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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.16, the Technology Committee oversees the Judicial 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 ensuring specific projects approved and funded by the council comply with the relevant council policies, proceed on schedule, and stay within scope and budget.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the May 21 Judicial Council meeting, the Technology Committee met by videoconference on May 24 and June 24, 2021.

Court Technology Modernization Funding

The committee received updates on the activities for fiscal year 2020–21 related to the direct allocations to the trial courts and the branchwide initiatives across 13 approved program categories. The trial courts continue their good work to improve access to justice through the use of technology. For the fiscal year 2021–22 funding, the committee approved updated program categories based on a Court 3D Model, which maps to the Chief Justice's Access 3D to provide

the public with physical, remote, and equal (including multi-lingual) access to court services, and the process for developing funding allocation recommendations. Membership for the new Court Technology Modernization Funding workstream was finalized, and the workstream kicked-off its efforts on June 4. The workstream has broad representation from trial court judicial officers, court executive officers, and the branch IT Community. The workstream has refined the program categories and associated metrics. The announcement for the funding for fiscal year 2021–22 was distributed and a branchwide webinar was held for courts to learn about how to apply for funding. Courts submit their project proposals requesting funding by July 13. The committee anticipates presenting funding recommendations at the council's September meeting.

Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)

The committee reviewed and accepted the ITAC Online Dispute Resolution Workstream final report and recommendations. Recommendations included publishing a request for proposal (RFP) to select ODR vendors/solutions for branchwide master service agreements for use by interested judicial branch entities; as well as exploring funding options to enable courts the opportunity to pilot ODR in identified usage scenarios.