



# CSFC Connection

## Special Guests, Funding Concerns & Emergency Preparedness at the 2011 Summit

CSFC Members are gathering at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for their 2011 Annual Summit. CSFC’s Annual Summit allows County Offices of Education (COE) to come together to discuss their unique facility issues. Members also use this time to develop their priorities for the coming year.

The Summit agenda includes discussions on the future of the School Facilities Program (SFP), concerns regarding the treatment of projects under Financial Hardship, a Special Education update, emergency preparedness and stormwater.

CSFC will also be working on new ways to raise awareness with state and legislative members regarding the role COEs play in terms of the students they serve on a regional basis and their audit and other responsibilities to the school districts within their county jurisdiction.

On Monday afternoon, CSFC members will meet to discuss in detail their concerns and focus discussions that will be held during the

following Summit Day. A legislative reception honoring Assembly Member Julia Brownley will follow on Monday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Following the reception, CSFC Members will attend a hosted dinner at the Blue Prynt restaurant. The dinner will provide more time to discuss the pending agenda and compare notes on school facilities issues with their colleagues across the state.

Kicking off the full Summit Day, Tony Quinn, the Sacramento Bee’s political pundit and resident expert on redistricting issues, will provide the group with an overview of its impacts and prospects for education and infrastructure as the budget concerns continue and remain problematic.

Kathleen Moore, Director of the School Facilities Planning Division of the California Department of Education, will be briefing the group as the lunchtime speaker on recent actions by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Throughout the Summit, CSFC members will be discussing the many issues impacting COEs and sharing their own personal experiences with solving facility challenges and sharing that information with their fellow facilities colleagues.

After sessions by their fellow COE representatives on special education and SAB Financial Hardship appeals, SAB Member Joan Buchanan will join the group in an interactive session to discuss the future of school facilities.

“There is more work ahead to define, educate and defend the county office school construction process in the coming year – it just never ends,” said Jenny Hannah of Kern County Superintendent of Schools and CSFC’s Chair. “We look forward to productive discussions amongst our members at the Summit and a more active dialogue with the state to communicate county offices’ unique role in educating California’s students and the facilities that serve them over the coming year.”

2011 CSFC Annual Summit  
**September 19-20, 2011**  
at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento.  
To register, visit [www.cacsfc.org](http://www.cacsfc.org)

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# 2011 Summit Agenda

## Day One      General Session

- 12:30 p.m.      Registration
- 1:00 p.m.      Informal Meet & Greet w/ Refreshments
- 1:15 p.m.      Chair Opening Remarks, Introductions & Meeting Format  
*Jenny Hannah, Kern County Superintendent of Schools*
- 1:30 p.m.      Conversation Regarding COEs and Financial Hardship  
*Guest Speaker: Kathleen Moore, California Dept. of Education*
- 2:30 p.m.      Break
- 2:45 p.m.      2012 School Facilities Bond Polling Results  
*Guest Speaker: Dave Walrath, Murdoch, Walrath and Holmes*
- 3:15 p.m.      COE Issues – Overview of Tomorrow’s Agenda
- Future of COE Facility Funding – CSFC Positions on:
    - 2012 Statewide Bond
    - Redevelopment Agency Issues
    - Funding for COE Facilities
- SFP Program Funding, SAB Actions and COE Issues
- Financial Hardship
  - Special Education
  - Audits
- 5:00 p.m.      Program Adjourned for Day
- 5:30 p.m.      State and Legislative Reception  
*Honoring Assembly Member Julia Brownley*
- 7:00 p.m.      Hosted CSFC Member Dinner  
*- Blue Prynt Restaurant, 815 11th Street, Sacramento*

## ***Bond Sale Scheduled for September 20***

The State Treasurer is scheduled to sell state general obligation bonds on September 20, 2011.

The amount scheduled is \$1,300,000,000 in New Money (Commercial Paper Paydown) and up to \$1,300,000,000 Current Refunding, Subject to Market Conditions.

We must urge the state to sell K-12 school bonds. There is an existing \$1.6 billion in SAB approved, but unfunded, projects.

CSFC urges county offices of education to write letters to the Governor and their state legislators, identifying their waiting projects and the jobs they can create for the local community and the state.

We need to ensure that the needs of the school facility community do not go unmet when the state does its September 20 sale.

See our template letter on the CSFC website at [www.cacsfc.org](http://www.cacsfc.org) and a list of unfunded projects with local legislators in your county.

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# 2011 Summit Agenda

## Day Two      CSFC SUMMIT DAY

- 8:00 a.m.      Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 8:30 a.m.      Welcome and Introductions -*Jenny Hannah, Kern County Supt. of Schools & CSFC Chair*
- 8:45 a.m.      Rollout of Priority Issues for County Offices  
                    - *Anna Ferrera, CSFC Executive Director*
- 9:15 a.m.      Special Education Update  
                    - *James Johnson – California Department of Education*
- 10:00 a.m.     Redistricting and Budget Discussion  
                    *Guest Speaker: Tony Quinn, Contributor to The Sacramento Bee, Political Pundit*
- 10:30 a.m.     Break
- 10:45 a.m.     Session I: Financial Hardship & Panel: COE Appeals Before the State Allocation Board  
                    -*Mamie Starr, San Joaquin COE; Andrea Sullivan, OCDE; Rick Huston, Butte COE; Jeff Becker, Fresno COE; and Matt Pettler, School Facility Consultants*
- 11:45 a.m.     OPSC Audits: DOF Report and Discussion  
                    - *Andrea Sullivan, Orange County Department of Education*
- 12:30 p.m.     Lunch – Superintendent of Public Instruction’s Blueprint for Great Schools  
                    *Presentation by Kathleen Moore, California Dept. of Education*
- 1:30 p.m.      Session II: Stormwater  
                    *Steve Turner, Mendocino COE and Ian Padilla, Murdoch, Walrath & Holmes*
- 2:15p.m.      Session III: Role of the COE in Natural Disasters or Emergencies  
                    *Steve Turner, Mendocino COE; Denise Smith, Imperial COE; Michael D’Amico, Riverside COE; Susan Ryan, Eric Hall & Associates*
- 3:15 p.m.      Break
- 3:30 p.m.      The Future of School Facilities Funding: Interactive Discussion  
                    *Guest Speaker: Assembly Member Joan Buchanan (D-Stockton, Elk Grove)*
- 4:15 p.m.      Session IV: Redevelopment Agency Issues: Outcome  
                    *Chris Cox, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools; Andrea Sullivan, Orange County Dept. of Ed.; and Matt Pettler, School Facility Consultants*
- 5:00 p.m.      Adjourn – Thank you and COE Special Announcements
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## *Mamie Starr of SJCOE Announces Retirement*

Mamie Starr, Director of Operations and Support Services of the San Joaquin County Office of Education, announced earlier this year that she will be retiring at the end of September. Mamie has been an active member of CSFC, serving on the Executive Committee since 2006.

Prior to joining the COE world, Mamie was the Asst. Superintendent of Facilities and Planning at Lodi Unified for over 20 years and has been a private consultant in school and land use planning as well as a land use and environmental planner at the city, county and regional

government levels. She is a past chair of the Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) and past-chair to the FSCO group of CCSESA. She has written and implemented numerous master plans and coordinated numerous ed specs processes resulting in dozens of new construction and modernization projects.

While she plans to spend her retirement mostly with her grandchildren, she promises that her ties to the school facility world won't let her stray far. Mamie, you will truly be missed! CSFC congratulates you and thanks you for all your hard work over the years.

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## *CSFC 2011 Meeting Calendar*

### Annual Summit

September 19-20, 2011  
Sheraton Grand Hotel  
Sacramento, CA

### Executive Board Meetings (open to all)

September 28, 2011 • 12:30 p.m.  
October 26, 2011 • 12:30 p.m.  
November/December (TBD)

*Executive Board Meetings: All meetings will be held at the Office of Murdoch Walrath & Holmes, 1130 K Street, Suite 210, Sacramento. All meetings will be available via conference call for those unable to travel. **Please RSVP to Meagan Poulos at mpoulos@m-w-h.com if you wish to attend any meeting.***

### State Allocation Board Meetings

September 28 • 2:00 p.m.  
October 26 • 2:00 p.m.  
November/December (TBD)

*The SAB meets in different rooms within the State Capitol. Due to scheduling changes within the Legislature, some of the SAB meetings may be cancelled or changed with short notice.*

### Implementation Committee Meetings

*No future meetings announced at this time*

*Implementation Meeting times are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a 1-hour lunch break. Please check [www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov](http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov) for hearing room assignments as meeting times, dates and locations are subject to change.*

