

POLICY GUIDE SHEET

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 7000

(Facilities)

(Pending Board Adoption on October 16, 2024)

Administrative Regulation 7140 – Architectural and Engineering Services

Regulation updated to more closely align with law and to reflect NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022) which enables a district to enter into an alternative design-build contract with a single entity for both design and construction of any school facility if the contract is in excess of \$5,000,000.

Board Policy 7214 - General Obligation Bonds

Policy updated for clarity and organization, including that the Governing Board may direct the Superintendent to explore the possibility of a bond measure.

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Regulation updated to expand and more closely align with code language the information related to ballot materials, including that at least 88 days prior to the election the Superintendent must deliver applicable ballot materials to the officer conducting the election. Additionally, regulation updated to add new section "Ballot Materials" which includes (1) that the ballot question may not exceed 75 words, (2) that the ballot materials include a brief statement of the measure setting forth the amount of the bonds to be voted on, the maximum rate of interest, and the purposes for which the proceeds of the sale of the bonds are to be used, (3) for bond measures that require a 55 percent majority vote, a statement that the Board will appoint a citizens' oversight committee, (4) for projects that require state matching funds, a statement advising voters that the project is subject to the approval of state matching funds, and (4) that arguments in support of or in opposition to a bond measure are submitted in accordance with law, and to reflect NEW LAW (SB 798, 2023) which requires the inclusion of the tax rate per \$100,000 of assessed valuation on all property to be taxed to fund a bond measure. In addition, regulation updated to (1) reflect that the district will provide the citizens' oversight committee with responses to any and all findings, recommendations, and concerns addressed in the annual independent financial and performance audits within three months of receiving the audits, and (2) to include post-issuance reporting requirements.