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C.A.S.H. Annual Conference – 30 Years of Leadership

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This is what some attendees said about the C.A.S.H. 30th Annual Conference:

“Another successful conference. I believe districts rely even more heavily on C.A.S.H.’s expertise, representation, and guidance during difficult financial times.”
– Chris Cox, San Bernardino County Schools

“The conference was excellent as usual. I received a lot of valuable information. It’s fortunate that my district understands how beneficial this conference is to the success of our capital improvement program.”
– Sharon Dobbins, Director, Long-Range Planning, Cajon Valley Union School District

“Having just passed a bond for the first time in twenty years, the information received from this conference was crucial and exceptionally timely. I have fabulous documents to share with my superintendent and board to back up future decisions needed to be made. Thank you.”
– Anonymous

And successful it was! Even in these tough economic times, over 1,200 attendees, exhibitors and presenters were in attendance.

On Monday, over 120 golfers braved the rain at the Annual C.A.S.H. Golf Tournament held at the Woodcreek Golf Course. For those who did not attend the golf tournament, a pre-conference workshop on the “State School Facility Program from a School District’s Perspective” was held at the Convention Center. This year we opened the Trade Show on Monday evening and held the Welcome Reception and golf awards in the exhibit hall. Both attendees and exhibitors commented that they appreciated having the extra time for the trade show. Also on Monday evening, the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy held a reception for alumni and the current cohort. (For more on this see article on page 21.)

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C.A.S.H. Annual Conference Highlights

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On Tuesday morning, many workshops and meetings were very well attended.

The first General Session opened with a video depicting the history of the organization. After that, Bill Savidge, West Contra Costa USD and C.A.S.H. Vice Chair and Chair of the Annual Conference Planning Committee, welcomed attendees to the conference. In particular, he mentioned the work of the organization that is outlined in the 2008 Summary of the Organization’s Work. He also mentioned the newly revised and printed C.A.S.H. Environmental Mitigation Handbook that was distributed at registration. (For a copy of either of these publications, please go to the C.A.S.H. web site at: www.cashnet.org.) He recognized the Double Diamond statewide school bond contributors; participants of the third cohort of the School Facilities Leadership Academy; Planning Committee Members; and first-time attendees. (If you are interested in applying for the Academy, please go to www.cash-academy.org.)

Bill then introduced Sir Ken Robinson, the keynote speaker. Sir Ken received some of the highest accolades in the history of C.A.S.H. for his keynote address. He delivered a serious message using a candid and comical approach to life and creative challenges facing business and education in the new global economy.

On Tuesday afternoon, attendees had many options as they attended workshops and roundtables. Attendees also visited the state agency resource rooms and walked the trade show floor.

On Wednesday morning, the early risers attended the General Session and breakfast, which included the C.A.S.H./AIACC Leroy F. Greene Design and Planning Awards Ceremony. With over 100 projects entered into this competition, 14 were highlighted in a video...
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C.A.S.H. Conference Guest Speakers Focus on Budget Crisis and School Facilities

Every year during the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference, C.A.S.H. invites key legislators and state agency representatives to address our members concerning issues of interest to the school facilities community, and this year was no different. Tom Sheehy, Chief Deputy Director for Policy of the California Department of Finance, addressed the C.A.S.H. membership on Wednesday, February 25th during lunch and discussed the details of the recently signed State Budget and its impact on frozen state infrastructure funding. Senator Tom Torlakson (D-Contra Costa) addressed C.A.S.H. membership during breakfast on Thursday 26th and informed members that despite the fiscal challenges that California faces, he and others in the Legislature will push for a statewide school bond in 2010. Finally, Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach) addressed C.A.S.H. membership at the final lunch on Thursday, February 26th and informed the C.A.S.H. membership that he is the chair of the newly reconvened Senate Select Committee on School Facilities, which will review the School Facility Program (SFP) with an eye toward making improvements, and that at his urging the State Allocation Board (SAB) has established two subcommittees also intended to make improvements to the SFP. C.A.S.H. would like to thank these speakers for taking the time to address our members on issues of critical importance to our profession.

Tom Sheehy, Chief Deputy Director, Policy, Department of Finance

Senator Alan Lowenthal

Senator Tom Torlakson

We are recommending to the membership that Joe Dixon, Assistant Superintendent, Santa Ana Unified School District, and Jenny Hannah, Chief Facilities Officer, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, fill the public sector vacancies and Lyn Gruber, principal, Koppel and Gruber Public Finance, fill the private sector vacancy. Your applause will indicate approval of these nominations.

In addition with Cathy Allen’s moving to vice chair, the position of Treasurer is vacant. That position is appointed by the Chair, and Mr. Rozzi has appointed Board Member Janet Dixon, Director of Planning and Development, Riverside USD as your new Treasurer.

Board Member Nina Boyd, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources and Support Services for the Orange County Department of Education, who has served the past five years as Chair of our flagship Committee, the Legislative Advisory Committee, is changing career direction. That leaves a vacancy in the Legislative Committee chair position. That position is also appointed by the chair, and Mr. Rozzi has asked Margie Brown, Asst. Supt. Facilities Development, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, to chair the Legislative Committee.

That concludes the musical chairs, and it is now time to recognize our outgoing board members for their service to the organization.
Then it was time to honor some C.A.S.H. members for outstanding service to the organization with awards that were presented by Margie Brown, San Ramon Valley USD and C.A.S.H. Board Member. See the article on page 12 for more information on Membership Service Award recipients. The highlight of the session was Gene Hartline, California Financial Services, and Founding Chair of C.A.S.H., presenting the James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill Lucas – an early leader in C.A.S.H. See the full story on page 15.

Attendees returned to the Convention Center to attend more workshops and round tables and to visit with our partners in the State Agency Resource Rooms.

Thursday morning brought a very dedicated group of attendees to the General Session and breakfast, where they were addressed by Assembly Member Tom Torlakson (see article on page 4). Also at this session Cathy Allen, Western Placer USD and newly elected C.A.S.H. Vice Chair and former Treasurer, gave the Treasurer’s Report and passed the baton to Janet Dixon, Riverside USD and C.A.S.H. Board Member.

After the breakfast and session a weary group of attendees was off to the Convention Center to get the last bit of information they could as they attended the clinics. These clinics are designed to give attendees more one-on-one interaction with the presenters and have proven to be quite useful in sharing information.

The last hoorah of the Conference was the Thursday General Session and lunch. Conference attendees were treated to a speech by Senator Alan Lowenthal, who was introduced by his staff member, Ms. Mavonne Garrity. For more on Senator Lowenthal’s speech, see the article on page 4.

Bill Savidge took to the podium one last time to thank C.A.S.H. staff for making the conference a success, thank the attendees, and close the session. He reminded invited attendees to stay for the Post-Conference Debriefing immediately following the session.

Please mark your calendars for next year’s C.A.S.H. Annual Conference and Trade Show, February 22-25, 2010 at the Sacramento Convention Center and Hyatt Regency.

- C.A.S.H. Staff

Margaret Brown, C.A.S.H. Board Member, San Ramon Valley USD

Bill Savidge, C.A.S.H. Chair, West Contra Costa USD; Pamela Johnson, Past C.A.S.H. Chair, Montebello USD; Ted Rozzi, Immediate Past Chair, Corona-Norco USD

Achievement Award to Bill Lucas – an early leader in C.A.S.H. See the full story on page 15.

Save the Date

31st Annual Conference

February 22-25, 2010

Sacramento Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel
The following speech was given by Pamela Johnson, immediate past chair, on Wednesday, February 25 during the C.A.S.H. 30th Annual Conference to recognize outgoing chair Ted Rozzi.

Ted, you are about to complete your journey as C.A.S.H. chair and be welcomed into the ranks of past chairs. But before you step over that threshold, pass the gavel and relinquish the microphone, it is an honor for me to have an opportunity to make a few comments about your tenure as chair and reflect on your accomplishments over the last two years.

A 24-month reign as C.A.S.H. Chair is not for the faint of heart, and it is preceded by two years as vice chair and followed by two years as past chair, so there is a tremendous commitment that has been made by Ted, his family, his district, his work associates and his friends.

The position of Chair offers a unique perspective on the challenges that the school facilities community faces and the role C.A.S.H. plays in meeting those challenges. Each Chair has an opportunity to influence that role and leave the organization stronger than it was before. Each Chair faces challenges unique to the time, some anticipated, some unknown. But, Ted, your two years may take the record as having been the most challenging of all.

Who would have foreseen a worldwide economic meltdown with frozen bond markets, frozen facilities funding, declining enrollments, plummeting property values, and stalled housing developments? It has been a time that has required smart and determined leadership, and you have provided that leadership.

C.A.S.H. builds the platform for the facilities environment, the place where relationships within the school facilities community are promoted. Ted, you fostered those relationships in order to implement new funding for seismic upgrades, overcrowding relief, career technical education and high performance schools, and you led us through the DSA closeout march.

Even while Sacramento was in turmoil, struggling with fiscal crisis, you orchestrated an aggressive legislative platform to address dozens of issues, and you oversaw the heaviest bill load since the inception of the school facility program.

The organization’s successes were many under Ted’s leadership. The Summary of the Organization’s Work in the conference packet details them, and, Ted, while you may not be remembered for all of them, you will be remembered for the hard-won six percent increase to the base new construction grants, and you will be remembered for your advocacy for complete schools, and you will be remembered for positioning C.A.S.H. squarely in the forefront of the green revolution. You were also instrumental in ensuring the ongoing success of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy by supporting the third cohort, which will graduate in June.

But your most important contribution may well have been in listening to the membership and making timely advice, information, and assistance to C.A.S.H. members your priority during this time of uncertainty and rapid change.

On behalf of all us who are members of C.A.S.H., the C.A.S.H. Board, and the parents, teachers, and students who have benefited from your hard work, I want to thank you for your leadership, your patience with your colleagues on the C.A.S.H. Board, your commitment, and your service to C.A.S.H. Go Steelers!  

Pamela Johnson, Past C.A.S.H. Chair, Montebello USD; Ted Rozzi, Immediate Past Chair, Corona-Norco USD
Following is the acceptance speech from incoming chair Bill Savidge that was given on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the C.A.S.H. 30th Annual Conference.

Thanks again, Ted, for a great job as C.A.S.H. Chair! I’m Bill Savidge, the Engineering Officer with the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

I’d like to recognize and thank my school board members and Superintendent Bruce Harter for their strong support of my service to the organization. I’d also like to thank members of my district here today: Tony Catrino and Nina Hurley. None of this would work without their help and getting the work done at the district!

My family couldn’t be here today, but I need to thank my wife Carol Wilkins for supporting my work with C.A.S.H. and putting up with this schedule!

I’m honored to serve as the new chair of our coalition. We face serious economic challenges in California and the nation. These times demand strong, focused and creative actions from all of us. Think about it, the bond funds of the State of California are frozen! This threatens districts throughout the state with stalled projects, construction layoffs, contracts terminated! We must rise to this challenge. We can do that by strengthening our coalition and increasing our collaboration with state agencies to find solutions that make sense. We can do that by continuing our strong advocacy for school facilities with the Legislature. We can do that by empowering our members through our conferences, workshops and Leadership Academy.

I am hopeful! The real power and the strength of our coalition is in the work that each of you practitioners do on a daily basis to build and modernize schools in California: The work we do in our community with joint-use, the new homes for our charters, the work we do for seismic safety. The district facilities staff, the associate superintendents, the architects, the cm’s, the planners, the engineers, the attorneys: you are the strength and real leaders of the C.A.S.H. organization.

As we continue in these uncharted times, the watchwords for our organization are familiar - sustainability and accountability.

**Sustainability.** It’s a trendy term – but it’s appropriate now for C.A.S.H. We must sustain our efforts to build and renovate schools, even in the face of tight budgets. We must sustain our organization and continue to provide member services, even with districts cutting back, reducing travel and conference. And we must sustain our efforts to pass future bond measures in support of new construction and modernization of our school facilities. We’ll need creative solutions and we’ll need everyone’s sustained efforts to move forward in these difficult times.

**Accountability.** Now more than ever we must individually, in our practices, in our districts and in our organization, be fully transparent and accountable for the funds entrusted to us by the people of the state of California and our local districts. Accountability means openness in process and outcomes. It means working within the structure of regulations that govern public funding and service. Accountability builds trust in our actions and trust in actions is critical in sustaining our efforts to build and renovate California’s schools.

In closing, let’s talk about **Modernization.** Please join me in focusing our efforts on the huge backlog of needs to renovate, modernize and update the school facilities infrastructure of California. If I could have one outcome of my service as C.A.S.H. Chair, it would be to adequately fund the modernization program, to work with the state and develop a model of funding that meets the needs of our communities and recognizes our stewardship of the school facilities in California entrusted to our care.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve!
Governor Signs Bill Authorizing DIR to Assess Fees on School Districts

As part of the state budget deal, Senator Padilla authored budget trailer bill SBx 2 9 that authorizes DIR to assess a fee on school districts for certain construction projects. The Governor signed the bill on February 20, and it goes into effect 90 days after signature. The pertinent details of the bill are as follows:

- DIR may assess a fee on school districts (up to .25%*) for school construction projects that receive state bond money.
- The DIR fee applies to Propositions 47 and 55 projects for which contracts are let after the promulgation of regulations by DIR to implement the law.
- The DIR fee will apply to all future school construction projects that receive state bond funds.

The pertinent details of the bill are as follows:

- DIR may waive the fee only for school districts with prior-approved, in-house LCPs** and who request to continue them. Districts with contracts with third-party administrators will not be exempt from the DIR fee. Districts that do not have prior-approved LCPs will not be exempt from the DIR fee.
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- The State Allocation Board may provide a supplemental grant to help pay for the DIR fee or costs of administering an LCP for Propositions 47 and 55 projects only. This authority is not extended for Proposition 1D and future school bonds.
- There is conflict in the bill about what the .25% fee is assessed on. In two provisions of the bill, it states that the .25% is assessed on the “bond proceeds” which would be any state contribution to a project. In another area of the bill, it states that the assessment is calculated on the “total project costs.”
- SBx2 9 has implications on Financial Hardship districts that need state money to advance projects and do not have the local resources to front the DIR fee before they receive their state apportionments. These, and other issues, will need to be reviewed by the State Allocation Board.

- C.A.S.H. Staff

February 18 PMIB Update

The Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) took the following actions at their February 18 meeting:
1. Approved Private Placement Bonds: Various entities expressed an interest in purchasing State General Obligation Bonds on the condition that the proceeds from the sale of such bonds directly finance certain projects authorized by the related bond act. The PMIB voted to allow funds received from the sale of such bonds to be placed in accounts to directly fund specific projects instead of paying down outstanding AB 55 loans from the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA).
2. Continued the freeze on AB 55 loan disbursements.
3. Voted to have a special PMIB meeting as soon as possible following the enactment of a state budget solution.
4. Postponed consideration of new loan requests.
5. Approved AB 55 loan renewals on the agenda.

The Director of Finance stated that the 276 projects that had been identified at the last PMIB meeting as being considered for exemption from the loan disbursement freeze would be shut down the following day, February 19, 2009. He stated that the $650 million that previously had been approved for these projects would not be enough to pay state direct costs, unpaid bills for work already performed, and costs to shut down the projects.

The State Treasurer stated that there is $7 billion in current account deficiencies in State administered projects alone and that it probably will be a year or so before the State can sell $7 billion in bonds. When the State does have cash, the PMIB will have to decide which projects receive funding first. The PMIB stated that there will be many variables that will determine the priority of funding, including which projects best serve the State’s interests, the cash needs of the State’s General Fund, projects under contract, and private placement bonds sold.

Tom Duffy, representing C.A.S.H., referenced a letter sent to the State Treasurer and pointed out that there are statutory requirements for the State to fund school facility projects. He also requested that the PMIB consider funding loan generation fees and interests on loans if school districts seek interim financing to keep their projects moving forward. The PMIB staff stated that the State Attorney General opined that while work done using interim financing is an allowable expenditure, State bond funds can not be used to pay interim financing interest or loan generation fees.

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February 25
State Allocation Board Meeting Notes

At the beginning of the meeting, the SAB agreed to defer eight agenda items to the next meeting because of the length of the agenda. Those deferred items are noted below. In addition to the eight agenda items that were deferred at the beginning of the SAB meeting, there were other items (also noted below) that will be brought back to the next SAB meeting because the SAB ran out of time to discuss them.

The SAB agreed that a special meeting should be scheduled in the next couple of weeks in addition to the regular March SAB meeting so the SAB can cover the many items that are on its agenda. OPSC staff will work with the SAB members to identify a date for the special SAB meeting.

Executive Officer Statement
1. At the last Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) meeting the State Treasurer said that while the bond market is thawing the outlook is still gloomy for selling enough State Bonds to fund many of the already apportioned public works projects, including schools, that are waiting for cash disbursements from the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA).
2. SAB Member Wyland expressed interest in getting the money out as soon as possible to schools. He requested that the SAB write a strong letter to the PMIB urging that bonds be sold as quickly as possible and school projects be given priority in receiving funds. The SAB agreed, and as part of the discussion later in the meeting regarding Fund Releases, expanded the scope of the letter to include a request (proposed by Dave Walrath representing Small School Districts’ Association) that the PMIB establish a set-aside of funds for schools that would guarantee certain amounts of money would be available within certain timeframes, such as within six, nine, and 12 months. The chair directed staff to have the letter prepared and circulate it to the SAB members by the end of the week.
3. While the ERP currently has only $300,000, there’s $50 million in the Prop 98 Reversion Account that OPSC has requested be transferred to the ERP account. The Executive Officer stated that the Department of Finance probably will deny the transfer request because the ERP is not the only potential use of the Prop 98 Reversion Funds.

Status of Funds:
- New construction has approximately $500 million remaining.
- Modernization has approximately $2 billion remaining.
- Emergency Repair Program has approximately $300,000 remaining.

Deferred Maintenance Program Funding
The Executive Officer stated that the DM Program write-up was being recalculated based on new provisions in the recently signed State Budget, and the DM item would be delivered later in the evening to the SAB for discussion. The original write-up initially recommended that $255 million be provided for the basic apportionment, which would mean each district would receive 80.47% of their maximum basic apportionment, and $25.657 million be provided for extreme hardships for a total of $280.2 million. Current requests for extreme hardship projects total $73 million, leaving a balance of unfunded extreme hardship requests of $46.1 million.

The revised DM write-up delivered later in the meeting recommended that $216.6 million be used for basic apportionments, which would fund 68.27% of the basic apportionment requests that total $316.34 million, and $23.9 million be used for extreme hardship projects, leaving a balance of unfunded requests of $48.7 million. OPSC staff stated that under the revised proposal there would be five extreme hardship projects that would have been funded under the initial OPSC proposal but won’t be funded under the revised proposal. That prompted a discussion of whether the SAB should not fully fund the extreme hardship projects, but instead reduce the funding to a level below 100%, which would enable the other five projects to receive extreme hardship funding.

The DOF Education Program Budget Manager informed the SAB that the language in the recently signed State Budget changed the way DM funding will be provided, and whatever a district receives this year will be the amount they receive not only for this year but for the following four years. There was some confusion regarding exactly what the new budget language required and how the SAB’s action on the current item would impact DM maintenance funding for the current and following four years.

The SAB decided to approve the $216.6 million for the basic apportionments and discuss the extreme hardship funding further at the next SAB meeting.

The OPSC DM write-up also noted that districts with schools eligible to participate in the Emergency Repair Program must deposit an amount equal to the maximum basic grant to be eligible to receive funding from the ERP per SAB Regulation Section 1859.328.
School Facility Program Funding Priorities

The SAB requested that the Implementation Committee discuss potential prioritization of apportioned projects that can’t be funded currently because of the cash disbursement freeze placed on the Pooled Money Investment Account by the PMIB. At the February 19, 2009 SAB Implementation Committee there was consensus that fund releases should be processed in date order, but the SAB could take into consideration factors such as the following:

1. Did the project submit a 50-05, Fund Release, prior to December 17, 2008 when the PMIB froze disbursements from the PMIA?
2. Is the project under construction?
3. Is there a risk of work stoppage due to lack of local funds to keep the project moving?
4. Is the district at risk of fiscal insolvency due to the State funding freeze?

The SAB legal counsel advised the SAB that regulatory, or possibly even legislative, changes would have to be made if anything other than date order were used to disburse funds once they become available. Bruce Hancock testified that he disagreed with the SAB legal counsel, stating that statutory and regulatory language regarding date order applies to apportioning projects, but once the project is apportioned there is no legislative or regulatory language relating to the release of funds.

The SAB leaned toward wanting to have the flexibility to consider factors other than date order in determining the priority of the release of state dollars when they are available again. The chair requested that the SAB legal counsel take another look at the law and regulation taking as wide a view as possible to give the SAB flexibility.

As noted above under the Executive Officer Report, the SAB directed staff to write a letter to the PMIB urging the sale of state bond funds as quickly as possible and establishing a guarantee to school districts of certain amounts of funding within specified timeframes. In addition, the SAB Implementation Committee will continue discussing the priority issue and make further recommendations to the SAB.

School Facility Program Grant Adjustments

The SAB discussed the annual adjustment to the SFP (the construction cost index, CCI), extension of the General Site Development grant, and the annual adjustment to the SFP authorized by AB 127, Proposition 1D.

The SAB approved a 6% increase in the CCI for applications approved on or after January 1, 2009 and an extension of the General Site Development additional grant to January 1, 2010. The SAB deferred making a determination of the grant adjustment authorized by AB 127 and directed staff to work with the SAB Implementation Committee to recommend a methodology, including the information on the Project Information Worksheet (PIW), to the SAB regarding how the determination should be made. The AB 127 language states that the SAB shall increase or decrease the per-unhoused-pupil grant eligibility by amounts it deems necessary to cause the grants to correspond to the costs of new school construction, provided that the increase in any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall not exceed 6%.

Senator Wyland and the DGS representative voted no on the above motion regarding grant increases.

Office of State Audits and Evaluation Report

An independent performance audit of the Financial Hardship Program was presented to the SAB in September 2007. OPSC presented a work plan to implement the audit recommendations to the SAB in October 2007. OPSC entered into an interagency agreement with the Department of Finance’s Office of Audits and Evaluation. The stated scope of the report is to assist OPSC to develop an interim project-monitoring program and to provide audit specific training to the OPSC auditors.

However, the report stated that “in performing the services requested, we noted conditions that erode the OPSC’s efforts to employ adequate fiscal and managerial controls over the School Facilities Programs (SFP).” Senator Lowenthal and the SPI representative to the SAB expressed strong concern that some of the conditions noted in the report appear to go far beyond the stated scope of the report. Senator Lowenthal stated that the report was inappropriate and the SAB should not accept the report.

Senator Lowenthal moved, and the SAB approved, establishing two subcommittees of the SAB. One subcommittee would define the scope of OPSC’s audit authority, and the other subcommittee would develop recommendations on rules and procedures of operations of the SAB. The chair stated that two, three-member subcommittees would be established. He requested that one of the members be either himself or the DGS representative and that Senator Lowenthal recommend two legislators to be the remaining members on the subcommittees.

Tom Duffy, representing C.A.S.H., agreed with comments made by Senator Lowenthal and the SPI representative to the board regarding inappropriate and inaccurate statements in the report.

Below is a brief summary and comment on some of the statements in the report:

1. The report attacks the basic premise of the Legislature’s intent in enacting SB 50. The report says the SFP’s assignment of authority and responsibility to the local level may be a barrier to ensuring that proper accountability and transparency exists. The report references the SFP handbook which says, “The School Facility Program (SFP) has significantly increased program flexibility and responsibility at the local level, while reducing the state’s oversight.
role.” Of course that was a basic tenet of the new SFP approved by the legislature. However, the report calls that action of the Legislature an “erosion” of OPSC’s ability to ensure bond fund proceeds are spent efficiently, effectively, and in the best interests of the people of California.

2. The report attacks the SAB’s role and authority in administering the SFP and implies that the SAB should be subservient to OPSC. The report says, “A significant potential impediment to effectual controls is the ability of the SAB to override and negate fiscal and managerial controls established by the OPSC.” The report cites the SAB’s vote to reject the findings in the Macias Report on the cost to construct schools as an example of the SAB “overriding” OPSC.

3. The report attacks the ability of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction’s designated representative on the SAB to be objective. The report states that because CDE plays a role in the application approval process for educational facilities, “the delegate may not possess the requisite objectivity in the consideration of projects funded by the SAB.” The report neglects to mention the direct reporting relationship that exists between the OPSC and the Department of General Services representative on the SAB.

4. The report incorrectly states that “the SAB refers all policy and regulation changes to the (Implementation) Committee,” and the committee has impeded OPSC’s efforts to improve the SFP’s administration. The report states that lobbyists and other advocates for special interests have been added to the committee, influencing program and policy development. The report states that the “lack of objectivity” is demonstrated in the composition and use of the Implementation Committee which is composed of representatives of school districts, county offices of education, contractors, labor unions, lobbyists, and other stakeholders. Rather than acknowledging the benefit and transparency that vetting major program issues with key stakeholders provides, the report concludes that the balance has been upset between policy and regulation development and fiscal responsibility.

San Bernardino USD
The SAB briefly went into Executive Session and emerged without further discussing the San Bernardino appeal. The SAB approved a motion to grant the district’s appeal and deem the application valid as of July 2008 and to ensure there is no duplicate payment for site and design work.

Lammersville Elementary School District
The district requested approval to submit a SFP new construction application for a school construction project after the date of occupancy. The district received DSA and CDE approval and had been informed by district staff that the funding application had been submitted to OPSC. However, the district later found that the funding application was not submitted to OPSC before the date of occupancy because the individual responsible for submitting the funding application had a serious illness which apparently impaired her abilities. Staff recommended that the SAB deny the request.

The SAB legal counsel advised the SAB that they did not have the legal authority to approve the district’s appeal. The SAB disagreed and stated that as an appeals body they do have the authority to make fair and equitable decisions based on the individual circumstances of the case. The SAB found that there were unusual, extenuating circumstances and the district was in substantial compliance with the SFP requirements. The SAB approved the district’s new construction application as of August 26, 2007, before the date of occupancy.

Financial Crisis Emergency Regulations for Joint Use and Career Technical Education Facilities
Due to the current financial crisis, some districts are unable to submit approved plans for their SFP Joint Use and Career Tech projects within the required deadlines, subjecting the project to rescission. OPSC proposed emergency regulations amending Regulation Section 1859.129 for Joint Use and 1859.197 for Career Tech.

OPSC proposed to amend section 1859.129 for Joint Use Projects to allow the SAB to determine that there is a fiscal emergency and make a finding that the project has an Inactive Appropriation, and the district can no longer meet the required deadlines of ECS 17077.45(c). OPSC proposed that the SAB may suspend the 12-month deadline for a period not to exceed 12 months ONLY if the district has not submitted all required plans and specs to DSA 30 days prior to the conclusion of the one-year requirement to submit plans and specs to DSA. Once the suspension period was concluded, the project would resume where its originating period time was suspended. This provision would become inoperative January 1, 2010. At the request of Tom Duffy, representing C.A.S.H., the SAB removed the following language from the regulation change: “only if the district has not submitted all required plans and specifications to the DSA 30 days prior to the conclusion of the time period.”

Regulation Section 1859.197 for CTE projects would allow the SAB to determine a fiscal emergency and grant an extension not to exceed 12 months to the one-year time period to submit plans and specs ONLY if the district has not submitted all required plans and specs to the DSA 30 days prior to the conclusion of these time periods. This provision also would become inoperative January 1, 2010. Similar to the Joint Use language, the SAB re-Continued on page 14
Each year C.A.S.H. recognizes several members who go above and beyond on behalf of C.A.S.H. and California’s public school children. This year C.A.S.H. Past Chair Pamela Johnson presented Jeff Baratta, Piper Jaffray & Co., and Lynn Halfhide, Capital Program Management, with an award for time served as C.A.S.H. Board Members. C.A.S.H. Board Member Margaret Brown presented membership service awards to Fred Diamond, Rowland USD, Bill Draa, Banta Elem. SD, Mahendra Mehta, PreFast Building (formerly with Division of the State Architect), Mavonne Garrity, Staff to Senator Lowenthal (formerly with the State Allocation Board Implementation Committee), Dr. Jeff Vincent and Dr. Deborah McKoy, UC Berkeley’s Center for Cities and Schools, and Dave Zian, Division of the State Architect (formerly with the Office of Public School Construction), for their support of the organization.

Following are the presentations given during the 2009 Annual Conference.

**Jeff Baratta**

This award goes to a member of the C.A.S.H. Board who is completing his term of service. As an expert in finance, he has served the organization well as the Budget Committee Chair for many of his eight years on the Board. As a prudent and conservative financial planner, he and the committees he has chaired always brought forth a well-balanced and fair budget to the Board that would best serve this diverse organization.

He has served on the Annual Conference Planning Committee and the School Bond Fundraising Committee. He also has moderated and presented at many C.A.S.H. workshops and conferences. Most importantly, he never avoided calls or ran the other way from Dave Walrath knowing that he was going to hit his company up for another bond contribution and ask him to ask others for the same. Please thank Jeff Baratta for his service to C.A.S.H.

**Lynn Halfhide**

This award goes to another Board member who is completing her term on the Board. With her background in the state school facilities program and construction management, she always made sure she brought to the table issues that would affect the CM industry while fairly advocating what was best for school districts and the children of California.

She has served on the Annual Conference Planning Committee and has led planning for the school construction strand as well as roundtable sessions. She has also served on the School Bond Fundraising committee and worked very
hard to ensure we reached our fundraising goals.

Please thank Lynn Halfhide for her service to C.A.S.H.

Fred Diamond

This membership service award recipient entered the school facilities profession in 1994 with the Fullerton Joint Union High School District and is currently at Rowland Unified School District as the Director of Building Services. He oversees all of their construction projects including two $100 million bond programs. He began his career in 1980 as a draftsman and has been in the architectural/engineering/construction industry for nearly 30 years. He has earned two graduate degrees (dual MBAs in Executive Management and Marketing) and his lifelong educational goal is to complete his doctorate. He has contributed to the C.A.S.H. organization by serving on the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference Planning Committee for three years and as an active member of the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network. This recipient also serves as the Schoolhouse Committee Chair for the American Construction Inspectors’ Association. In his spare time he works in his professional wood studio where he designs and builds custom furniture and architectural works. He is married with two children. Please join me in honoring Fred Diamond for his contributions to the C.A.S.H. organization.

Bill Draa

The next membership service award recipient has been a superintendent of a very small but growing elementary school district in San Joaquin County for the past 12 years. He has a passion for ensuring excellent school facilities to serve his community. He is currently not only the superintendent, he serves also as the District’s Facilities Coordinator for all projects including a new elementary and middle school. He is involved in many other educational organizations and serves as a Board Member and Liaison to the Superintendent’s Council of FCMAT; serves on the State Board of ACSA; and as Liaison for the Small School Districts’ Association (SSDA) representing the ACSA State Board.

He expressed a desire to always bring various educational organizations together for a more unified education for all of the students in California. To that end, as a member of the C.A.S.H. Working Group, he helped market the first C.A.S.H. Superintendents Leadership Symposium through ACSA and SSDA. It is due to his good work that we had such a successful Symposium last October. It is my pleasure to present a C.A.S.H. membership service award to Bill Draa, Superintendent of the Banta Elementary School District.

Mahendra Mehta

This award recipient has devoted his life to ensuring public safety. He spent nearly 20 years as a public servant ensuring the safety of California’s public schools. He has extensive expertise in structural engineering and safety. He has a Bachelor’s Degree in civil engineering and a Masters of Science degree in structural engineering. The school facilities community has been fortunate to have had this individual working as a partner to make sure that students and faculty are provided the safest buildings for education. He began his career with the Division of the State Architect reviewing plans to ensure they complied with the building codes and was quickly promoted to District Structural Engineer and then to Regional Manager of the San Diego Regional Office. He completed the circle of his service to DSA by returning to DSA headquarters in mid-2006, where he managed and oversaw the development of Electronic Plan Reviews and Electronic Document Managing, helped to establish and open DSA satellite offices in an effort to further reach out to districts, as well as collaborated to develop the High Performance Schools Program. Although this award recipient recently retired from DSA, you can still spot him at C.A.S.H. functions — now, in a private role. Please join me in honoring Mahendra Mehta for all his years of service and dedication to public schools.

Mavonne Garrity

This award recipient is a seasoned expert in education. Her résumé consists of work ranging from at-risk pupils and alternative education programs to career technical education and the School Facility Program. She has...
broad experience in the State Legislature, serving as personal staff to former legislators who focused heavily on education issues, namely Assembly Members Virginia Strom-Martin and Jackie Goldberg, both of whom chaired the Assembly Education Committee. This award recipient has exhibited commitment to championing education facilities issues, particularly during her three-year tenure as the Assistant Executive Officer to the State Allocation Board, where she continues as a principal consultant to Senator Alan Lowenthal’s Senate Select Committee on School Facilities. C.A.S.H. and school districts statewide have long admired the work and commitment of Ms. Mavonne Garrity and thank her for her past and continued service to the education facilities community.

**Dr. Jeff Vincent and Dr. Deborah McKoy**

The next two recipients work together at UC Berkeley’s Center for Cities and Schools. She is the founder and Director of the Center and he is the Co-Founder and Deputy Director. She has worked on urban policy and education for fifteen years at national and international levels, looking at the intersection of educational reform, community development, and public policy. His research looks at the relationship between school facility planning, land use planning, and community development. The Center conducts research, provides education, and facilitates collaborative policy making between local governments and school districts to help improve urban and metropolitan communities and public education.

Dr. Jeff Vincent and Dr. Deborah McKoy have been invaluable resources of information, research, and policy analysis to C.A.S.H. in the areas of school facilities planning and cost of building and modernizing schools. They have always responded to our requests for expert input and advice on facility matters of critical importance to C.A.S.H. and its members. Please join me in thanking Dr. Vincent and Dr. McKoy for providing a dimension of expertise and information that greatly assists and supports achievement of our mission and goals.

**Dave Zian**

This award recipient spent 21 years of his life serving the education facilities community with the Office of Public School Construction. Our collective memory knows him mostly for his recent position as Chief of Fiscal Services within the OPSC; however, he brought with him to that position his expertise in the program as former Chief of Program Services and earlier as a Policy Manager. This person spent many nights and weekends early in 1999 developing the implementing regulations for the then-newly enacted Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act, and therefore, bears the badge of one of the School Facility Program’s chief architects. While he no longer serves the education facilities community through the Office of Public School Construction, C.A.S.H. is grateful that we will be able to continue our work with him as Policy Deputy at the Division of the State Architect. Please join me in thanking Mr. Dave Zian for his continued work and commitment to the education facilities community.

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Rob Cook, Executive Director of the Office of Public School Construction, stated to the PMIB that the SAB/OPSC would be recommending priorities for funding projects when the PMIB again has cash to disburse.

The State Treasurer’s Office (STO) staff reported that market conditions were showing some improvement, and the STO is exploring whether it would be possible for the State to issue General Obligation bonds in a public sale. However, the task is very challenging, and the STO is also pursuing options for issuing GO bonds in a non-public sale.

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moved the proposed language regarding submission to DSA 30 days prior to the conclusion of the time period.

**The following items were deferred until the next meeting**

- Transfer of Critically Overcrowded Schools (COS) Funds
- General Obligation Bond Report
- Career Technical Education Facilities Program Funding Cycle
- Unfunded approvals for the Emergency Repair Program
- Unfunded Approvals for SFP Projects
- Prior Bond Funds Available for Transfer
- Murrieta Valley USD
- Expenditure Report Regulatory Amendments
- Seismic Mitigation Program
- Audio Video Casting for SAB Meetings
- SAB Meeting Locations

The next regularly scheduled SAB meeting is March 25th; however, as noted, the SAB members requested that a special meeting be scheduled in the next couple of weeks to address the large number of items on the SAB agenda.

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Following is the presentation given by Gene Hartline on Wednesday, February 25 at the C.A.S.H. 30th Annual Conference for the 2009 James L. Murdoch Award Recipient, Bill Lucas.

From 1978 into the early 1980’s, when C.A.S.H. was a fledgling organization, it was indeed a “coalition.” It included members from ACSA, CASBO, CSBA and leaders from school districts from large to small. We did not actually have a “Board” at that time, but rather people who were knowledgeable, had energy and gave service to the organization. These early leaders understood the crisis we faced in school facilities had only one solution: that being to engage and mobilize the powers in Sacramento in an effort to create a viable, long-term solution addressing the school housing needs generated by the ever-increasing waves of K-12 population growth of California. To succeed we should need a dual effort to:

1. Grow the organization as a comprehensive coalition for all school facilities stakeholders.
2. Develop a legislative platform and strategy to gather support from the legislature and administration.

Today we honor one of those leaders from the early days of C.A.S.H. We now celebrate one of the early pioneers. This person is one of a few selfless leaders that had a demanding day job in his district while adding to it by making polite yet firm demands of Sacramento and did what every leader in our organization has done since -- never to say “no” to this organization when asked to step up to work and take charge.

This man worked as a governmental relations officer of a large school district and brought his talent, “legislative know-how,” and political contacts to the C.A.S.H. table. This is important to note because his district was the largest in the land: it was Los Angeles Unified, a district that if its leaders choose to could navigate the political channels of the Capitol Building on their own. This man had great vision and knew what was good for all other districts would be good for LA. He never served as Chair or on the C.A.S.H. Board, yet he was integral to our successes in the early years. He served as the founding legislative committee chairman and helped design the course for C.A.S.H.’s legislative process.

After his retirement from the district, he was too energetic and too loyal to the cause of school facilities to actually retire from schools. He accepted a consultant position in Sacramento and offered his vast knowledge and political savvy to C.A.S.H. in another form: direct service as a lobbyist for C.A.S.H.

And it came to pass in 1991 that C.A.S.H. began working at the national level. C.A.S.H., through the efforts of then Chair Mike Vail, Vice-Chair Kelvin Lee and other leaders such as Mamie Starr, Duwayne Brooks, Tom Duffy, Ron Pregmon, Gaylaird Christopher and Jim Murdoch, established a toe-hold in Washington, D.C. Through their efforts and those of our honoree today a new organization was created. It was called the National Coalition for Adequate School Housing: NCASH. Our honoree was the first Legislative Director for NCASH, an organization that included school districts and others from California and a few other states. NCASH was successful in enlisting the Federal Office of Management and Budget to survey school districts nationally to gauge the need for the federal government to enter into the complex and costly world of school facilities. NCASH contracted with a lobbying firm in Washington D.C. and initiated legislation to provide funding for school building renovation, which resulted in the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Program that we call QZAB. NCASH changed to a California-only organization that was first called Cal-Fed School Infrastructure Coalition and now is called Californians for School Facilities.
Congratulations to the following firms and districts for winning awards during the 2009 C.A.S.H./AIACC Leroy F. Greene Design & Planning Awards.

C.A.S.H. would also like to thank Patricia Penn, CDE/School Facilities Planning Division, Richard Conrad, Division of the State Architect, William Savidge, C.A.S.H. Vice-Chair, West Contra Costa USD, John P. Grounds, AIA, AIACC President, RBB Architects, Inc., and Phillip H. Gerou, FAIA, Gerou & Associates, Ltd. for their hard work as the 2009 jury.

Modernization/Reconstruction

Award of Honor
Beverly Vista Elementary School Historic Preservation and Expansion
Beverly Hills Unified School District
Dougherty + Dougherty Architects, LLP

Award of Merit
Adelante High School Site Reconstruction, Modernization and Portable Replacement
Roseville Joint Union High School District
ATI Architects and Engineers

Project-in-Design

Award of Honor
Riverbank High School New Gymnasium
Riverbank Unified School District
Darden Architects, Inc.

Award of Honor
Montgomery High School Modernization and New Construction
Sweetwater Union High School District
Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke

Award of Honor
Valley Region Elementary School #6
Los Angeles Unified School District
MVE Institutional, Inc.

Award of Merit
Elementary School #9
Los Angeles Unified School District
HMC Architects

Award of Merit
American Canyon High School
Napa Valley Unified School District
Quattrocchi Kwok Architects

Specialized Facility

Award of Excellence
Science and Technology Center at Beverly Hills High School
Beverly Hills Unified School District
LPA, Inc.

Award of Honor
Livermore High School
Agriculture Science & Technology Complex
Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
LPA, Inc.

Award of Merit
Child Development Center
Clovis Unified School District
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### Award of Merit
Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Center at Tamalpais High School
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Quattrocchi Kwok Architects

### Award of Honor
Hector Godinez High School
Santa Ana Unified School District
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The 2009 Annual Conference was the scene of the second reunion of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy, bringing together alumni of the first and second cohorts with the current participants and mentors for an evening of cocktails, cupcakes, and camaraderie. The participants of the current year mingled with their peers and predecessors to strengthen the bonds made in class and forge new connections for growing in their selected career paths as facilities professionals and evolving leaders within the C.A.S.H. organization.

The event, hosted by C.A.S.H., and emceed by C.A.S.H. Past Chair and Academy Faculty, Pamela Johnson, took place Monday night at the top of the Hyatt in the Capitol View Ballroom. The discussions were lively, and many of the students and alumni stayed till the closing moments of the reception.

On Tuesday morning, the 2008-09 class attended the School Construction 101/201 workshop as supplemental to their education within the Academy. The students were asked to attend other, “elective” sessions of their choosing and are expected to report back their experiences at the next Academy session in April.

At the general session lunch on Tuesday, the students of the Academy, in their signature red shirts, were recognized from the podium and sat at tables near the front of the room. Mentors and alumni were also recognized for their past and current achievements within the C.A.S.H. organization.

Later in the day, Academy staff met, as they did at last year’s Conference, with the current-year participants and then with their mentors to receive guidance on how to continue to improve the program. The feedback was positive, open, and, once again, helpful.

The participants and alumni were a strong presence throughout the week-long conference at many workshops, roundtables, and social events. This is key to the future of C.A.S.H. as we roll out the applications for the 2009-10 School Facilities Leadership Academy. While most within the school facilities community are aware of the fiscal crisis in the state and the country, it

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The C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network held its annual breakfast meeting on Wednesday, February 25th to thank members for their participation in the Network this past year and to update them on the issues of interest to maintenance and operations departments in 2009 and beyond.

The C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network is co-chaired by Joe Dixon (Santa Ana USD) and Jim Bush (School Site Solutions, Inc.), and they began the breakfast meeting by thanking PCM3, Inc. and NTD Architects for their support of the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network by sponsoring the breakfast and Barnhart, Inc. for sponsoring the reception. Jim Bush also thanked the following individuals and Office of Public School Construction staff members for presenting at the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network workshops this past fall:

- Roger Chang, Los Angeles COE
- Cynthia DiPaola, Paramount USD
- John Hicks, Office of Public School Construction
- Scott Price, Glendale USD
- Elizabeth Goodnight, Glendale USD
- Jan Moss, Office of Public School Construction
- Steve Plaxco, Yuba City USD
- John Poytress, Clovis USD
- Rich Sheffield, Office of Public School Construction
- Steve Turner, Mendocino COE
- Gerald Yarbrough, Los Angeles COE

Ian Padilla, C.A.S.H. Legislative Advocate, provided an overview of the recently signed State Budget, the Federal Stimulus proposal, and the state freeze on infrastructure funding. Concerning state funding for maintenance, Mr. Padilla informed the group that while the Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) was funded, the categorical program “flexibility” provision contained in the State Budget allows school districts the flexibility to use school maintenance program funding to fund other programs which have been cut or have received less funding according to local priorities. In addition, Mr. Padilla stated that the State Budget also reduces the required contribution to the Routine Restricted Maintenance Account (RRMA) from 3% to 1% of the general fund for five years and that districts are not required to make their local half-percent match for the same period of time.

Brooks Allen, Williams implementation attorney, American Civil Liberties Union, was next on the agenda to provide an update on the status of Williams Emergency Repair Program (ERP) funding. Mr. Allen pointed out that under the recently signed State Budget, the ERP will receive $101 million for 2008-09 but prohibits districts from transferring funds from the Proposition 98 Reversion Account to the ERP account for the 2009-10 fiscal year and prohibits using ERP funds to supplant state deferred maintenance funds and from depositing these funds into districts’ deferred maintenance accounts. Mr. Allen also made members aware that, while the State Budget does not require districts to make their local match, to be eligible for ERP funds a district is required to make its local match, so this issue will need to clarified and resolved through revised OPSC regulations.

In light of this rather bad news with respect to the availability of state funding for school maintenance, Joe Dixon concluded the breakfast meeting by leading a discussion and soliciting input from members concerning ideas for how the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network would respond to the challenges posed to school M&O departments by limited funding for maintenance in the immediate future. Specifically, Mr. Dixon stated that he and Mr. Bush, both C.A.S.H. Board Members, intend to include discussion of inadequate funding for maintenance in the broader policy discussions of the C.A.S.H. Board.

Later that evening, the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network held its reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to thank our members. The reception was sponsored by Barnhart, Inc. and was well attended.

For more information about the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network, please contact Ian Padilla at ipadilla@m-w-h.com or Heidi Wadsworth at hwadsworth@m-w-h.com in the C.A.S.H. office.

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Our honoree’s contacts and Washington D.C. connections helped establish an organization 18 years ago that earlier this month led a delegation to the Nation’s Capitol to influence the federal stimulus legislation.

Our long time friend, outstanding school administrator, early C.A.S.H. leader and NCASH founding legislative director is with us here this afternoon having traveled from his home in San Diego County as he is invited to receive an award that goes only to stout of heart who never say “no” to this organization. Please join me in a standing ovation for Bill Lucas, a man and a legend.

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