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Public Meeting and Invitation to Comment on Proposed New Woodland Courthouse

What: A public meeting hosted by the state of California's Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) will present information about the new Woodland courthouse proposed for the city block bounded by Main Street, 5th Street, Lincoln Avenue, and 6th Street.

This meeting is a necessary step in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. At the meeting, the public and other interested parties will have an opportunity to review and comment on the AOC's Mitigated Negative Declaration, which concludes that, with the AOC's proposed mitigation measures, the proposed Woodland courthouse project will have no significant environmental effect.

The review period extends through 5 p.m. on March 18, 2010, so those unable to attend the meeting may also review the document and comment. The AOC's draft CEQA document and other project information, as well as instructions for submitting comments, are available on the California Courts Web site: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_yolo.htm

When: Wednesday, February 24, 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Where: Woodland Police Department Community Room, 1000 Lincoln Avenue, Woodland, CA 95695

Who: The AOC's Office of Court Construction and Management will present project information and a brief overview of the draft environmental report, and interested parties may present public comments or submit written comments.

Why: The new Woodland courthouse will replace seven court facilities in Woodland which are overcrowded and have poor security and many physical problems. The project, with an estimated total cost of \$172.9 million, will be funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, fines, and penalties, with no impact on the state's General Fund. The AOC plans to complete construction of the new courthouse in 2015, although the project team is working to accelerate the schedule wherever possible.

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