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Title

Court Facilities: Transfer of San Diego County Courthouse and Old Jail, and Related Equity Exchange (Action Required)

Summary

The Facilities Policies Working Group recommends that the Judicial Council authorize and approve the transfer to San Diego County of all of the state's equity interest in and title to the San Diego County Courthouse, adjacent Old Jail, and the land on which those buildings sit in exchange for the county's release of the Judicial Council and state from the existing obligation to demolish and remove those two facilities and such other considerations as the council and county may agree. The working group further recommends authorizing and approving the transfer to San Diego County of all of the state's equity interest in the Ramona Branch Building in Ramona, California, and a portion of the state's equity interest in the Meadow Lark Juvenile Court complex in exchange for San Diego County's transfer to the state of a portion of the county's equity interest in the South Bay Regional Center in Chula Vista, California.

Recommendation

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

1. Authorize and approve the transfer of the state's equity interest in and title to the San Diego County Courthouse and Old Jail and the land on which those buildings sit to San Diego County in exchange for the county's full release of the Judicial Council's and state's obligation to demolish and remove the County Courthouse and Old Jail, and such related obligations and other considerations as Judicial Council staff and the county may agree;
2. Authorize and approve the exchange of all of the state's equity interest in the Ramona Branch Building and a portion of the state's equity in the Meadow Lark Juvenile Court complex for a portion of the county's equity interest in the South Bay Regional Center to finally resolve all consequences of the Judicial Council's 2013 decision to remove construction of the inmate transportation tunnel in downtown San Diego; and
3. Delegate to the Administrative Director or his designee the authority to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the County of San Diego outlining the terms of these transactions and all such agreements and documents as may be necessary to give effect to the terms memorialized in that MOA, including written findings that may be required or advisable under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21000-21189) with respect to the council's approval of the transactions described immediately above.