

Seismic Mitigation Program Update

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Proposition 1D provided up to \$199.5 million for seismic repair, reconstruction, or replacement of the most vulnerable school facilities. In August 2009, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP) regulation changes to increase participation in the program by making additional building types eligible and by reducing the minimum short period spectral acceleration criteria, the measurement of the velocity of ground movement that could occur during an earthquake.

To qualify for seismic mitigation funding, a school district must have a building classified as a Most Vulnerable Category 2 Building, as verified the Division of the State Architect (DSA), and the building must be in a location with a short period spectral acceleration rating that equals or exceeds 1.68g. However, at the March 23, 2011 SAB meeting, an SAB subcommittee on the Seismic Mitigation Program was created to consider modifications to the program criteria in order to increase participation in the program. The subcommittee will hold its first meeting on April 12, 2011.

In November 2009, the California Seismic Safety Commission (CSSC) provided to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) a \$200,000 grant to contract for structural engineering services to conduct evaluations

Did You Know?

The California Department of Education (CDE), the Division of the State Architect (DSA), and the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) hosted the first in a series of quarterly Joint Workshops on March 24, 2011. The [presentation and other materials](#) are available on the OPSC's website. If you viewed the workshop live or via webcast, please complete our anonymous [feedback survey](#) to help us plan and improve future events.

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