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Court Facility in Lassen County Completes Transfer to State

San Francisco—Lassen County is the tenth county in California to complete transfer of all of its courthouses from county to state governance, under the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002. The act is designed to create equal access for all Californians to safe, secure, and adequate court facilities.

Lassen County reached this milestone on June 28, 2007, when its Courthouse Annex became the 113th court facility in California to either transfer or complete a transfer agreement to state governance. The transfer paves the way for the first phase of the New Susanville Courthouse capital project in that county.

As of last week, these ten counties either transferred or completed transfer agreements for all court facilities located in them: Calaveras, Humboldt, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Plumas, San Benito, Solano, and Yolo.

The Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 implements the key recommendation of the statewide Task Force on Court Facilities—that the state assume full responsibility for the ownership and maintenance of court facilities, many of which are in disrepair. A list of approved court transfers is available on the California Courts Web site at this link: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/Transfers_To_Date.pdf

For more information on the implementation of the Trial Court Facilities Act, see this link: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/.

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