

# ***SCHOOL DISTRICTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

## **1. Which priority classes besides Priority D can now utilize the funds in the School District Account (SDA)?**

AB 1188 expands the eligibility of the SDA to add Priority class B and C school district claims.

## **2. Are Community Colleges included?**

According to the Education Code, Section 80, community colleges are not eligible for funding from this account. However, community colleges may be eligible for funding under the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund's (Fund) general account.

## **3. How much is available to School Districts?**

\$10 million dollars per year for three fiscal years (FY), FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11, and FY 2011-12 for a total of \$30 million. The account will be repealed on July 1, 2014 and money remaining will revert back to the Fund's general account.

## **4. When does a Fiscal Year begin and end?**

The State's FY cycle runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Is there a funding delay with School District claims?**

There is no delay with issuing funds from the SDA at this time. Payments will be made from the SDA in priority class by date of receipt of the Reimbursement Request (RR) package. In any given FY, the Fund must ensure that sufficient funds are available for all RRs from Priority Class D school districts before allocating funds to Priority Class B and C school district claims.

**6. How do I know when I am able to submit my first RR package?**

You are able to submit a complete RR package once you receive notification and a letter of commitment from the Fund.

**7. If I already have a claim but am a school district, can I still utilize the funds from the SDA?**

Yes, as of November 5, 2009, those school district claims have already been pulled into the SDA.

**8. Do I need to wait the required 30 days before I can submit my next RR package?**

Unless costs submitted are for groundwater monitoring, ending a phase of work or submitting a final RR package, you must still follow the same requirements. RR packages cannot be submitted prior to 30 days from the last RR submittal or for costs less than \$10,000.

**9. I am a school district and my Letter of Commitment (LOC) was previously suspended, will that suspension now be lifted?**

Since Priority Class C and D school district claims can be reimbursed from the SDA, the Fund lifted the LOC suspension for the affected claims. School districts that had their LOC suspended can now submit RR packages effective immediately.