



2015 Year in Review

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and the State Allocation Board (Board) have made many significant accomplishments in the past year. Our key accomplishment for 2015 was the apportionment of funds for School Facility Program (SFP) projects in April and August, for a total of \$304.5 million for 94 projects throughout the state. Of that amount, we have released more than \$253 million to school districts, which provided critical funding for K-12 school facilities.

Another highlight of 2015 was the funding provided in the State Budget for the Emergency Repair Program (ERP), which enabled the release of \$271 million for 1,422 ERP projects statewide. The ERP provides grant and/or reimbursement funding to school districts for the cost of repairing or replacing existing building systems or structural components that are broken or not functioning properly and which pose a health and safety threat to students and staff at eligible school sites. With this release, the state has satisfied its obligation to provide \$800 million to school districts.



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2015 Year in Review...

The Board also provided unfunded Preliminary Charter School Apportionments totaling \$59.5 million to the successful applicants of the Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP) funding round.

2016 will continue to bring changes to OPSC, as SFP bond authority is nearly depleted. Our focus will remain on providing excellent customer service and continuing to process applications for our active programs. Currently the SMP has \$86.7 million in remaining bond authority. In addition, we continue to accept applications for Facility Hardship projects. Those projects are processed and taken forward for funding as new construction and modernization bond authority returns to the program. The Board has decided to fund Facility Hardship projects first as they are tied to health and safety issues. Finally, there are many CSFP projects that are moving toward conversion to final charter school apportionments.

As always, OPSC staff will continue working hard to prepare funding items for the Board and release funds as quickly as possible to school districts, as well as closeout those projects already completed. We are proud of our mission, and the work we've done "enriching the lives of California's school children as stewards of the taxpayer's commitment to education."

We look forward to serving California's school districts in 2016.

If you are planning an SMP project or have questions about the SMP process, please contact your [OPSC project manager](#).

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Annual Adjustment to the SFP Grant Amounts

At its January 2016 meeting, the State Allocation Board (Board) approved the annual adjustment in the School Facility Program (SFP) grants based on the change in construction costs pursuant to the California Education Code and SFP Regulations. The annual adjustment to the SFP grants is based on a statewide cost index for Class B construction. Each year the Board adjusts the SFP grants to reflect construction cost changes.

For this calendar year, the Board adopted an increase of 0.27 percent for the 2016 SFP grants based on the RS Means Construction Cost Index (CCI). The RS Means Index takes into account 12 California cities and 66 different types of construction materials.

This increase does not impact the projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans), only projects receiving new unfunded approvals in the 2016 calendar year.

The adopted CCI adjustment changed the threshold amount for California Government Code Section 66452.6(a)(2) for the period of one year commencing March 1, 2016.

Lastly, the Board adopted RS Means as the new index on a permanent basis for 2016 and beyond.

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Index Adjustment on the Assessment for Development

At its January 2016 meeting, the State Allocation Board (Board) approved RS Means Construction Cost Index as the Index Adjustment on the Assessment for Development on a permanent basis. Pursuant to California Education and Government Code, the maximum assessment for development is to be adjusted every two years by the change in the Class B construction cost index, as determined by the Board at the January meeting.

For the change from 2014 to 2016, the Board approved an adjustment to the Maximum Level I Assessment per square foot amounts for residential and commercial construction based on the RS Means Construction Cost Index. The assessment rates are now \$3.39 per square foot for residential and \$0.55 per square foot for commercial/industrial buildings.

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Did You Know?

Did you know that the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) has a YouTube Channel? OPSC has uploaded the webcasts of all State Allocation Board meetings, SAB subcommittee meetings, and Implementation Committee meetings dating back to 2009.

YouTube offers the following advantages:

- The ability to receive email and mobile notifications when a new video is added (must subscribe to OPSC’s channel).
- The ability to watch videos through both Android and iOS mobile devices.
- The ability to save favorite videos.
- The ability to “rewind” and “fast forward” through videos.
- The ability to download videos (with YouTube Red subscription only)

A link to OPSC’s YouTube channel can be found on our home page or here:

<http://www.youtube.com/OPSCYou>

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Community Corner

Upcoming Events

Sierra Sands Unified School District Groundbreaking Ceremony

New Murray Middle School and Burroughs High School Modernization,
Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at 1:30 PM

Location: New Murray Middle School Grounds
500 Drummond Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Contact: Sierra Sands Unified School District, Elaine Janson, (760) 499-5303

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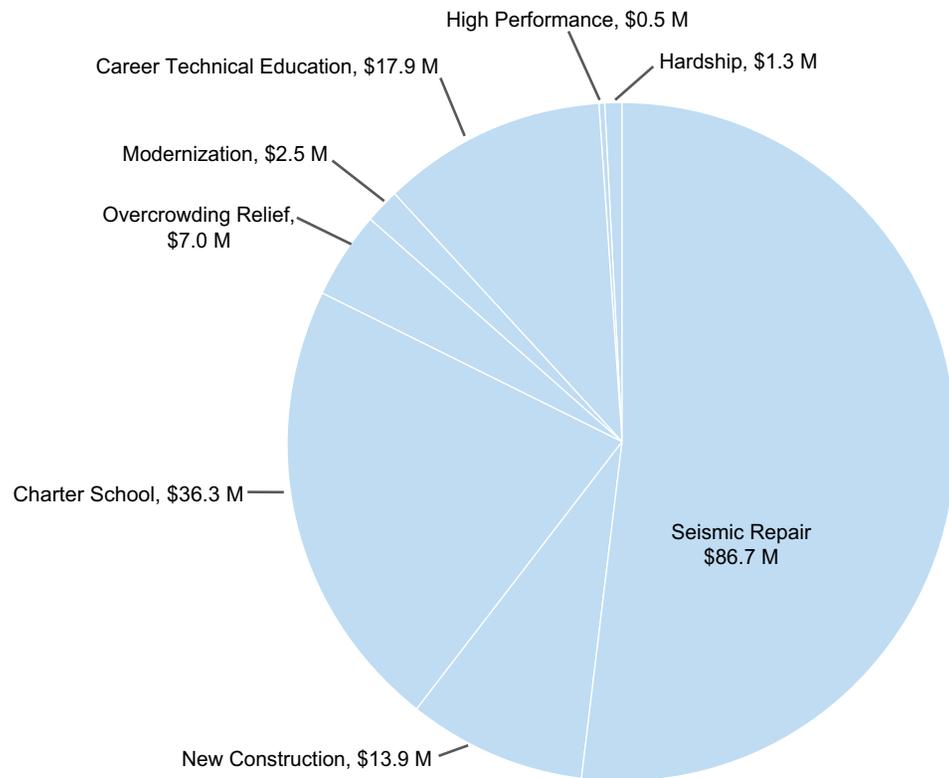
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Remaining Bond Authority

\$166.1 million as of Jan. 27, 2016
(by program, in millions)



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Regulatory Update

Implementation of Senate Bill 854 Proposed Regulations

- Eliminates the additional prevailing wage monitoring grant for projects with a public works contract awarded on or after June 20, 2014.
- Amends various regulation sections (13).
- Amends the *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04), *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05), *Application for Joint-Use Funding* (Form SAB 50-07), *Application for Preliminary Apportionment* (Form SAB 50-08), *Application for Charter School Preliminary Apportionment* (Form SAB 50-09), and *Application for Career Technical Education Facilities Funding* (Form SAB 50-10).
- Approved by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on Nov. 3, 2015. However, the effective date is Jan. 1, 2016, pursuant to Government Code Section 11343.4(a)(3)[Senate Bill 1099 (Wright), Chapter 295, Statutes of 2012].

Implementation of Senate Bill 869 Proposed Regulations

- Restricts the SAB's ability to allocate High Performance Incentive and Career Technical Education Facilities Program funding; **and**
- Establishes a process for the distribution of returning High Performance Incentive grants and Career Technical Education bond authority to the SFP on or after Jan. 1, 2015.
- Amends regulation sections: 1859.2, 1859.70.4, 1859.107, 1859.164.2, 1859.190, 1859.195, 1859.198, 1859.70.4, 1859.93, 1859.93.1, and 1859.190.
- Amends the *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04)
- Approved by the OAL on Dec. 23, 2015; effective date is Dec. 23, 2015.

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Regulatory Update, continued...

Implementation of Assembly Bill 97 and Senate Bill 971 Proposed Regulation Changes

- Aligns the State Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) and SFP regulations with enacting legislation [AB 97, Chapter 47, Statutes of 2013 and SB 971, Chapter 923, Statues of 2014].
- DMP regulation sections inoperative in their entirety.
- Amends regulation sections: 1859.2 and 1859.102.
- Amends the Application for Funding (Form SAB 50-04)
- 45-day public comment period ended Dec. 28, 2015.

General Site Development One-Year Extension

- Extends for one year (until Jan. 1, 2017) the additional grant for General Site Development.
- Amends SFP regulation section 1859.76.
- Approved by the OAL on Dec. 21, 2015; effective date is Dec. 21, 2015.

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Upcoming Meetings

State Allocation Board

- Consent Only - Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 at 4 p.m. Location TBD
- Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 4 p.m. Location TBD

Next Funding Certification

Tenth Priority Funding Request Period

- Filing period began: Nov. 11, 2015
- Filing period ended: Dec. 10, 2015
- Requests valid: Jan. 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016

Next Funding Certification

Eleventh Priority Funding Request Period

- Filing period begins: May 11, 2016
- Filing period ends: June 9, 2016
- Requests valid: July 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016

For additional information, please see the [OPSC Events Calendar](#) online.

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