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Court Facilities: Exchange of Equity in Imperial Court Facilities (Action Required)

Summary

The Facilities Policies Working Group recommends authorizing and approving the permanent disposition to Imperial County of state equity in two small, permanently closed court facilities in El Centro, California, to (1) resolve a dispute connected with the courthouse transfer process, (2) eliminate the Judicial Council's continuing liability in holding permanently closed court facilities, and (3) realize the value of these assets in fair market value (FMV) dispositions. The two court facilities--the Juvenile Court and the Jail Court--were permanently closed by the Superior Court of California, County of Imperial, in 2013, and are unsuitable to the judicial branch's needs. The superior court fully supports the transfer of these closed court facilities to Imperial County.

Recommendation

The Facilities Policies Working Group recommends that the Judicial Council, effective March 24, 2017:

- 1. Authorize and approve the permanent disposition of the state's equity interest in the Juvenile Court and Jail Court facilities in El Centro, California, to Imperial County for their fair market value to resolve a dispute connected with the courthouse transfer process; and
- 2. Delegate to the Administrative Director or his designee the authority to sign all agreements and other documents needed to transfer the state's equity interest in the Juvenile Court and Jail Court facilities in El Centro, California, to Imperial County.