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Court Facilities | Membership in Tuolumne Public Power Agency for New Sonora Courthouse (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council of California (Judicial Council) join the Tuolumne Public Power Agency (TPPA), a joint powers authority that provides electricity to public facilities in the County of Tuolumne. The TPPA provides lower-cost electricity to various local facilities in Tuolumne County, including the City of Sonora, all K-12 public schools, the County of Tuolumne, and special districts such as utilities and fire and community service districts. If the Judicial Council joins the TPPA, the new Sonora Courthouse in Tuolumne County would be able to enjoy the benefit of lower electricity rates than those offered by PG&E. Annual energy costs of the new Sonora Courthouse project would be reduced by approximately \$102,500, related to the transition to a lower, flat-rate electricity rate structure.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective October 1, 2021:

1. Adopt the resolution approving the Judicial Council's membership in the Tuolumne Public Power Agency (Attachment A_1);
2. Authorize the Administrative Director to execute the Amended and Restated Tuolumne Public Power Agency Joint Powers Agreement (Attachment A_2); and
3. Delegate to the Administrative Director or the Administrative Director's designee the authority to appoint, and if necessary, reappoint, the Judicial Council's representative to the Tuolumne Public Power Agency.