

Facilities Committee

Facilities Division

Legislative Update

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Facilities Legislation History

- Successful Past Two Years in Passing Legislation Critical to the Facilities Division
- Assembly 1014 (Bass – 2007)
 - Created Flexibility for the School Districts
 - Generated \$35 Million in Additional State Grants
- Senate Bill 658 (Romero – 2008)
 - Multi Track Year-Round Educational Program
 - Preserved Millions in State Funding
 - Operational Grants (\$200+ million)
 - New Construction Funding (\$400+ million)
- Both Bills Combined Enabled Full Access to State Funds for Current Construction Program



2009 Facilities Legislative Strategy

- Support Bills that Advance LAUSD Programs
 - Increase access to funding or scope of programs
- Oppose Bills that Negatively Impact Programs
 - Eliminate Contracting Methods
 - Inflict Unnecessary Caps, Penalties, or Additional Costs
- Develop Coalitions
 - Establish Broad Base of Support/Opposition
- Utilize All Available Resources
 - Board of Education
 - Union and Industry Partners
 - City, County and State Level Contacts



Legislative Environment

- Due to Economic Downturn, Fewer Bills have been Introduced
- Legislature sensitive to Bills that are perceived to:
 - Impact the General Fund
 - Pose Cost Pressures on Existing Resources
 - Reduce Revenues
- Many Bills Introduced this Year are in Response to the Slow Economy with an Emphasis on
 - Cash Flow
 - Late Payments
 - Union Labor
- Facilities is Closely Monitoring all Facility-related Bills



Key Facilities Bills - State

- AB 346 (Torlakson) - Support
 - Expands the types of eligible joint-use partners to include career technical education projects
- SB 45 (Padilla) - Support
 - Prohibits past prevailing wage violators from bidding on public works projects
- SB 375 (Hancock) - Support
 - Expands eligible costs for the Seismic Mitigation Program projects
- SB 696 (Wright) - Support
 - Authorize the SCAQMD to Issue Permits/Credits for Required School Equipment



Key Facilities Bills - State

- AB 1127 (Solorio) – Oppose
 - Requires the Installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems Without Funding for all Associated Costs
- SB 802 (Leno) – Oppose
 - Caps Retention Proceeds at 5%.
- Bills Opposed that are currently resolved
 - AB 396 (Fuentes) – various limits and fees on public agencies for contracts
 - AB 694 (Correa) – Would limit ability to use 17406
 - AB 211 (Mendoza) – Lock replacement at all schools



Key Federal Legislation

■ HR 2187 (Chandler)

- 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act
- Provides \$ 6.4 billion for modernization, renovation, and repair of school facilities
- Passed House Education and Labor committee

■ HR 1 (ARRA – Federal Stimulus)

- Advised Treasury and Legislators of challenges in using LAUSD's QSCB authorization
- Advised that extension of maturity term would enable increased benefit from and use of tax credit bonds