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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.16, the Technology Committee oversees the council's policies concerning information technology. The committee assists the council by providing technology recommendations focusing on the establishment of policies that emphasize long-term strategic leadership and that align with judicial branch goals. The committee is responsible for determining that council policies are complied with on specific projects approved and funded by the council and that those projects proceed on schedule and within scope and budget.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the May 2020 Judicial Council meeting, the committee met by conference call on June 8 and July 13.

Futures Commission Directive: Intelligent Chat for Self Help Services

The committee received a presentation on the *ITAC Intelligent Chat Workstream Findings and Recommendations Report*. The report represented the work of exploring the use of intelligent chat technology for informational and self-help services, as well as the findings and

recommendations. This work is the result of the Chief Justice directing ITAC to explore and make recommendations related to the use of intelligent chat technology to facilitate informational and self-help services to the public. The committee reviewed and discussed the report, then unanimously voted to accept the report and recommend it for submission to the Judicial Council.

Proposed Legislation and Rules

At its July 13 meeting, the committee reviewed a proposal to recommend that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to enact Code of Civil Procedure Section 367.7. The proposed code section would provide general statutory authority for courts to allow video appearances in all civil actions and proceedings. The committee also reviewed a proposal to recommend that the Judicial Council amend the California Rules of Court to indicate that an electronic filing service provider must allow the party to proceed with an electronic filing even if the party does not consent to receive electronic service. The committee unanimously approved both and recommended the proposals for submission to the Judicial Council.

Judicial Branch Web Template Preview

The committee received a preview of the new trial court website templates being developed by the Judicial Council.