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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Judicial Council-Sponsored
Legislation(Court Facilities): Disposition of
Courthouses in Plumas, Sacramento, and
Stanislaus Counties

Agenda Item Type

Action Required

Effective Date

December 1, 2022

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

Add Gov. Code, § 70398

Date of Report

October 4, 2022

Recommended by

Legislation Committee
Hon. Marla O. Anderson, Chair
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Executive Summary

Both the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse in Plumas County (closed in November 2014) and the Ceres Superior Court in Stanislaus County (closed in March 2009) have been permanently closed by their respective courts and are unsuitable to the needs of the judicial branch. Additionally, both the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse (Schaber Courthouse) in Sacramento County and the Modesto Main Courthouse / Hall of Records in Stanislaus County will be permanently closed as a result of the construction of their replacement facilities and similarly will be unsuitable to the needs of the judicial branch. To eliminate the Judicial Council's continuing liability and expense in holding permanently closed court facilities and to realize the value of these assets in fair market value dispositions, the Legislation Committee and the Executive and Planning Committee, along with its Real Estate Policies Subcommittee, recommend sponsoring legislation to authorize the disposition of these facilities as non surplus property and directing council staff to take all actions necessary to dispose of them.

Recommendation

The Legislation Committee and the Executive and Planning Committee, along with its Real Estate Policies Subcommittee, recommend that the Judicial Council, effective December 1, 2022:

1. Sponsor legislation authorizing the sale of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse in Plumas County; the Modesto Main Courthouse / Hall of Records and Ceres Superior Court in Stanislaus County; and the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse in Sacramento County in fair market value transactions; and
2. Direct council staff to take all actions necessary to:
 - a. Obtain statutory authorization to dispose of the properties with the sales proceeds to be directed to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund established by Government Code section 70371 or to any other Judicial Council facilities fund authorized by the Legislature; and
 - b. Negotiate and draft real property disposition agreements and any other related, necessary documents for the disposition of the properties in compliance with and contingent on legislative authorization for the disposition of the properties; and
 - c. Lease or license all or a portion of the facilities on terms in the best interests of the Judicial Council until such time as the properties can be permanently disposed of; and
3. Delegate to the Administrative Director or a designee the authority to sign real property disposition agreements and any other related, necessary documents consistent with this recommendation, all of which must comply with and be contingent on legislative authorization for the disposition of the properties.

The proposed legislation for Judicial Council sponsorship is attached at page 8.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The Judicial Council has not previously acted on the sale of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse,¹ the Modesto Main Courthouse / Hall of Records, the Ceres Superior Court, or the Schaber Courthouse; however, the Judicial Council has previously taken action on other permanently closed court facilities where the state held title to the property.

In April 2015, the Judicial Council declared the San Pedro Courthouse in Los Angeles County to be surplus property, with proceeds from its sale to be deposited in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, and authorized its disposition and the sponsorship of legislation to accomplish that goal. In December 2015, the Judicial Council approved sponsorship of an

¹ Following the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse's 2014 closure, the Judicial Council also previously approved (on April 17, 2015) the leasing of the facility in its entirety on a short-term basis because the Superior Courts of Plumas and Sierra Counties intended at the time to reopen the facility in three to five years, if feasible. The facility was leased to the California Department of Transportation and, as discussed in this report, ultimately did not reopen again for court operations.

alternative proposal to authorize the disposition of the San Pedro Courthouse as nonsurplus property to allow the judicial branch to retain the proceeds of its sale in the Immediate and Critical Needs Account (ICNA; subsequently merged into the State Court Facilities Construction Fund, SCFCF). As finally approved, the disposition legislation for the San Pedro Courthouse authorized the sale of that facility as nonsurplus property, with net sales proceeds directed to what is now the SCFCF.²

In February 2016, the Judicial Council approved the sale of the Corning Courthouse in Tehama County to the County of Tehama and the Chico Courthouse in Butte County to the County of Butte in fair market value transactions under disposition authorization similar to that provided for the San Pedro Courthouse. Legislative authorization was obtained, with proceeds from those sales directed to the SCFCF.³

In December 2016, the Judicial Council approved the sale of the Firebaugh, Reedley, and Clovis Courthouses in Fresno County and the Avenal and Corcoran Courthouses in Kings County as nonsurplus property under disposition authorization similar to that provided for prior court facility dispositions. Legislative authorization was obtained, with proceeds from those sales directed to the SCFCF.⁴

In September 2017, the Judicial Council approved the sale of the West Los Angeles Courthouse in Los Angeles County as nonsurplus property under disposition authorization similar to that provided for prior court facility dispositions. Legislative authorization was obtained, with proceeds from that sale directed to the SCFCF.⁵

In May 2018, the Judicial Council approved the sale of the Mental Health Courthouse in Los Angeles County as nonsurplus property under disposition authorization similar to that provided for prior court facility dispositions. Legislative authorization was obtained, with proceeds from that sale directed to the SCFCF.⁶

Analysis/Rationale

Background

The State of California, on behalf of the Judicial Council of California,⁷ is the record titleholder of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse in Plumas County, the Modesto Main Courthouse /

² Assem. Bill 1900 (Jones-Sawyer; Stats. 2016, ch. 510), codified at Government Code section [70395](#).

³ Sen. Bill 403 (Cannella; Stats. 2017, ch. 358), codified at Government Code section [70396](#).

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Assem. Bill 2309 (Bloom; Stats. 2018, ch. 536), codified at Government Code section [70397](#).

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ The Judicial Council previously referred to its staff as “the Administrative Office of the Courts,” or “AOC.” Rule 10.81(b)(4) of the California Rules of Court provides as follows:

The Judicial Council will continue to perform all duties, responsibilities, functions, or other obligations, and bear all liabilities, and exercise all rights, powers, authorities, benefits, and other privileges attributed to the “Administrative Office of the Courts” or “AOC” arising from contracts,

Hall of Records and Ceres Superior Court in Stanislaus County, and the Schaber Courthouse in Sacramento County. Except for the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse's land which was purchased for \$1.00 from a private owner in 2007 and on which the facility was constructed, the properties were each acquired through the Senate Bill 1732 transfer process.⁸

Description of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse in Plumas County

The Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse is located at 600 South Gulling Street in Portola and consists of an approximately 7,312-square-foot building that is situated on approximately 1.75 acres. The single-story building consists of one courtroom, two judges' chambers, and a reception/public counter area. The facility was jointly occupied and used by the Superior Courts of Plumas and Sierra Counties until November 3, 2014. The courts closed the courthouse as of November 2014 because of reductions in county populations, court filings, and court staff, along with other substantial budgetary constraints. The courts have no plans to reoccupy the courthouse, and each court supports the sale of the facility (see Attachments A and B).

Description of the Modesto Main Courthouse / Hall of Records and Ceres Superior Court in Stanislaus County

The Modesto Main Courthouse is located at 800 11th Street in Modesto and is adjacent to the Hall of Records, located at 1100 I Street. Together they constitute approximately 109,435 square feet situated on approximately 1.16 acres. The Modesto Main Courthouse is a two-story building with a basement level and includes 14 courtrooms, 14 judges' chambers, three walk-up windows, rooms for attendants, two in-custody holding areas, one secured elevator, and 11 jury assembly rooms. The Hall of Records (HOR) is a four-story building that includes two courtrooms, two judges' chambers, seven walk-up windows, rooms for attendants, one jury assembly room, and rooms for storage. The Judicial Council holds a total equity interest of 77.82 percent in the Modesto Main Courthouse / HOR, with the County of Stanislaus holding the remaining 22.18 percent equity interest. The Superior Court of Stanislaus County will permanently close the facility when it commences its occupancy in the New Modesto Courthouse, a replacement facility that is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed in December 2024. There will no longer be a need for the courthouse facility once it is vacated by the court, which supports staff efforts to dispose of the property (see Attachment C).

The Ceres Superior Court is located at 2744 Second Street in Ceres and consists of an approximately 2,985-square-foot building that is situated on approximately 0.17 acres. The single-story building consists of one courtroom, one judge's chambers, one walk-up window, one jury suite, one clerk's office, rooms for attendants, and rooms for storage. The Superior Court of Stanislaus County exclusively and solely occupies the Ceres Superior Court. The Superior Court of Stanislaus County closed the Ceres Superior Court as of March 2009. The New Modesto Courthouse will similarly serve as a replacement facility for the Ceres Superior

memorandums of understanding, or other legal agreements, documents, proceedings, or transactions. The Judicial Council may be substituted for the "Administrative Office of the Courts" or "AOC" wherever necessary, with no prejudice to the substantive rights of any party.

⁸ Stats. 2002, ch. 1082.

Court. The Superior Court of Stanislaus County accordingly does not have plans to reoccupy the courthouse and supports the sale of the facility (see Attachment C).

Description of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse

The Schaber Courthouse is located at 720 Ninth Street in Sacramento and consists of an approximately 291,083-square-foot building that is situated on 2.5 acres. The six-story building contains 44 courtrooms, judges' chambers, secure holding areas, and clerk and administrative space. The Superior Court of Sacramento County exclusively and solely occupies the Schaber Courthouse and will permanently close the courthouse when it occupies the New Sacramento Courthouse, a replacement facility that is currently under construction and anticipated to be occupied in February 2024. There will no longer be a need for the Schaber Courthouse once it is vacated by the Superior Court of Sacramento County, which is supportive of staff efforts to dispose of the property (see Attachment D).

For clarification, the relocation of operations from the Modesto Main Courthouse / HOR, Ceres Superior Court, and Schaber Courthouse into their respective replacement facilities, which are currently under construction, is part of and in accordance with the branch's most recently developed statewide list of trial court capital-outlay projects, as well as its five-year plan for such projects.

The Judicial Council and judicial branch as a whole are responsible for the operation and maintenance of each of these court facilities, none of which is or will be suitable for the judicial branch's future needs. The Judicial Council will benefit from the disposition of these properties because it will eliminate both ongoing operations and maintenance costs as well as liability risks associated with the closed facilities, and it will direct net sale proceeds to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund established by Government Code section 70371 or any other Judicial Council facilities fund authorized by the Legislature.

Legal authority

Every sale of state-owned real property, such as these court facilities, must be specifically authorized by statute.⁹ The language of the authorizing legislation will determine where the net proceeds of such sales will be deposited.

As noted above, in 2016 the Legislature authorized the sale of the San Pedro Courthouse as nonsurplus property, with the sale proceeds staying within the judicial branch and deposited into what is now the SCFCF.¹⁰ In 2017, the Legislature again authorized the sale of seven other court facilities¹¹ as nonsurplus properties and directed that the net proceeds of those sales remain within the judicial branch in the SCFCF.¹² In 2018, the Legislature once more authorized the sale

⁹ *People v. Chambers* (1951) 37 Cal.2d 552.

¹⁰ Assem. Bill 1900.

¹¹ The seven court facilities were the Corning Courthouse in Tehama County and the Chico Courthouse in Butte County, as approved by the Judicial Council in February 2016, and the Firebaugh, Reedley, and Clovis Courthouses in Fresno County and the Avenal and Corcoran Courthouses in Kings County, as approved by the Judicial Council in December 2016.

¹² Sen. Bill 403.

of the West Los Angeles and Mental Health Courthouses as nonsurplus properties, with the sales' net proceeds similarly directed to the SCFCF and staying within the judicial branch.¹³

For this proposal, the sales of the subject properties would be treated in the same manner as the prior dispositions of closed court facilities as nonsurplus properties, with net proceeds from the sales retained by the judicial branch for facilities purposes. The language of the authorizing legislation will ultimately determine where funds from the sales will be deposited within the judicial branch, which in the past has been the ICNA (subsequently merged into SCFCF and the authorizing statutes amended to delete any reference to ICNA).

Policy implications

The recommended action has no policy implications.

Comments

This proposal was not circulated for comment because it is specific to each court facility's superior court. The Superior Court of Plumas County provided written communication that it agrees with and does not object to the Judicial Council's disposition of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse (see Attachment A); the Superior Court of Sierra County similarly provided written confirmation that it does not oppose the disposition of the property (see Attachment B). The Superior Court of Stanislaus County provided in writing its approval of the Judicial Council's disposition of the Modesto Main Courthouse, Hall of Records, and Ceres Superior Court, once vacated (see Attachment C). The Superior Court of Sacramento County provided written confirmation that it will vacate the Schaber Courthouse upon occupying its replacement facility and supports the Judicial Council's disposition of the property (see Attachment D).

Alternatives considered

The alternative to approving dispositions of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse, the Modesto Main Courthouse, Hall of Records, and Ceres Superior Court, and the Schaber Courthouse is to maintain the Judicial Council's ongoing burden of carrying the operation and maintenance costs, as well as liability risks, associated with these facilities, which are already closed or have planned closures. Retaining ownership of these properties would also result in the Judicial Council forgoing the future benefit of adding any net sales proceeds to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund or other Judicial Council facilities fund.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

Judicial Council staff will pursue the sales of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse, the Modesto Main Courthouse, Hall of Records, and Ceres Superior Court, and the Schaber Courthouse. Some out-of-pocket costs to the Judicial Council are associated with the recommended action, including potential costs of appraisals as well as title and escrow fees. Any such costs will, however, be offset by the sale proceeds of each courthouse. Sales of the properties will have the fiscal benefits described above.

¹³ Assem. Bill 2309.

Attachments and Links

1. Text of proposed Gov. Code, § 70398, at page 8–9
2. Attachment A: Correspondence from the Superior Court of Plumas County supporting disposition of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse
3. Attachment B: Correspondence from the Superior Court of Sierra County supporting disposition of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse
4. Attachment C: Correspondence from the Superior Court of Stanislaus County supporting disposition of the Modesto Main Courthouse, Hall of Records, and Ceres Superior Court
5. Attachment D: Correspondence from the Superior Court of Sacramento County supporting disposition of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse
6. Link A: Gov. Code, § 70371,
leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=70371.&lawCode=GOV
7. Link B: Gov. Code, § 70395,
leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=70395.&lawCode=GOV
8. Link C: Gov. Code, § 70396,
leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=70396.&lawCode=GOV
9. Link D: Gov. Code, § 70397,
leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=70397.&lawCode=GOV
10. Link E: Sen. Bill 1732 (Stats. 2002, ch. 1082),
leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=200120020SB1732

An act to add Section 70398 to the Government Code, relating to court facilities, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

Section 1. Section 70398 is added to the Government Code, to read:

70398. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the Judicial Council may sell the property, in a fair market value transaction and upon the terms and conditions and subject to the reservations the Judicial Council deems in the best interests of the state, if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

- (1) The sale complies with Section 70391, as applicable.
 - (2) The Judicial Council consults with the county in which the property is located concerning the sale of the property.
 - (3) The Judicial Council offers the county in which the property is located the right to purchase the property in a fair market value transaction before otherwise offering the property for sale.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the net proceeds from the sale of the property shall be deposited into the State Court Facilities Construction Fund, established by Section 70371 .
- (c) For purposes of this section, “property” means each of the following:
- (1) The Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse located at 600 South Gulling Street, City of Portola, County of Plumas, Assessor Parcel Number 126-050-046.
 - (2) The Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse located at 720 Ninth Street, City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, Assessor Parcel Number 002-0145-026.
 - (3) The Modesto Main Courthouse located at 800 11th Street, and the Hall of Records, located at 1100 I Street, City of Modesto, County of Stanislaus, collectively a portion of Assessor Parcel Number 105-025-001.
 - (4) The Ceres Superior Court located at 2744 Second Street, City of Ceres, County of Stanislaus, Assessor Parcel Number 127-016-014.
- (d) The disposition of the property authorized in this section does not constitute a sale or other disposition of surplus state property within the meaning of Section 9 of Article III of the California Constitution and is not subject to subdivision (g) of Section 11011.

SEC. 2.

This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

An act to add Section 70398 to the Government Code, relating to court facilities, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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2 To enable the sale of the property to occur as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take
3 effect immediately.



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March 4, 2022

Judicial Council, Facilities Services
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Dear Mr. Koerner,

In response to the inquiry from Judicial Council Facilities staff, the Plumas Superior Court regrettably agrees with the Judicial Council's proposed action to dispose of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse in Portola.

In November of 2014, the Plumas Court closed operations in the courthouse due to a shrinking county population, a reduction in court filings, a 50% reduction in court staff and other substantial budgetary constraints. The Court anticipated that the Courthouse could be reopened when those budgetary and other issues resolved.

As of this date, that has not happened. The population of Plumas County has continued to decline, the number of filings has not increased and court staffing levels have not risen. It does not appear that a reopening of the facility is possible in the foreseeable future.

For those reasons, the Plumas Superior Court does not object to the proposed disposition of the Plumas Sierra Regional Courthouse.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information from the Court.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Douglas M. Prouty', written over the printed name.

DOUGLAS M. PROUTY
Presiding Judge of the Plumas Superior Court

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To: [Bustamante, Mary](#); [Ehrlich, Jeremy](#); [Kunitake, Kathleen](#)
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FYI—Pella

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Subject: RE: Portola Courthouse

Hello Ms. McCormick,

Pursuant to the request in your email of August 5, 2022, Sierra County Superior Court consents to the disposition of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse.

Thank you for your kind assistance in furnishing a tour of the facility last week and forwarding the documentation concerning the property. If you need anything further from me, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

Charles H. Ervin
Presiding Judge
Sierra County Superior Court

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Judge Ervin and Ms. Mendez,

Judge Ervin thank-you for meeting with me this past Monday at the Portola Courthouse. As we discussed the Judicial Council is pursuing legislative authority to dispose of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse. Per your request I have included building information and estimated costs to reactivate and operate the facility. Please contact me if you need additional information.

If the Sierra Court consents to the disposition of the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse your written confirmation no later than August 10, 2022 would be appreciated.

Regards,

Pella McCormick, Director

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Subject: RE: Disposition of Modesto Main Courthouse & HOR, Ceres and Turlock
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:07:12 AM

Mary

My apologies. I thought we discussed this. Yes – you have our approval to seek legislative authority to sell the facilities listed above, with the understanding that the actual sale would not occur until we have vacated our existing facilities.

Hugh

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Subject: RE: Disposition of Modesto Main Courthouse & HOR, Ceres and Turlock

Hello,
Just checking back on this. Is it possible to obtain court approval to obtain legislative authorization to sell Ceres? As I mentioned, it is a lengthy process and we are starting our report now. Even if we get legislation we don't have to move forward with the sale but obtaining this would allow us to should we want to. Please let me know.

Thanks,

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Subject: Disposition of Modesto Main Courthouse & HOR, Ceres and Turlock

Hello,

As we are preparing for the new Modesto courthouse to come online at the end of 2024 we are thinking ahead about the future dispositions. As we discussed on our call in January, it takes about a year and a half to obtain legislative authorization to sell. We are starting to prepare the report to move forward now and would like obtain your approval for the permanent dispositions of the Modesto Main Courthouse & HOR, Ceres and Turlock courthouses. I know you were planning to speak with Pella about a possible additional courtroom at the new courthouse but I think we can still move forward with obtaining the legislative approval to sell in the meantime. We don't have to sell once the authorization is received but would be able to if and when the court completely vacates the facilities. Please let me know if we have your approval to add these facilities to list for future dispositions.

Thanks,

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Dear Ms. Bustamante:

This letter/email is to inform the Judicial Council that Sacramento Superior Court plans to completely vacate the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse located at 720 9th Street as soon as construction is complete on our new Criminal & Civil Courthouse and we have completed move-in occupancy – approximately late spring or early summer of 2024. We agree to the permanent disposition of the Schaber Courthouse once we have completely vacated.

Please let me know if you need anything further on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Seale", is written over a horizontal line.

Lee Seale
Court Executive Officer
Sacramento Superior Court

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