

**M E M O R A N D U M****Staff Summary No. 10**

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**To:** Members of the California School Finance Authority

**From:** Katrina M. Johantgen, Executive Director

**Subject:** Resolution No. 10-32 of the California School Finance Authority authorizing the issuance of revenues bonds under the Charter School QSCBs Program in an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 and authorizing the loan of the proceeds to Granada Hills Charter High School

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides funding for the new construction or renovation of school facilities through the use of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs). Of California's \$773 million in "volume cap" allocation for the issuance of QSCBs, \$73.525 million has been reserved for use by charter schools through the issuance of conduit revenue bonds in 2009 and 2010 by the California School Finance Authority (CSFA) which will be designated as QSCBs.

At its June 9, 2010 board meeting, the board adopted Resolution 10-16, which authorized the issuance of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) for Granada Hills Charter High School (GHCHS). Since the adoption of this resolution, the scope of the proposed project was expanded to include new construction and possible land acquisition which are allowable under QSCB, but not under QZAB.

At its July 14, 2010 board meeting, the Authority board adopted an open application process for the remaining balance of the 2009 QSCB charter school bond allocation.

GHCHS submitted an application for an allocation of QSCB borrowing authority, which is scheduled for action as Item 5 in this meeting.

Assuming adoption of the resolution pursuant to Item 5 approving an allocation of QSCBs borrowing authority, the next step is to adopt Resolution No. 10-32 authorizing the issuance of the Authority's revenues bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5.5 million and to loan the proceeds to GHCHS for purposes of 1) constructing a new media academy and 2) acquiring land and rehabilitating a new facility to alleviate overcrowding and facilitate expansion.

Staff is recommending adoption of Resolution No. 10-32 authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds and the loan of the proceeds to Granada Hills Charter High School.