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As a reminder, districts that received apportionments at the December 15, 2010 SAB meeting under the second Priority Funding round must submit *Fund Release Authorizations* (Form SAB 50-05) for the OPSC's receipt no later than March 15, 2011. As of January 21, 2011, 238 out of 442 projects (54 percent) had submitted Fund Release Authorizations.

We look forward to continuing our work in the new year. In 2010...

- School Facility Program (SFP) Funds Released: **\$1.518 billion for 472 projects**
- SFP Apportionments Authorized by the SAB: **\$2.93 billion for 750 projects**
- SFP Unfunded Approvals Authorized by the SAB: **\$2.2 billion for 766 projects**
- Total Applications Received by the OPSC: **1,132**
- Eligibility Determinations (Approved New Construction & Modernization eligibility adjustments or newly established eligibility): **1,723**
- SAB Special Items Prepared by the OPSC: **140**
- Items Presented to the Implementation Committee: **18**
- Regulation Changes that became Effective: **8**
- Building Blocks Editions: **10**

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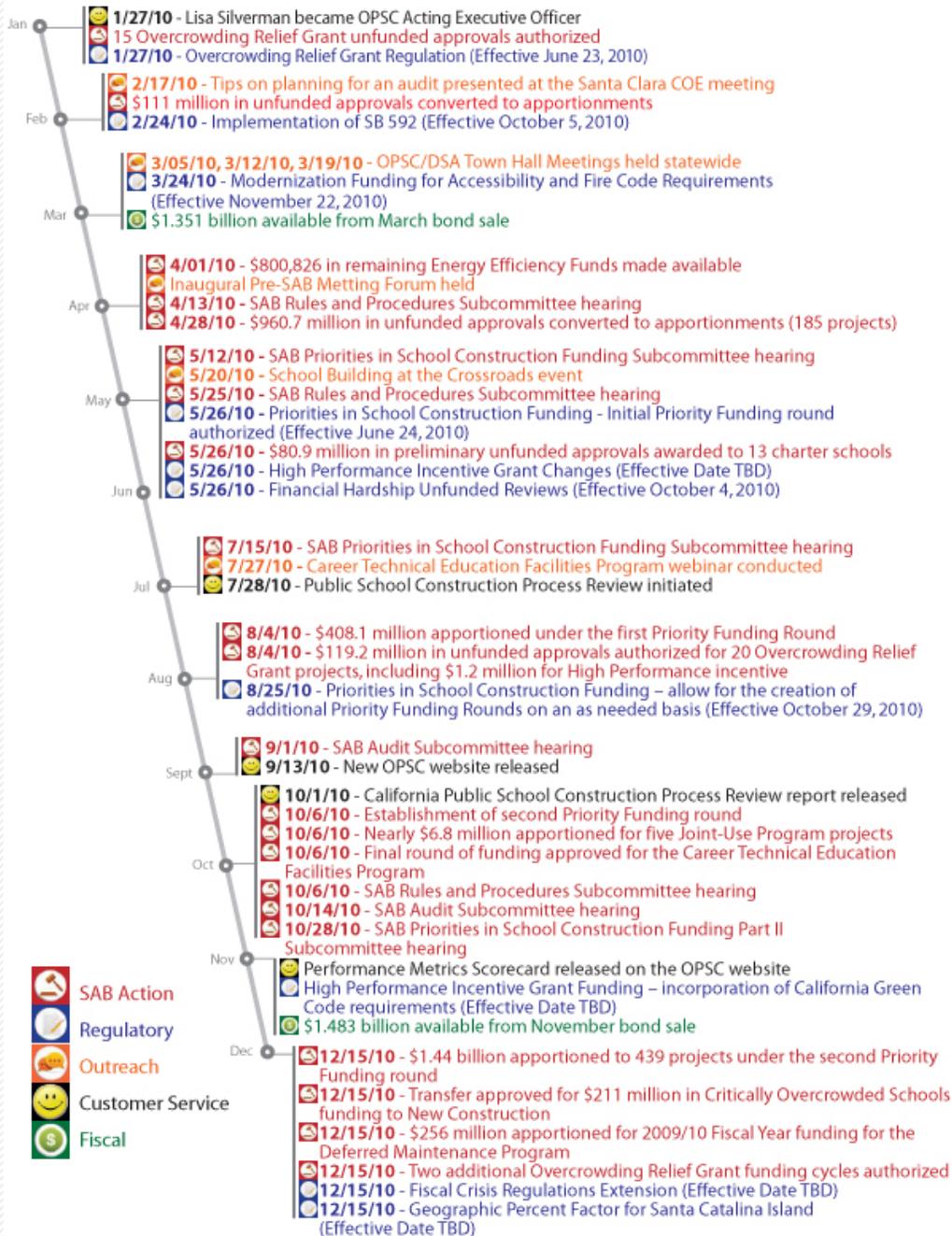
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Welcome New SAB Chair

Pedro Reyes has been appointed as chief deputy director for policy at the California Department of Finance. In this capacity, Mr. Reyes will chair the State Allocation Board on behalf of California’s Director of Finance, Ana Matosantos. In addition to this role, Mr. Reyes will serve as designee for Ms. Matosantos on more than 80 boards, commissions, and authorities.

Mr. Reyes has served as deputy policy director in the Speaker of the Assembly’s Office since 2000. He was the assistant program budget manager for the Department of Finance from 1989 to 2000 and worked at the Department of Health Services from 1986 to 1989. He is currently the chair of the Golden 1 Credit Union board of directors. Mr. Reyes also served as chair of the Woodland Healthcare Community advisory board from 2003 to 2010.

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Priorities in School Construction Funding Apportionments

By Rebecca Kirk

At the December 15, 2010 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, \$1.4 billion was awarded to [442 projects](#) under the second Priority Funding round. As a result of additional SAB actions at the December 2010 SAB meeting, funds were available to grant additional apportionments in January as a continuation of the second Priority Funding round.

At the January 26, 2011 SAB meeting, the SAB awarded \$103.8 million in apportionments to [26 school construction projects](#) within 19 school districts. Please note that projects granted apportionments at the January 26, 2011 SAB meeting will be adjusted based on the adjusted 2011 School Facility Program grant amounts (see the article "Annual Adjustment to School Facility Program Grants" on page 5 for more information about this adjustment).

An item to address any additional remaining cash will be presented at the February 23, 2011 SAB meeting.

If your district has received an apportionment under the second Priority Funding round, please note that the deadline for submitting your *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) is determined by the date your apportionment was granted:

- Projects receiving a Priority Funding apportionment at the December 15, 2010 SAB meeting: *Fund Release Authorizations* must be physically received by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) prior to the close of business on **March 15, 2011**.
- Projects receiving a Priority Funding apportionment at the January 26, 2011 SAB meeting: *Fund Release Authorizations* must be physically received by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) prior to the close of business on **April 26, 2011**.

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Annual Adjustment to School Facility Program Grants

By Liz Cheyne and Rebecca Kirk

Statute requires an annual adjustment to the per-unhoused-pupil grant amounts of the School Facility Program (SFP) based on the change in the Class B Construction Cost Index (CCI). At its January 26, 2011 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) adopted the Marshall & Swift Eight California Cities CCI adjustment for 2011 SFP grants, which reflects a 4.2 percent increase in construction costs.

The SAB was presented with options for the execution of this annual grant adjustment to SFP project approvals. Based on the SAB's direction at the January 2011 meeting, projects with unfunded approvals from the March 2010 through December 2010 SAB meetings will be adjusted to reflect the [higher 2011 grant amounts](#). The unfunded list will be updated in the near future to reflect the increases to these projects. In addition, projects that received an apportionment at the January 26, 2011 SAB meeting (see the article "Priorities in School Construction Funding Apportionments" on page 4) will be adjusted to reflect the higher 2011 grant amounts. Additional SFP projects receiving an apportionment in 2011 will also receive the higher grant amounts.

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Upcoming Joint Workshops

By Nate Gargiulo

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), the California Department of Education (CDE), and the Division of the State Architect (DSA) are planning quarterly workshops to provide outreach to school districts. The primary focus of the first workshops will be to provide an overview of requirements to obtain K-12 State school facilities funding. The concept of the joint agency workshops originated as part of a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) entered into by the three agencies during the [California Public School Construction Process Review](#).

The goal of the joint workshops is to better serve school districts through improved communication and coordination between the OPSC, the CDE, and the DSA. The workshops will provide districts with a better understanding of each agency's review process and the State regulations that must be followed to ensure that school districts can build safe, timely, cost effective, and educationally appropriate school facilities for the students of California.

Workshop presentations by each state agency will provide a basic overview of each agency's role in helping school districts to construct and modernize their facilities. Following the initial workshop's conclusion, surveys will be submitted to seek feedback from school districts regarding topics for future trainings.

The workshops will represent a collaborative effort between state agencies and school districts to streamline the review process for the construction of school facilities and to ensure that the agencies coordinate their efforts to provide excellent customer service to school districts. Stay tuned for further information about the upcoming workshops.

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Phased Out

By Darlene Newman

The State Relocatable Classroom Program (SRCP) Phase-Out Plan has been accomplished. The SRCP first began as the Emergency School Classroom Law of 1979 to provide classroom facilities for the rapidly growing student population in California’s Kindergarten through 12th grade schools.

For more than thirty years, the SRCP moved and leased thousands of State relocatable classrooms to districts at school site locations where facilities were impacted by rapid growth. As the SRCP fleet grew and aged, the demand declined for relocatables as a result of funding for permanent school facility programs. Thus, in October 2005, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved the conclusion of the SRCP through the SRCP Phase-Out Plan.

At the January 26, 2011 SAB meeting, the OPSC reported the conclusion of the SRCP Phase-Out Plan and the liquidation of the fleet of approximately 6,800 relocatable classrooms.

Did you know?

The State Allocation Board approved a new Charter School Agreement template at its January 2011 meeting. Prior to the passage of Senate Bill 592, title to facilities for Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP) projects was required to be held by the school district in which the project was physically located. Senate Bill 592 changed the law to allow the opportunity for either the charter school or a local governmental entity to hold title to CSFP project facilities.

Memorandum of Understanding templates available:

- » [Charter school will hold title](#)
- » [Local governmental entity will hold title](#)

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Implementation Committee Discussions

By Laurel Brode and Jeremy McCarroll

The following items were presented at the January 13, 2011 Implementation (IMP) Committee meeting:

Labor Compliance Monitoring

Discussion of proposed School Facility Program (SFP) regulations for recognizing school construction projects affected by the change in Labor Code requirements for labor compliance monitoring of State General Obligation bond funded school construction projects.

The OPSC received input from the public and stakeholders regarding proposed regulation changes and a deadline of July 1, 2011 for eligible school districts to be in compliance with Labor Code Section 1771.7. This item will be presented at the February 10, 2011 IMP meeting for further discussion.

Minimum Requests for Modernization Grant Funds

Discussion of proposed regulatory changes to lower the minimum grant threshold for modernization projects requesting Special Day Class (SDC) pupil grants.

Staff presented proposed regulatory changes to allow districts to submit a modernization funding application with fewer than the currently required 101 pupil grants for projects requesting SDC (Non-Severe or Severe) grants. This item will be presented at the February 10, 2011 IMP meeting for further discussion.

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Bond Proceeds Released

By Michael Watanabe

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009 and 2010 bond sales as of January 24, 2011:

March 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$528.73 million of \$528.8 million — 99 percent
Total projects: 234 projects have received funds

April 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.346 billion of \$1.438 billion — 94 percent
Total projects: 384 projects have received funds

October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$349.2 million of \$509.5 million — 69 percent
Total projects: 156 projects have received funds

November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$83.9 million of \$111.4 million — 76 percent
Total projects: 33 projects have received funds

March 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.040 billion of \$1.351 billion — 77 percent
Total projects: 236 projects have received funds

November 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$399 million of \$1.483 billion — 27 percent
Total projects: 200 projects have received funds

See [Status of Funds](#) for more details.

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Regulatory Update

Fiscal Crisis Regulations

- Adopted with emergency status at the December 15, 2010 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting.
- Proposed to extend, until July 1, 2011, the Inactive Preliminary Charter School Apportionment regulations, the Inactive Preliminary Apportionment regulations for Critically Overcrowded Schools projects, and the Financial Hardship Re-Review regulations.
- Review process continues.

Geographic Percent Factor for Santa Catalina Island

- Adopted at the December 15, 2010 SAB meeting.
- Proposed regulatory amendment allows for 50 percent for excessive cost due to geographic location for Santa Catalina Island only.
- Review process continues.

High Performance Incentive Grant Changes

- Adopted at the May 26 and November 3, 2010 SAB meetings.
- Proposed to amend the High Performance Incentive grant program to promote greater participation in the program and to incorporate California Green Code requirements.
- Effective date January 25, 2011.

One-Year Extension of General Site Development Grant

- Adopted at the June 23, 2010 SAB meeting.
- Proposed to extend the grant until no later than January 1, 2012.
- Review process continues.

Note: Regulations become effective upon review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law.

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Upcoming Meetings

State Allocation Board (SAB) Meetings - [View SAB calendar](#)

- February 22, 2011 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m.
- March 23, 2011 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m.

OPSC/DSA/CDE Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

- February 22, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
- March 23, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.

SAB Sub-Committee on Priorities in School Construction Funding/ Cash Management

- February 8, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 126

SAB Rules and Procedures Sub-Committee Hearing

- February 1, 2011 from 10:30 a.m to Noon - CANCELLED

Implementation Committee Meetings - [View IMP calendar](#)

- February 10, 2011 (Thursday) 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- March 10, 2011 (Thursday) 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Outreach

32nd Annual C.A.S.H. Conference on School Facilities at the Sacramento Convention Center

- February 22, 2011 - State Agencies' Top Tips (CDE, DSA, and OPSC)
- February 22, 2011 - Cash: How to Get it / How to Keep it (Roundtable)

Small School Districts' Association: "There's a Child Behind Everything We Do!" at the Raddison Hotel in Sacramento

- April 13, 2011 - How to Build a School in California (CDE, DSA, and OPSC)

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October 2010 Priority Funding Round

December 15, 2010 Apportionments:

Deadline to submit applications for fund release (Form SAB 50-05) for projects receiving apportionments under the second Priority Funding Round at the December 15, 2010 SAB meeting:

- March 15, 2011

October 2010 Priority Funding Round

January 26, 2011 Apportionments:

Deadline to submit applications for fund release (Form SAB 50-05) for projects receiving apportionments under the continuation of the second Priority Funding Round at the January 26, 2011 SAB meeting:

- April 26, 2011

Upcoming Overcrowding Relief Grant Funding Cycles:

Deadline to submit funding applications for the seventh funding cycle:

- January 31, 2011

Deadline to submit funding applications for the eighth funding cycle:

- July 29, 2011

Energy Efficiency Grants

Submit *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04):

- Now through April 1, 2011

Joint-Use Program 2011

Deadline to submit applications:

- March 1, 2011

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