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Monday, January 14, 2019

3:00 PM

San Francisco

CLOSED SESSION (RULE 10.6(B))—PLANNING, PERSONNEL, AND DISCUSSION PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council, called the closed session to order at 3:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION (RULE 10.6(A)) — MEETING AGENDA

Attendance

Council Members

Present: 28 - Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Justice Ming W. Chin, Administrative Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill, Justice Harry E. Hull Jr., Justice Douglas P. Miller, Justice Marsha G. Slough, Presiding Judge C. Todd Bottke, Presiding Judge Gary Nadler, Judge Marla O. Anderson, Judge Paul A. Bacigalupo, Judge Stacy Boulware Eurie, Judge Kyle S. Brodie, Judge Jonathan B. Conklin, Judge Samuel K. Feng, Judge Scott M. Gordon, Judge Harold W. Hopp, Judge Dalila Corral Lyons, Judge Ann C. Moorman, Judge David M. Rubin, Judge Kenneth K. So, Commissioner Rebecca Wightman, Ms. Nancy CS Eberhardt, Ms. Kimberly Flener, Ms. Rachel W. Hill, Mr. Patrick M. Kelly, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, and Ms. Andrea K. Wallin-Rohmann

Absent: 2 - Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, and Assembly Member Richard Bloom

Call to Order

Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, chair of the Judicial Council, called the open session to order at 3:40 pm. in the Judicial Council Board Room.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

[19-023](#)**Disaster Response in the Judicial Branch (No Action Required.
There are no materials for this item.)**

Summary: Presentation on disaster response.

The presentation on disaster response in the judicial branch reviewed action taken during the recent wildfires emergencies in California. Ms. Melissa Fowler-Bradley, Court Executive Officer (CEO), Superior Court of Shasta County, reported on the Carr Fire which started in July 2018, burned 229,651 acres in Shasta County, and escalated into a fire whirl, sparking the Hirz and Delta fires which burned another 109,461 acres. During the court's closure for six days, the CEO was in daily contact with Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Executive Office, as well as other courts offering assistance. They utilized a mass notification system to keep court staff informed and stayed in constant touch with media to communicate with the public. Crucial to the success of reopening, staff reported back to work one-day in advance of the court's reopening to the public and a calendar that had doubled in size.

Ms. Kimberly Flener, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Butte reported on the Camp Fire, which affected the courthouses in the cities of Oroville and Chico. They used the Judicial Council's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and notification system to communicate emergency order and court closures. Facilities Services responded to the air quality concerns with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning adjustments, air scrubbers, and masks for staff. During closures, video conferencing and video remote hearings assisted greatly with in-custody arraignments.

Mr. Mike Courtney, Facilities Services, reported on the State of California Emergency Plan, which describes how the state of California should respond to emergencies. It includes 18 emergency support functions, each assigned to a designated state agency who help support local government with resources, communications, and planning during response and recovery activities. During an emergency, the judicial branch is responsible for maintaining and preserving access to justice.

Mr. Charles Perkins, Legal Services, reported on Senate Bill 1208, approved by the governor on August 24, 2018, which allows statutory time periods to be extended for the fewest days necessary under the circumstances of an emergency. Legal services drafted a memo regarding emergency orders that includes checklists and other resources. The memo was distributed to Presiding Judges and CEOs and is included Emergency and Response resource page on the Judicial Resource Network.

Adjournment

With the meeting's business completed, the Chief Justice adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:40 p.m.