Series 7000 - FACILITIES

Policy 7131

Relations with Local Agencies

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recognizes the importance of collaborating and communicating with other local agencies in order to provide the best possible school facilities and to allocate facility resources in an effective and efficient manner. SCOE staff shall consult and coordinate with local agencies as required by law and whenever the expertise and resources of these agencies can assist in the planning, design, and construction of facilities.

Following notification by a city or county of proposed action to adopt or substantially revise a general plan, the County Superintendent or designee may request a meeting with the local planning agency to discuss possible methods of coordinating planning, design, and construction of new school facilities and school sites.

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor land development proposals within SCOE's jurisdictional boundaries to determine whether SCOE facilities are adequate to meet the demands created by new development. SCOE shall ensure that an exchange of accurate information is maintained with city/county planning staff regarding the impact of land development on its educational programs and facility needs as well as on school district boundaries.

Recognizing that available funds may not suffice to eliminate overcrowding in SCOE's educational programs and district schools caused by new development, SCOE will advocate for the city/county to adopt in its general plan or other appropriate planning documents, to the extent permitted by law, a provision which ensures that adequate school facilities will be available.

Notifications to Other Local Agencies

The Superintendent shall notify the city council or county board of supervisors whenever it finds, based on clear and convincing evidence that: (Government Code 65971)

- 1. conditions of overcrowding exist in a SCOE school that will impair the normal functioning of the educational programs, and the reason for the existence of those conditions
- 2. all reasonable methods of mitigating conditions of overcrowding have been evaluated, and no feasible method for reducing those conditions exists

The above notice shall specify the mitigation measures considered by SCOE and shall include a completed application to the Office of Public School Construction for preliminary determination of eligibility for school construction under applicable state law.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the appropriate city or county planning agency of the adoption of a school facility needs analysis or facilities master plan, the acquisition of a school site, or other action regarding school facilities in accordance with law.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17280-17316 Approval of plans and supervision of construction 35275 New school planning; cooperation with recreation and park authorities

GOVERNMENT CODE

53090-53097.5 Compliance with city or county regulations 65300-65307 Authority for and scope of general plans 65352.2 Communication between cities, counties and school districts

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Policy 7131 (Continued)

Legal Reference:

GOVERNMENT CODE (Continued)

65850-65863.11 Adoption of regulations

65970-65981 School facilities

65995-65998 Developer fees

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

21000-21177 California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14010 Procedure for site acquisition

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14

15000-15285 Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

Policy Cross-Reference:

7110 Facilities Master Plan

7150 Site Selection and Development

7210 Facilities Financing

7211 Developer Fees