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Title

Court Facilities: Disposition of Equity Interests in Courthouse Annex in Tehama County and old Falasco Justice Center in Merced County (Action Required)

Summary

Following completion of construction of new courthouses, and at other times for operational reasons, courts vacate one or more court facilities that are no longer suitable to the needs of the judicial branch. Often the vacated court facilities are located in county-owned buildings, but the Judicial Council remains liable for, and obligated to pay its share of the cost of operations and maintenance of its equity interest in the closed court facility. The Courthouse Annex in Tehama County and the former Falasco Justice Center in Merced County are two current examples. To eliminate the continuing liability and cost associated with permanently closed court facilities in county-owned buildings, the Facilities Policies Working Group recommends authorizing the permanent disposition of the Judicial Council's equity interests in the Tehama and Merced court facilities, and delegating to the Administrative Director authority to sign the equity disposition agreements for these two facilities and all other related documents needed to complete the transactions.

Recommendation

The Facilities Policies Working Group recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 28, 2017, take the following actions:

1. Authorize and approve the disposition of the state's equity interests in the Courthouse Annex in Tehama County and the former Falasco Justice Center in Merced County; and
2. Delegate to the Administrative Director or his designee the authority to sign the equity disposition agreements for these two facilities and all other related documents needed to complete the transactions.