UPDATE ON FUND RELEASES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PRIORITY IN FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS

Of the 26 apportionments (totaling approximately $107.6 million, including the 2011 CCI increase) made in January, the OPSC has received 19 out of 19 fund release requests and have automatically released funds for all seven auto releases for site/design only applications. To date, we have released approximately $85.2 million and expect to release the remaining funds soon. This translates to a 100 percent success rate for the January Priority in Funding round!

Of the 20 apportionments (totaling approximately $87.9 million) made in February, the OPSC has received 12 fund release requests totaling $77.6 million. So far, we have released approximately $76.2 million including auto releases for design only applications. The last day to submit a fund release for February PIF items is May 23, 2011.

SEISMIC MITIGATION PROGRAM (SMP) UPDATE

The Board established Subcommittee on Seismic Mitigation held its first meeting on April 12, 2011 and its second meeting yesterday. An update on both meetings will be provided as part of the reports section of this agenda.

STATE AGENCY JOINT WORKSHOP

The OPSC, the California Department of Education (CDE), and the Division of the State Architect (DSA) hosted a State Agencies' Joint Workshop on March 24, 2011. This workshop represented the first in a series of quarterly external workshops to be hosted jointly by the OPSC, the DSA, and the CDE. Presentation topics included CDE Plan and Site Approval, Requirements under Title 5, CDE's Role in the School Facility Program, DSA Intake and Plan Approval, and OPSC Remaining Bond Authority and Funding Opportunities. A total of 54 participants attended the workshop and 45 participants watched the webcast live. The archived webcast, all materials, and a survey for feedback are available on the OPSC's website.

NEW OUTREACH TEAM AT OPSC

In an effort to provide more focused and customized customer service, the OPSC has formed a new Outreach and Training Team. Currently the team is in the midst of presenting a series of webinar presentations aimed at providing an in depth understanding of the various programs offered through OPSC and includes sections discussing program requirements as well as step by step tutorials for filling out eligibility and funding forms. The current webinar series is running each Monday through May 16, 2011 and will be archived for viewing on the OPSC website.

In addition to the webinar series, the Outreach and Training Team will be reaching out to school districts to offer no cost assistance tailored to the individual needs of each district. This assistance can also be requested at any time by contacting the OPSC.

SAB PRIORITIES IN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING/CASH MANAGEMENT, PART IV, HEARING

The OPSC would like to inform the Board that Part four of the SAB Priorities in School Construction Funding/Cash Management Subcommittee Hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 3:30-5:00 pm at a location to be determined.