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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title

Report to the Legislature: Electronic
Recording Equipment

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Executive Summary

Under Government Code section 69958, the Judicial Council is required to report to the Legislature semiannually on the purchase and lease of any electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For the reporting period of January 1 through June 30, 2023, 11 courts reported a combined total of \$295,745 for the purchase of electronic recording equipment or related items. On or before December 31, 2023, the Judicial Council's Executive Office staff submitted the *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (January 1 through June 30, 2023)* to the Legislature.

Relevant Previous Council Action

This report is submitted to the Legislature semiannually. Reports from previous fiscal years are available on the "Legislative Reports" webpage of the California Courts website at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

Analysis/Rationale

Government Code section 69957(a) allows the purchase and/or lease of electronic recording equipment for limited civil, misdemeanor, and infraction cases. Additionally, Government Code section 69957(b) allows the trial courts to use electronic recording equipment for the purpose of monitoring the performance of subordinate judicial officers, hearing officers, and temporary judges. Lastly, Government Code section 69957(c) requires the courts to obtain advance

approval from the Judicial Council before purchasing or leasing any such equipment. Approval is subject to the equipment being used in the manner and for the purposes authorized under this section.

For the reporting period of January 1 through June 30, 2023, 11 superior courts reported a combined total of \$295,745 for the purchase of electronic recording equipment or related items (see Attachment A):

- Alpine—\$6,227 for use in limited civil, misdemeanor, and infraction case types
- Contra Costa—\$1,285 for use in limited civil and infraction case types
- Kern—\$4,975 for use in limited civil, misdemeanor, and infraction case types
- Madera—\$63,072 for use in limited civil case types
- Placer—\$45,428 for use in misdemeanor and infraction case types
- Plumas—\$10,926 for use in limited civil, misdemeanor, and infraction case types
- Riverside—\$660 for use in limited civil case types
- Sacramento—\$125,044 for use in limited civil and misdemeanor case types
- San Mateo—\$10,958 for use in limited civil case types
- Santa Cruz—\$16,900 for use in misdemeanor and infraction case types
- Yolo—\$10,270 for use in limited civil case types

The semiannual submission of this report to the Legislature is required under Government Code section 69958. The statute requires that each superior court report to the Judicial Council the purchase and lease of all electronic recording equipment that will be used to record court proceedings, specifying all of the following:

- The superior court in which the equipment will be used;
- The types of trial court proceedings in which the equipment will be used;
- The cost of purchasing, leasing, or upgrading the equipment; and
- The type of equipment purchased or leased.¹

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

The requirements of this report do not result in any additional costs or operational impacts.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Trial Courts*—Superior Courts of Alpine, Contra Costa, Kern, Madera, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Yolo Counties (January 1–June 30, 2023)

¹ Gov. Code, § 69958.

**REPORT OF ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT PURCHASED OR LEASED BY TRIAL COURTS¹**

Reporting Period: January 2023 through June 2023

Please return the completed report form to TCElectronicRecording@jud.ca.gov.

Include the approved Request to Purchase or Lease Electronic Recording Equipment form for what is being reported for this period.

COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Alpine County Superior Court

Phone: 530-694-2113 x325

Date: 4/10/2023

Court Contact: Ann Greth

Email: AnnGreth@alpine.courts.ca.gov

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding?

☐ YES

If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

EQUIPMENT, CASETYPE, AND USE DETAILS (INSERT ADDITIONAL LINES AS NEEDED)

# of Items	Indicate "new" or "replacement" equipment	Include type, make, and model of equipment	Include what the equipment is or will be used for	Indicate types of court proceedings for use	Indicate if leased or purchased	If purchased: Include total purchase cost	If leased: Include total cost over lease term	Total purchase and/or lease cost
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Replacement	Liberty Recorder Software, 4-Channel	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 3,495	-	\$ 3,495
				Misdemeanors				
				Infractions				
1	Replacement	Part Time Channel for Liberty Recorder Software	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 695	-	\$ 695
				Misdemeanors				
				Infractions				
1	Replacement	Training and Setup for Liberty Recorder Software	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 500	-	\$ 500
				Misdemeanors				
				Infractions				
1	Replacement	Support for Liberty Recorder Software	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 525	-	\$ 525
				Misdemeanors				
				Infractions				
1	Replacement	Trade-In Credit for existing FTR recorder device	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ (500)		\$ (500)
				Misdemeanors				
				Infractions				
1	Replacement	Labor to setup audio system for Liberty Recorder Software	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 1,512	-	\$ 1,512
				Misdemeanors		-	-	-
				Infractions		-	-	-
Totals						\$ 6,227	\$ -	\$ 6,227

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COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Contra Costa County

Phone: 925-608-1024

Date: 7/24/2023

Court Contact: [Abigail E Núñez](#)

Email: anunez@contracosta.courts.ca.gov

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding?

Yes

If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

EQUIPMENT, CASETYPE, AND USE DETAILS (INSERT ADDITIONAL LINES AS NEEDED)								
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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	New	Whirlwind HAUCXL	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 135		\$ 135
				Infractions				-
2	New	Biamp AMP-A460H	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	1,150	-	1,150
				Infractions		-	-	-
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Totals						\$ 1,285	\$ -	\$ 1,285

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COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Superior Court of CA, County of Kern

Phone: 661-610-6266

Date: 7/20/2023

Court Contact: [Jacqueline Santiago](#)

Email: Jacqueline.Santiago@kern.courts.ca.gov

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding?

Yes

If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
5	New	For the Record Gold Suite 6.2	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 4,975	\$ -	\$ 4,975
				Misdemeanors		-	-	-
				Infractions		-	-	-
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Totals						\$ 4,975	\$ -	\$ 4,975



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COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Madera

Phone: 559-416-5515

Date: 7/3/2023

Court Contact: [Staci Martines](#)

Email: staci.martines@madera.courts.ca.gov

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding?

January 2023 through June 2023

If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

Yes

EQUIPMENT, CASETYPE, AND USE DETAILS (INSERT ADDITIONAL LINES AS NEEDED)

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
4	New	FTR Digital Recording Suite, FTR Gold 7.0 Software	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 13,856	\$ -	\$ 13,856
4	New	Tesira Audio System; Tesira Forte AVB CI, Mixer and Tesira EX-UBT	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	49,216	-	49,216
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Totals						\$ 63,072	\$ -	\$ 63,072

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COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Riverside

Phone: 951-777-3249

Date: 7/15/2023

Court Contact: [Jonathan Clark](#)

Email: jonathan.clark@riverside.courts.ca.gov

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding?

January 2023 through June 2023

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EQUIPMENT, CASETYPE, AND USE DETAILS (INSERT ADDITIONAL LINES AS NEEDED)								
# of Items	Indicate "new" or "replacement" equipment	Include type, make, and model of equipment	Include what the equipment is or will be used for	Indicate types of court proceedings for use	Indicate if leased or purchased	If purchased: Include total purchase cost	If leased: Include total cost over lease term	Total purchase and/or lease cost
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
4	New	For The Record	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 660	\$ -	\$ 660
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Totals						\$ 660	\$ -	\$ 660



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COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Sacramento

Phone: 916-874-4965

Date: 7/15/2023

Court Contact: [Laetesia Ible](#)

Email: iblel@saccourt.ca.gov

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding?

Yes

If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Replacement	For The Record - Audio, Control, and Infrastructure Hardware	Official Record	Misdemeanors Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 31,261	\$ -	\$ 31,261
3	New	For The Record - Audio, Control, and Infrastructure Hardware	Official Record	Misdemeanors Limited Civil	Purchased	93,783	-	93,783
						-	-	-
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						-	-	-
						-	-	-
Totals						\$ 125,044	\$ -	\$ 125,044

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COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: San Mateo

Phone: 650-261-5182

Date: 7/11/2023

Court Contact: [Rick Walery](#)

Email: rwalery@sanmateocourt.org

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding?

Yes

If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

EQUIPMENT, CASE TYPE, AND USE DETAILS (INSERT ADDITIONAL LINES AS NEEDED)								
# of Items	Indicate "new" or "replacement" equipment	Include type, make, and model of equipment	Include what the equipment is or will be used for	Indicate types of court proceedings for use	Indicate if leased or purchased	If purchased: Include total purchase cost	If leased: Include total cost over lease term	Total purchase and/or lease cost
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
22	Replacement	FTR Sync Recording Clock (2020 Edition), Ethernet and POE	Official Record	Limited Civil	Purchased	\$ 10,958	\$ -	\$ 10,958
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Totals						\$ 10,958	\$ -	\$ 10,958

