



Grand Terrace High School, Colton Joint Unified School District



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## Funding Updates

I am pleased to announce that the State Allocation Board (SAB) awarded approximately \$372.2 million to fund 105 school construction projects at a specially scheduled meeting on April 7, 2014. The money was distributed among 43 school districts throughout the state. Funding was made available from Propositions 47, 55, 1A, and 1D for distribution to School Facility Program projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) with a valid priority funding request as shown on the [current priority funding request list \(6th request period\)](#). School districts with projects that received apportionments at the April 7, 2014 SAB meeting must submit a [Fund Release Authorization](#) (Form SAB 50-05) and all required documentation no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2014. Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) staff will make every effort to get this funding to districts quickly.

The seventh priority funding request period opens on May 14, 2014 and will close on June 12, 2014. Requests must be received by the OPSC prior to

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5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2014. Requests will be valid from July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

I would like to take a moment to remind all school districts that the Nonparticipation in the Priority Funding Process regulation is in effect. If a district has two nonparticipation occurrences for a specific application, the funding for the project will be rescinded without further action by the SAB. For more information on the nonparticipation regulation or nonparticipation lists see the [Priority Funding Information page](#) on the [OPSC website](#) or contact your [project manager](#).

Finally, I would like to remind all districts and charter schools of the current Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP) filing round. Both school districts and charter schools may submit applications for Preliminary Charter School Apportionment. The filing period opened on April 1, 2014 and closes on May 30, 2014. More detailed information on the filing period and the application submittal requirements can be found on the [CSFP page](#) of the OPSC website.

Please send comments and suggestions for future editions of *Building Blocks* to [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov).



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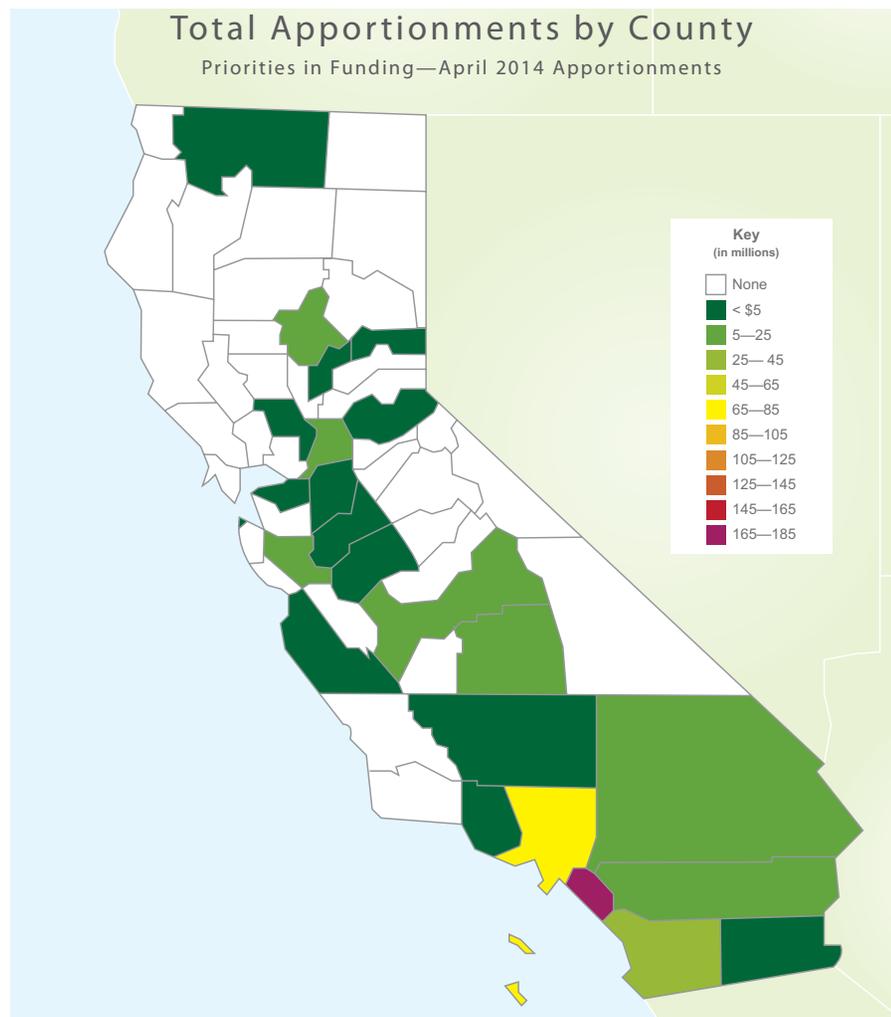
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# Where's the Money?

By Laurel Brode

At the April 7, 2014 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the SAB granted \$372.2 million in priority funding apportionments to **105 projects**. The following map illustrates the distribution of these apportionments by county. Apportionment amounts include Financial Hardship apportionments.



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# Priority Funding Process Extended to Three Additional Programs

by Valerie Castro

At its March 26, 2014 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved amendments to School Facility Program Regulation Section 1859.90.3 that would extend the Priority Funding (PF) process to the Overcrowding Relief Grant (ORG) program, Career Technical Educational Facilities Program (CTEFP) and Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP). In keeping with the original timelines provided by the CTEFP, special consideration was given to CTEFP projects that were approved with a reservation of funds.

## Nonparticipation in Priority Funding

The SAB approved the regulatory amendments on a non-emergency basis to provide affected applicants adequate time to prepare for their first PF filing round. The amended regulations will likely be effective on October 1, 2014. The first applicable PF filing period would begin on November 12, 2014; this provides affected applicants with seven months before being required to participate in their first PF filing round. The second PF filing period would begin on May 13, 2015.

Two occurrences of nonparticipation in these filing periods could result in a rescission by June 2015 as shown in the chart below.

Two Occurrences of Nonparticipation in a Filing Round:

ESTIMATED OAL REGULATION EFFECTIVE DATE	FIRST PRIORITY FUNDING FILING PERIOD	SECOND PRIORITY FUNDING FILING PERIOD	RESCISSION
October 1, 2014	NO November 12, 2014	NO May 13, 2015	June 12, 2015

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If the applicant does not participate in the first filing round, participates in the second filing round and receives an apportionment in December 2015, but does not submit a Fund Release request within 90 days, a possible rescission would occur in March 2016 as shown in the chart below.

*One Occurrence of Nonparticipation + One Occurrence of No Submittal of a Valid Fund Release*

ESTIMATED OAL REGULATION EFFECTIVE DATE	FIRST PRIORITY FUNDING FILING PERIOD	SECOND PRIORITY FUNDING FILING PERIOD	APPORTIONMENT GRANTED	VALID FUND RELEASE NOT RECEIVED RESCISSION
October 1, 2014	NO November 12, 2014	YES May 13, 2015	YES December 2015	March 2016

**Special Consideration for CTEFP**

Applying the PF regulations to the CTEFP required additional considerations by the SAB. The PF regulations will apply to all CTEFP projects including those that have a "reservation of funds" as described in SFP Regulation Section 1859.193(d). Under existing regulations, CTEFP applications can be approved without having California Department of Education (CDE) and Division of the State Architect (DSA) approved plans and specifications. After an apportionment is approved, the applicant has up to 12 months to submit these documents to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). When the required approvals are submitted, the applicant is eligible for a fund release.

The amendments approved by the SAB would maintain the 12-month period, enabling applicants time to acquire CDE and DSA approvals; however, the 12-month period would begin on the date of apportionment. Receipt of the CDE and DSA-approved plans and specifications would trigger the 90-day period for the applicant to meet the requirements of a PF apportionment fund release. If an applicant does not submit the required CDE and DSA approvals

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within the 12-month period, the apportionment will be rescinded without further Board action and the CTEFP bond authority will return to the program for reallocation.

The chart below illustrates the new process that will apply to CTEFP projects after the regulatory amendments become effective, which is expected to be October 1, 2014.



The regulatory amendments approved by the SAB do not take effect until approved by the Office of Administrative Law. Applicants with ORG, CTEFP, and CSFP projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) can check the status of these regulations in the Regulatory Update section of future issues of *Building Blocks* or on the OPSC's [Pending Regulatory Changes](#) Web page.

For more information, please contact your [OPSC project manager](#).

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# Project Tracking Number Update

By Liz Cheyne

Since the introduction of the Office of Public School Construction’s (OPSC) new Project Tracking Number (PTN) system, some users have experienced difficulty logging in or creating a new PTN. Following are step-by-step guides to: (1) Change a PTN password, or (2) Add a new PTN.

For an alternate version of this article containing screenshots please click [here](#).

## CHANGING A PTN PASSWORD

### A. Expired Password

When logging into the new PTN system for the first time, you will be required to change your password.

1. Open the [OPSC Web page](#). Under the “Quick Links” section on the right of the page, select “Project Tracking Search Tool” to open the Project Tracking page. Place your cursor over “PTN Generator” and select “Log In” on the menu bar. Toward the bottom of the page, click on the “Change your password?” link.
2. Enter the Username (5-digit district code) and the Current Password (the old 5-digit password). Enter a New Password. Please note that the new password must be at least eight characters with at least one letter and one number (Example: password1). The password is case sensitive.
3. Confirm the New Password, select a Security Question and provide the Security Answer. Please remember that the security question and answer may be available to multiple users. After all fields have been completed, click “Save.”

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**B. Lost Password**

If the school district has already changed the expired password but the new password has been lost:

1. Open the OPSC Web page. Under the "Quick Links" section on the right of the page, select "Project Tracking Search Tool" to open the Project Tracking page. Hover your cursor over "PTN Generator" and select "Log In" on the menu bar. Toward the bottom of the page, click on the "Forgot your password?" link.
2. Enter the Username and District Representative's email address.
3. Answer the Security Question. A new temporary password will be emailed to the Superintendent and the District Representatives on file. If the district does not have the answer to the Security Question, please send an email to the [Project Tracking Administrator](#) stating that the district needs the PTN password to be reset. You will be contacted by an OPSC employee when it is done or if more information is needed.

**ADDING A NEW PTN**

1. Open the PTN System Web page.
2. Place cursor over the "PTN" drop down menu and click on the blue "Manage PTN" button in the submenu bar.
3. Click on the "Add New PTN" button.
4. Complete the form and click the "Save" button to add the new PTN record.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please click on the "Project Tracking Administrator" link located at the bottom of the [log in screen](#).

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# Funding Available for Charter School Facility Program Projects

By Jason Casillas

On March 26, 2014, the State Allocation Board (SAB) heard options regarding how much bond authority to make available for the upcoming 2014 Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP) Filing Round, which was authorized by the SAB at its November 2013 meeting.

Of the \$100.5 million in bond authority available for the CSFP, the SAB determined that \$7.6 million should be reserved to augment 11 previously approved projects with a preliminary apportionment variance and to reserve \$5.3 million for future Office of Public School Construction administrative costs. The SAB also determined that any additional authority returning to the program can be used to fund preliminary apportionments during the current filing round. At the moment, \$87.6 million is available for preliminary apportionments.

When preparing this SAB item, staff determined that an adjustment to the CSFP preliminary apportionment amounts was necessary as the six percent increase previously applied to the new construction grants in 2008 was not applied to the preliminary apportionment calculation for previously approved CSFP projects. The SAB reserved \$7.6 million to provide future adjustments to 11 active preliminary apportionments. The \$7.6 million reflects the variance between the actual preliminary apportionment amounts and what they would have been if the six percent increase was in effect at the time the preliminary apportionments were awarded. The SAB approved the permanent increase to the CSFP preliminary apportionment amounts to reflect the six percent increase under a separate SAB item.

All other Proposition 47, 55, and 1D bond authority in the CSFP will be available to fund preliminary apportionments for the upcoming filing round. The SAB also declared that unfunded applications shall remain valid for eight months after the awarding of the initial preliminary apportionments. If bond authority returns to the CSFP during the eight month period, it will be used to continue funding projects submitted during the filing round. Once the eight

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months have expired, any unfunded projects will be returned to the applicant and the filing round will be closed.

Finally, the SAB stipulated that upon conversion of any of the 11 projects with a preliminary apportionment variance, any bond authority reserved for, but not needed by, that project be made available immediately for other charter school purposes.

**Did You Know...**

***Charter School Facilities Program Webinar/Workshop Series***

The filing period for the current round of Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP) funding began on April 1, 2014 and ends on May 30, 2014. Over the past few months, the Office of Public School Construction, in partnership with the California School Finance Authority and the California Department of Education, held two webinars and a series of technical workshops throughout the state to assist charter schools and school districts in the preparation of applications and fully explain the program requirements and process.

Were you unable to attend a workshop or view a live webinar? Both the January 13, 2014 and April 1, 2014 recorded webinars, as well as archived meeting materials and program information, is available on the [CSFP Web page](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the following staff for assistance:

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## School of the Month

### Grand Terrace High School

Colton Joint Unified School District, San Bernardino County



DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:  
New Construction Program

When Colton Joint Unified School District (CJUSD) dedicated Grand Terrace High School (GTHS) in August 2012, it was an event many had looked forward to for decades.

The 96-classroom, 2,500-student-capacity campus is the district's third comprehensive high school and includes two-story classroom buildings, an

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aquatic center, stadium, a designated student services building, and a performing arts theater. The new construction project was built using a combination of funds from two separate local bond measures and state funds.



The CJUSD is an approximately 23,500-student district in San Bernardino County that covers 48 square miles bisected by Interstate 10. It is primarily comprised of the cities of Colton and Grand Terrace and the unincorporated community of Bloomington, each of which has a distinct identity.

The district's other two comprehensive high schools, Colton and Bloomington high schools, opened in 1895 and 1962, respectively. Both the school district and the residents of Grand Terrace had long discussed building a comprehensive high school in Grand Terrace as a way to relieve crowding at the existing high schools and to provide Grand Terrace with a high school more geographically accessible to its families. Many residents remember hearing plans discussed as far back as the 1970s.



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Efforts to build GTHS included eminent domain proceedings for two separate sites, the first of which had to be abandoned in 2000 due to the discovery of earthquake faults.

After passage in 2001 of the first of two local school construction bonds, the district began a property search that eventually led to the school's current site. Acquired from multiple property owners, it was formerly used for purposes ranging from residences to a large industrial lumber mill. CJUSD broke ground in Spring 2009 and welcomed its first classes of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in August 2012.

The district launched construction in two phases. The first was a "base campus," encompassing 250,000 square feet of building space, 96 classrooms, and capacity to seat 2,500 students. Its \$123.6 million cost combined local bond funds with state funds and capital facilities funds. In 2010, a second phase was added including the stadium, pool, and student services building, which was built for a cost of \$20 million from local bond funds, for a total project cost of \$143.6 million.

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The campus also includes the following:

- Web-based energy management system to control heating, ventilation, and air conditioning and exterior lighting
- Outdoor amphitheater, and library/media center
- 500+ seat performing arts auditorium
- Music and choir rooms
- 176-seat lecture hall for staff seminars/training and student lectures
- 2,000-seat gym with 3 full-size basketball courts
- Gym building; including dance room, weight room, and wrestling room
- A football stadium/track with 4,200 total seating capacity
- Synthetic turf for football field and rubberized track
- Varsity/Junior Varsity baseball and softball fields
- Outdoor basketball and tennis courts

The benefits to the district's other two high schools have been significant. Opening a third school, along with completion of new math and science building projects at both campuses, has allowed the district to eliminate a combined 89 portable classrooms as well as significantly reduce crowding to common areas such as cafeterias.



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## Bond Proceeds Released

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009–2013 bond sales, as of March 26, 2014:

**November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$110.3 million of \$111.4 million — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 39 projects have received funds

**March 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1,345.3 billion of \$1,351.3 billion — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 297 projects have received funds

**November 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1,465.6 billion of \$1,483.1 billion — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 537 projects have received funds

**October 2011 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$980.8 million of \$1,003.5 million — 98 percent  
 Total projects: 517 projects have received funds

**April 2012 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$617.6 of \$619.5 million — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 227 projects have received funds

**October 2012 Bond Sale and March 2013 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$228.0 of \$230.2 million — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 114 projects have received funds

**March 2013 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$485.1 million of \$500.0 million — 97 percent  
 Total projects: 178 projects have received funds

**April 2013 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$106.6 million of \$108.2 million — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 80 projects have received funds

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*Bond Proceeds Released, continued...*

**October 2013 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$214.7 million of \$273.2 million — 79 percent

Total projects: 102 projects have received funds

**December 2013 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$19.5 million of \$26.3 million — 74 percent

Total projects: 6 projects have received funds

**Did You Know...**

*Prevailing Wage Monitoring Web Page*

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) has a [Web page](#) dedicated to Labor Compliance Program and Prevailing Wage Monitoring requirements. To help school districts easily access the page, a Quick Link has been created entitled, "Prevailing Wage/Labor Compliance Requirements." Quick Links are located on the right-hand side of the [OPSC website](#).

Please be advised that Labor Code (LC) Section 1771.3, as amended by Assembly Bill 436 (Solorio), Chapter 378, Statutes of 2011, requires school districts that have School Facility Program projects with an initial public works contract awarded on or after January 1, 2012, to notify the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). The DIR must provide prevailing wage monitoring services for all such projects, with the following exceptions:

- The district elects to continue using a previously DIR-approved internal Labor Compliance Program or the district has entered into a collective bargaining agreement (or public labor agreement) that includes the requirements specified in LC Section 1771.3(b)(3).

Be advised that LC Section 1773.3 also requires any awarding agency whose public works contract falls within the jurisdiction of LC Section 1771.3 to send a copy of the contract to DIR within five days of the award date.

If you have questions, please contact the DIR's [Compliance Monitoring Unit](#).

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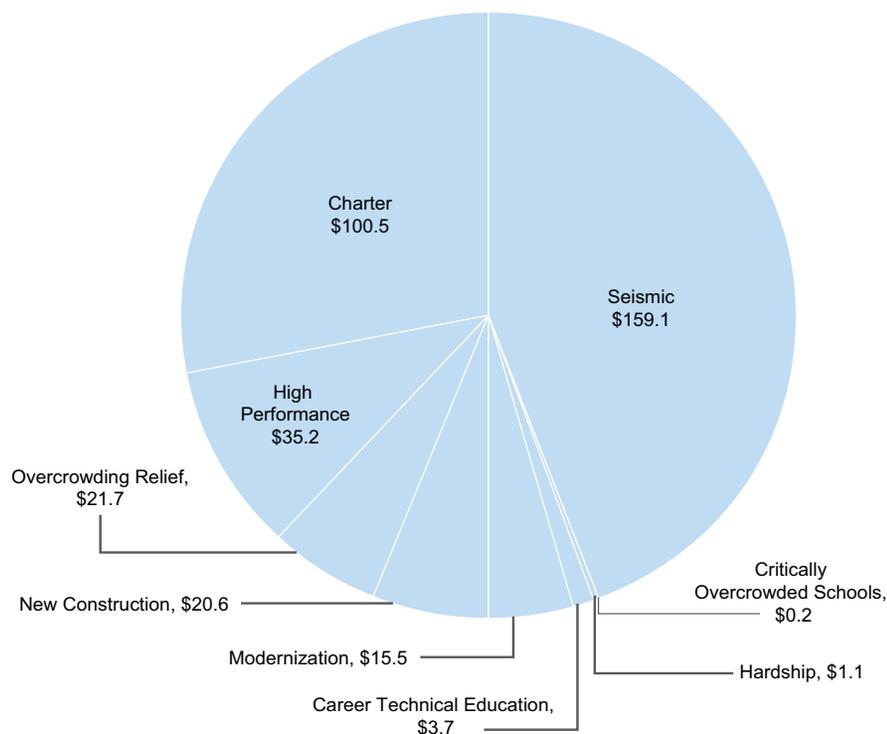
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# Remaining Bond Authority

\$357.6 million as of March 26, 2014  
(by program, in millions)



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# Community Corner

## Recent Events

### Garfield High School Main Building/Auditorium and Escalante Plaza – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, April 5, 2014—10:00 a.m.

Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

If you would like to share an upcoming event, please send an email to [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov).



Escalante Plaza, Garfield High School, Los Angeles Unified School District

The project received approximately \$14.8 million in state funding from the Overcrowding Relief Grant and the Career Technical Education Facilities Programs. The funds also included a High Performance Incentive grant.

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# OPSC Deadlines and Key Dates

## Upcoming Meetings

### State Allocation Board – View Calendar

- May 28, 2014 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m. — Location TBD

## Active Deadlines/Certifications

### Charter School Facilities Program – Filing Round

- Filing Period Begins: April 1, 2014
- Filing Period Ends: May 30, 2014

### Sixth (Current) Priority Funding Request Period

- Filing Period Opened: November 13, 2013
- Filing Period Ended: December 12, 2013
- Requests Valid: January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

## Upcoming Deadlines

### Seventh Priority Funding Request Period

- Filing Period Begins: May 14, 2014
- Filing Period Ends: June 12, 2014
- Requests Valid: July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

### Eighth Priority Funding Request Period

- Filing Period Begins: November 12, 2014
- Filing Period Ends: December 11, 2014
- Requests Valid: January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015

### Funding Request Period

Districts receiving State Apportionments at the April 7, 2014 SAB meeting are required to submit a valid *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) containing an original signature for each approved application. Forms SAB 50-05 must be physically received by the OPSC at 707 Third Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605 prior to 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2014.

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

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