



# CSFC Connection

## 2012 Annual Summit

Kudos to those who attended the 2012 County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC) Annual Summit! The two-day meeting was presided over by then-CSFC chair, Jenny Hannah, Kern COE, who guided our CSFC members through a terrific group of at-

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of an acknowledged workload list – that is moving forward to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). Later CSFC members shared their thoughts on a 2014 bond and the upcoming SAB process for the state School Facility Program (SFP) review.



Back Row: Sherrie Guthrie, Oprindera Riar, Steve Turner, Chris Cox, Ian Padilla, Susan Ryan, Rich Tucker  
Front Row: Anna Ferrera, Andrea Sullivan, Assembly Member Joan Buchanan, Jenny Hannah, Pamela Gibbs and Jeff Becker

tendees, speakers and special guests.

The CSFC Executive Board would like to greatly thank our sponsors, Eric Hall and Associates and the IBI Group, for making the Summit a very successful event!

The CSFC agenda was developed by our Executive Board Members with the overarching

goal of providing the most up-to-date information regarding the state's thinking on the future of facility funding and program changes that are on the horizon – combined with the financial and professional expertise of those working on county school

Our first day began with a scan of the various state department discussions and proposals regarding school facility funding. Tom Duffy shared C.A.S.H.'s thoughts on the State Allocation Board's (SAB) recent decision and regulations on the SFP unfunded list – now more

Through these discussions, our members were able to develop an advocacy strategy for providing County Office of Education

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(COE) input as these proposals move forward, and to finalize our 2012-2013 Goals and Priorities.

The second day was our “official” Summit day and it was a whirlwind of great people and great information. The presentations were stellar – you simply can’t beat the informal settings we are able to provide for good solid and productive discussions with the people who make it happen at the state level.

Kathleen Moore, Facilities Director at the California Department of Education and Jeff Vincent, Director of the Center for Cities and Schools presented their Sustainable Schools report and received input from CSFC Members. *A stakeholder meeting was hosted on October 1 by CDE. Anna Ferrera attended along with Andrea Sullivan, Orange County OCDE, and our incoming Chair Jeff Becker, Fresno COE, to provide input on the report and its recommendations.*

The SAB and OPSC were well represented by Bill Savidge and Lisa Silverman, Jason Hernandez and Rick Asbell. Not only were they informative on issues such as the new process for accepting applications after bond funding is depleted, they tailored their information on where previous funding has gone to COEs statewide. They hope to have

this information on their website soon – but CSFC Members at the Summit saw it first!!

Finally, we had a terrific two-part financing panel on the current state and local landscape directly affecting County Offices of Education (COEs). The panel consisted of Lori Raineri, Government Financial Strategies; and Mark Epstein, Betty Hanson, Michael Dodge and Mike Willis from California Financial Services.

CSFC Members then approved our new Chair, Jeff Becker, Fresno COE, and our 2012-2013 Goals and Priorities.

## **Congratulations, Jeff!!!**

More Summit details on our CSFC website at [www.cacsfc.org](http://www.cacsfc.org) when they are available. If you would like to receive our CSFC Annual Summit Issues memo and SFP Program Review white paper, please contact me directly at [aferrera@m-w-h.com](mailto:aferrera@m-w-h.com).

Thanks again to all those that participated – and we hope to see more of you in the coming year as we move forward in these discussions at the state level and advocate for a statewide school bond in 2014!

## **CSFC Mission Statement**

The County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC) advocates for California’s State School Facility Program flexibility and equal access to funding for county offices of education to provide quality school facilities for all students.

*Jenny Hannah and Sharon Olsen accepting award for Senator Alan Lowenthal*



## 2010-12 Legislative Session Wrap-Up

### **SB 633 (Huff)** – Bond Oversight – CSFC Opposed

This bill would have provided that the Department of Finance could take certain actions against an entity responsible for bond funds if DOF determined the funds were not properly expended. CSFC opposed this bill unless amended to exclude the State Allocation Board (SAB) as the DOF is a member of that board and is involved in all manners of school project funding approvals and appeals. SB 633 failed passage before the Business Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.

### **AB 1565 (Fuentes)** – Mandatory Pre-Qualification – CSFC Opposed

This bill will mandate school districts and county offices of education use a bidder prequalification process for all projects over \$1 million that receive School Facility Program (SFP) funding, with the exception of small school districts under 2,500 ADA. The pre-qualification mandate will apply to general contractors and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing subcontractors, and will go into effect for contracts awarded after January 1, 2014. CSFC opposed this bill on the grounds that it is an unnecessary mandate that will create extra work and costs for school districts. AB 1565 was signed by the Governor on September 30.

### **AB 2249 (Buchanan)** – Solar Water Heating – CSFC Support

This bill will make non-residential solar pool heating systems, including those installed at schools, eligible for incentives available under the California Solar Initiative (CSI) Thermal Program. AB 2249 was signed by the Governor on September 27.

### **SB 594 (Wolk)** – Net Energy Metering (NEM) Aggregation – CSFC Support

This bill will allow customers, including schools, to aggregate all of the meters on a property where a renewable energy system is located, thereby allowing them to apply the entire energy load to the full generation at a site. This bill addresses an equity issue inherent to the current NEM program. SB 594 was signed by the Governor on September 27.

### **SB 965 (Wright)** – Stormwater – CSFC Support

SB 965 is intended to improve stakeholder engagement with members of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the nine regional boards, and specifically would eliminate the current prohibition on ex-parte communications between members of the SWRCB and the regulated community. SB 965 was signed by the Governor on September 25.

### **SB 1509 (Simitian)** – Design-Build Sunset Extension – CSFC Support

SB 1509 will extend, until January 1, 2020, the sunset date on the ability for local education agencies to use the design-build school construction delivery method. This construction delivery option currently expires on January 1, 2014. SB 1509 was signed by the Governor on September 28.

### **SB 1516 (Leno)** – Public Contracts: Bids – Withdrawn by the Author

This bill would have required a period of time after a public contract was awarded for a project to allow for substantiating data of an equal item. CSFC argued that it is in the best interests of both the COE or school district and taxpayers to allow districts to require substantiation of substitutions in advance of the bid deadline, so that they can anticipate potential impacts to the project.



## ***CSFC 2012-13 Goals and Priorities***

### **Priority Items**

- Continue COE Education and Outreach with State Officials and Legislators
- Monitor State Program Review for School Facilities by the State Allocation Board (SAB)
  - Financial Hardship (FH) Review and Participation
- COE Facility Funding Under a Future Bond

### **Action Items**

**COE Education and Outreach:** CSFC will continue to work to inform and educate new SAB members as they are appointed regarding the unique COE roles and responsibilities, and to build on the relationships we have developed by meeting with SAB members and the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) staff on a regular basis to discuss issues of importance and potential impact and to offer comments from the COE perspective and assistance.

**New State Program for School Facilities:** CSFC will provide positions and forward input on a new state program for school facilities as outlined in the CSFC position paper.

This year our funding discussions have included:

- Requiring school districts to share bond dollars with COEs for Special Education students that must comply with the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and peer inclusion rules at the state and federal level.
- Providing a portion of Developer Fees for COE facilities.
- Allowing COEs (and districts) with Financial Hardship status to participate in Joint-Use and CTE.
- Alternative education grant adjustment and loading standard.
- Funding for COE administrative buildings.

**Financial Hardship:** CSFC will proactively seek to participate in any review of Financial Hardship that may be undertaken by the SAB, the Department of Finance (DOF) or the OPSC.

**Audits:** The SAB accepted recommendations made last year by the SAB Audit Subcommittee to address issues raised in a DOF report issued last year about the current OPSC process. An Audit Subcommittee Working Group was formed to assist the Subcommittee in the development of a process and provide other stakeholder input. CSFC will seek to participate and provide comment as these discussions move forward and the implementation of any new audit process.

### **Other Issues:**

- SAB Unfunded List Proposal and OAL Regulatory Process
  - Process for SFP applications that go before the Board between now and December 2012 or before new rules are approved
  - How to address “deadwood” projects on the list that have not moved forward under Priority in Funding (PIF)
  - Bridge Financing for COEs
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## COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSORTIUM Membership Application

- Yes! I wish to become a member of the County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC). Please enter my yearly membership at the following fee:

FEE SCHEDULE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 1 and Class 2 counties (K-14 ADA greater than 140,000) .....	\$3300 per year
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 3 counties (K-14 ADA between 60,000 and 139,999).....	\$2700 per year
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 4 counties (K-14 ADA between 30,000 and 59,999).....	\$2100 per year
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 5 counties (K-14 ADA between 15,000 and 29,999).....	\$1440 per year
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 6 counties (K-14 ADA between 7,000 and 14,999).....	\$780 per year
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 7 counties and 8 counties (K-14 ADA fewer than 7,000).....	\$420 per year

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