of the bill signing period, stakeholders continued to push for a signature on the bill. While we are disappointed in the veto, CASH and other stakeholders will regroup and determine the next steps moving forward on this important issue. Districts considering a local bond for the March 2020 ballot should proceed with ballot label language that complies with the requirements of AB 195.

State Allocation Board Acts on Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

On October 23, 2019, the State Allocation Board took multiple actions related to the Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (FDKFGP):



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Apportionments: The Board approved apportionments for 34 projects totaling \$56.7 million in the second funding cycle. Of the 34 projects, 33 requested new construction funding, and one requested retrofit funding. 29 of the project sites previously offered full-day kindergarten instruction but lacked kindergarten facilities.

Regulations: The Board approved amendments to the regulations, forms, and Grant Agreement for the FDKFGP as a result of SB 75 (2019). This bill allocated \$300 million from the General Fund for the 2019-20 fiscal year for one-time grants for the program. Amendments include:

- Eligibility for Rounds 3 (April 1-30, 2020) and 4 (Jan. 4-Feb. 2, 2021) are limited to projects that convert programs from part-day to full-day.
- The state share for projects converting from part-day to full-day programs will be 75%, with a 25% local match.
- All school districts, including those with Financial Hardship status, may retain project savings and interest for professional development and instructional materials to implement a full-day program, or for other high priority capital facility needs.
- New facilities built with any FDKFGP funds will not reduce a school district's School Facility Program new construction eligibility. This applies retroactively to projects that received an apportionment in the first two funding rounds.

CASH Maintenance Network Workshops: Register Today!

The 2019 CASH Maintenance Network (CMN) workshops will focus on the most critical issues for school maintenance departments, with an eye toward the future of school maintenance and how you can prepare to be successful in it. Specifically, this workshop includes presentations and resources on environmental hot topics that have become so important for school facility and maintenance departments such as testing water for lead and new storm water requirements for schools, as well as air quality issues such as the use of Round Up and the Healthy Schools Act (HSA).

The workshop also provides presentations on critical funding issues such as the new requirements for calculating the Routine Restricted Maintenance Account (RRMA), as well as on aspects of AB 48 (the \$15 billion state school bond on the March 2020 ballot) that affect school maintenance departments, such as AB 48's new funding program for lead remediation and the requirement to establish an inventory. The workshop will conclude with an interactive presentation on school security and disaster preparedness, with the goal of discussing the issues from school maintenance department perspective.

If you are a school M&O director, want to know more about school M&O, or are a private sector partner, this is a workshop that you cannot afford to miss!

Friday, November 15, 2019
 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Fresno Co. Supt. of Schools

Friday, November 22, 2019
 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Visit www.cashnet.org to register or to view the PDF brochure.



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Professional Development Certificate Programs: SFLA and CMMCP Applications Available Now

CASH is your source for quality education, including two professional development certificate programs, the CASH School Facilities Leadership Academy (SFLA) and the CASH Maintenance Management Certificate Program (CMMCP). Both programs are now accepting applications for the 2020-21 cohorts; the deadline to apply is December 13.

For more information, please visit the CASH website.

41st Annual Conference on School Facilities: CASH is going to Long Beach!

The 41st Annual Conference on School Facilities will be held Wednesday, February 19, through Friday, February 21, 2020 at the Long Beach Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Long Beach. Attendee registration is open online, hotel reservations are nearly sold-out, and the Conference Brochure has just been published with education session information!

For details, please visit the CASH website: www.cashnet.org/annual-conference.

Networking Mixers

Join your fellow school facility professionals at a CASH Networking Mixer! These mixers are open to all school facilities professionals, no RSVP required.

**Bo-beau kitchen + garden, La Mesa
 Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: HED | C.W. Driver

Questions about the CASH Networking Mixers? Please contact Mike Vail at (949) 498-8993 or mgvailsancllemente@sbcglobal.net.

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