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Title

Court Facilities: Disposition of Vacant Courthouses (Action Required)

Summary

The Firebaugh, Reedley, and Clovis Courthouses in Fresno County and the Avenal and Corcoran Courthouses in Kings County have been permanently closed by their respective courts and are 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 the assets in fair market value dispositions, the Facilities Policies Working Group (FPWG) recommends authorizing and approving the disposition of these facilities. The FPWG further recommends authorizing staff to lease or license all or a portion of the Clovis facility pending its final disposition.

Recommendation

The Facilities Policies Working Group recommends that the Judicial Council, effective December 16, 2016:

1. Authorize and approve the disposition of the state's equity interest in, and title to, the Firebaugh, Reedley, and Clovis court facilities in Fresno County and the Avenal and Corcoran court facilities in Kings County in fair market value transactions;
2. Direct council staff to take all actions necessary to obtain statutory authorization to dispose of the facilities and to draft and negotiate appropriate agreements with prospective transferees;
3. Direct council staff to take all action necessary to lease or license all or a portion of the Clovis facility until such time as it can be permanently disposed of;
4. Delegate to the Administrative Director or his designee the authority to sign real property disposition agreements and any other related necessary documents, contingent on legislative authorization for the disposition of the properties; and
5. Delegate to the Administrative Director or his designee the authority to sign one or more leases or licenses for the Clovis court facility, pending its final disposition.