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Governor Jerry Brown released his revision to his 2016-17 State Budget today, which reflected a largely flat Proposition 98 guarantee in the current and budget year compared to his January proposal, despite a \$1.9 billion weakening of state revenues.

For California Community Colleges, the most significant change is an additional \$75 million in base apportionment for “operating expenses in areas such as employee benefits, facilities, professional development, converting faculty from part time to full time, and other general expenses.” Other significant changes include:

- \$29.3 million reduction in apportionments to reflect a change in the cost-of-living adjustment from 0.47% down to zero—growth remains at 2%
- \$41.5 million increase for a revised estimate of the City College of San Francisco’s declining enrollment protection
- A decrease of \$65.8 million to Deferred Maintenance and Instructional Equipment—\$219.4 million remains
- An increase of \$29.2 million, one-time, to pay for outstanding mandate debt on a per full-time equivalent student basis

When asked by reporters about his stance on the K-14 facilities bond and Proposition 30 extension, regarding the Proposition 30 extension, Governor Brown said, “I’m leaving that to the people of California.” Regarding the facilities bond, he was noncommittal, but said he could “write a lot of no arguments” for initiatives on the November ballot and that if the school bond did pass, he could “delay it,” alluding to his power to not offer the bonds for sale.

In other significant news this week, the Proposition 30 extension campaign announced that it had turned in more than a million signatures to qualify for the November 2016 ballot. Also unveiled was the campaign website: <http://www.protectingcalifornia.com/>.

### **Next Steps in the State Budget Process**

From here, how the state's chief executive officer and legislative representatives reconcile their differences is yet to be seen. In the past, the Legislative Analyst's Office has provided the Legislature with slightly higher revenue numbers than those adopted by the Administration from which lawmakers draw their spending priorities. However, Governor Brown has been adept and successful at reigning in spending compulsions that he believes will impair the state's ability to cope with an out year economic downturn or recession. That said, the Legislature is equally adept at finding the resources to fund, at least in part, its major social priorities.

The Legislature now has a month to approve and/or reject Governor Brown's spending priorities and likely include some of their own. Stay tuned.