

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
State Allocation Board Meeting, May 29, 1996

NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report the status of the Northridge Earthquake Program.

BACKGROUND

The Northridge Earthquake occurred on January 17, 1994 and caused damage to 43 of California's school districts. The Office of Emergency Services (OES) requested that the State Allocation Board (SAB) participate in the funding of the costs incurred by the school districts as a result of the earthquake.

The Board adopted the Northridge Earthquake Program on February 22, 1995 which allows for the payment of the State's share (ten percent) of the earthquake costs. The Board has reserved \$45,000,000 for this program.

STATUS OF THE PROGRAM

To implement the program, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) has sent out letters requesting the districts that submitted Damage Survey Reports to the OES file an application with the OPSC.

To date 23 of the 43 districts have requested to participate in the Northridge Earthquake Program and subsequent follow-up letters have been sent to those districts not responding to our inquiries.

Districts have been requested by the OES to submit reports which reflect the expenditures made for reimbursement from the Northridge Earthquake set aside funds. Previous apportionment requests, from the OES, in the amount of \$201,256 have been received and apportioned. This consent agenda contains \$221,967 requests for reimbursement attributable to the program, thus bringing the total amount apportioned to \$423,223 for the program.

The OES has stated that within the next several months it will be submitting districts' requests in the amount of \$8,000,000 for apportionment.