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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **CEQA Scoping Meeting for Proposed New Stockton Courthouse**

**What:** A public meeting hosted by the Superior Court of San Joaquin County and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to present preliminary plans for the proposed Stockton courthouse.

The public and other interested parties will have an opportunity to provide input for the content and scope of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

**When:** Wednesday, July 30, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Downtown Transit Center Boardroom  
San Joaquin Regional Transit District  
421 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

**Who:** Judicial officers from the Superior Court of San Joaquin County and representatives from the AOC's Office of Court Construction and Management will provide an overview and background on the project.

**Why:** The Judicial Council of California designated a new Stockton courthouse as an "immediate need." This meeting is part of the first phase of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

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### Agenda

2:00–2:30 **Welcome and Court/Community Perspective**

Hon. William J. Murray, Jr., Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of San Joaquin County

**Administrative Office of the Court Introductions**

Steve Sundman, Senior Project Manager  
AOC Office of Court Construction and Management

**Presentation of Proposed Project**

Jerry Ripperda, Environmental Analyst  
AOC Office of Court Construction and Management

- Purpose of CEQA Scoping Meeting
- Project Contact Information
- Description of Proposed Project
- Summary of CEQA Document
- EIR Process and Schedule
- Project Schedule

2:30–4:00 Public Comment and Questions

### Fast Facts

- The proposed locations for the new courthouse include (1) Hunter Square Plaza or (2) Washington Street at Madison Street.
- Public access to court services will be markedly improved in the new courthouse.
- The current courthouse location suffers from inadequate security and overcrowding, and it is structurally and functionally deficient.
- The Judicial Council considers this one of the highest priority capital outlay projects for the judicial branch and has included it in the “immediate need” category.
- The City of Stockton has adopted a resolution to donate Hunter Square Plaza land for the new Stockton courthouse.
- The new building will have 30 courtrooms, approximately 300,000 square feet, and 10 to 12 stories.
- Construction could begin February 2011, with occupancy February 2013.
- The AOC is dedicated to building quality, cost-conscious courthouses that are appropriate for the region and meet the specific needs of the community.

Additional info: [http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects\\_sanjoaquin.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_sanjoaquin.htm)