

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Section 1859.76. New Construction Additional Grant for Site Development Costs.

Specific Purpose of the Regulation

To extend up to an additional year the additional grant for general site development costs available to school districts under the School Facility Program (SFP).

Need for the Regulation

1st paragraph after (d)(3): It was necessary to extend until “no later than January 1, 2011” the suspension of the additional grant for general site development costs. This additional grant helps school districts cover the extra costs for items such as landscaping, finish grading, driveways, walkways, outdoor instructional play facilities, permanent playground equipment, and athletic fields. The one-year extension is necessary to prevent school districts from experiencing funding shortfalls in completing new construction projects as planned.

The additional grant for general site development costs was initially adopted by the State Allocation Board (SAB) at its June 28, 2006 meeting, with the provision that it would be suspended “no later than January 1, 2008” unless extended by the SAB. The SAB, at its December 12, 2007 meeting, approved an extension of the additional grant to “no later than January 1, 2009.” At its February 25, 2009 meeting, the SAB approved an extension of the additional grant to “no later than January 1, 2010.” The SAB, at its November 4, 2009 meeting, approved extending the additional grant until “no later than January 1, 2011.”

Technical Documents Relied Upon

The State Allocation Board’s Action item, dated November 4, 2009, entitled “Additional Grant for General Site Development.”

Alternatives to the Proposed Regulatory Action that would be as Effective and Less Burdensome to Private Persons

The SAB finds that no alternatives it has considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose of the proposed regulation or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

Alternatives to the Proposed Regulatory Action that would Lessen any Adverse Economic Impact on Small Business

The SAB has determined that the proposed regulation does not affect small businesses.

Finding of Significant Adverse Economic Impact on Businesses

The SAB has determined that the adoption of the regulation will not affect businesses, including small businesses, because they are not required to comply with or enforce the regulation, nor will they benefit from or be disadvantaged by the regulation.

Impact on Local Agencies or School Districts

The SAB has determined that the proposed regulation does not impose a mandate or a mandate requiring reimbursement by the State pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code. It will not require local agencies or school districts to incur additional costs in order to comply with the proposed regulation.