MAKING THE MOST OF PROP 39

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OVERVIEW

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CA’s SCHOOL FACILITIES

- House 1 in 8 public K-12 students in the U.S.

- 70 percent are over 25 years old, and 30 percent are more than 50 years old

- Need ~$117 billion in new funding over next decade (UCB Center for Cities and Schools)
BENEFITS OF EE/RE INVESTMENT

Cost Savings

• CA schools spend ~$700M/yr on energy costs

• Energy costs are second only to personnel costs (U.S. EPA)

• Some schools are able to maintain threatened curricula using energy savings
BENEFITS OF EE/RE INVESTMENT

Health

- Asthma is the leading cause of school absenteeism in CA

- Investing in facilities can help reduce asthma-related absences and exposure to harmful irritants
BENEFITS OF EE/RE INVESTMENT

Academic Performance

• Adequate lighting, ventilation, heating and cooling, have consistently been shown to increase student performance
NEXT GENERATION’S ROLE

• Research
• Stakeholder engagement
• Building partnerships
• Communicating priorities to legislators and Administration officials
RESEARCH

Unified school district bond revenue from the mid-1980’s to today

Bond revenue raised ($ / student / year)
- $35 - $185
- $186 - $300
- $301 - $400
- $401 - $550 (median = $468)
- $551 - $775
- $776 - $1000
- $1000 - $5000+

[Map showing bond revenue distribution across California regions]
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Student voices:
School conditions
&
Energy efficiency

SMART SCHOOLS SYMPOSIUM 2013
OUR PRIORITIES

• Our Priorities:
  – Energy Savings
  – Accountability
    • EM&V
  – Equity and Need-based Prioritization
    • Emergency Repair Program (ERP)
    • Small Districts
  – School Facilities Inventory
LEGISLATIVE OUTCOME

• SB 73 Highlights:
  – Accountability provisions via CEC, CPUC
  – Need-based formula weighted by Title 1
  – Small Revolving Loan Fund
  – Smallest schools can bundle YR 1 and 2 funds
  – Flexibility to adapt year-to-year
LEGISLATIVE OUTCOME

YR 1 Overall Funding Allocation

- K-14 Grants 92% ($381M)
- ECAA 6% ($28M)
- CA Con. Corps 1% ($5M)
- WFIB 1% ($3M)
K-14 GRANTS

K-12 Distribution:

- 85% ($381M) distributed per average daily attendance (ADA):
  - ADA ≤100: $15,000 grant
  - ADA 100-1,000: Proportional award OR $50,000.
  - ADA 1000-2,000: Proportional award OR $100,000.

- 15% ($57M) distributed on the basis of students eligible for free and reduced priced meals.
LEVERAGING RESOURCES

• Leverage:
  – ECAA
  – CA Conservation Corps and CA WFIBs
  – Your Utilities!
  – ESCOs
  – Get students involved
PROJECT GUIDELINES

• Expected to include:
  – Standard methods for estimating energy benefits
  – Contractor qualifications
  – Project evaluation (audits, benchmarking, school facility sequencing, methodologies to determine cost-effectiveness)
  – EM&V procedures
LOOKING FORWARD

• CDE to complete the 2013-14 fiscal year calculations for all LEAs by September

• CEC to release Draft Guidelines for public comment in late September

• Several public workshops will be held across the state in October

• CEC to adopt Final Guidelines by the end of the year

• Opportunity for program changes through annual legislative and budget process
RESOURCES

• SB 73: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0051-0100/sb_73_bill_20130627_chaptered.pdf

• CEC’s “The California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39)” webpage: http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/proposition39/

• CDE’s “The California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39)” webpage: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/ce/

• California Conservation Corps: http://www.ccc.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx

• California Workforce Investment Board: http://www.cwib.ca.gov/
THANK YOU

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