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Judicial Council to Hear SEC Report on AOC

Public Meeting June 21-22 in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—At its public meeting beginning Thursday, June 21, the Judicial Council will hear a presentation by the Strategic Evaluation Committee (SEC) on its review of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

The meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. on June 21 and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 22 in the Judicial Council Conference Center, Hiram Johnson State Office Building, Third Floor, Ronald M. George State Office Complex, 455 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco. The live audiocast will be on the [California Courts website](http://www.courts.ca.gov) and the agenda and reports are posted [online](#).

Council to Receive SEC Report and an Update on the Judicial Branch Budget

The Strategic Evaluation Committee was appointed by the Chief Justice in March 2011 to conduct an in-depth review of the AOC with a view toward promoting transparency, accountability and efficiency. The committee filed its [report](#) and recommendations on May 25.

The council will consider a recommendation from its Executive and Planning Committee for a process in which the council can take action on the SEC recommendations. The council will also hear a report from Jody Patel, the Interim Administrative Director of the Courts, on changes that have already been made at the AOC and changes that are in progress.

The council will also hear a status report on the state budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and its implications for the judicial branch. Other items include:

Report for Council's Internal Committee on Technology (CCMS update): On March 27, the council directed its CCMS Internal Committee to develop timelines and recommendations for terminating CCMS V4 as a statewide technology project and to establish an approach for technology in the courts, which included potentially leveraging CCMS technology. The council will receive an update from the committee on its efforts.

San Joaquin Court Assistance Review Team Report of Recommendations: The council will consider recommendations, and responses provided by the Superior Court of San Joaquin County, for how the court could reduce costs and increase revenue to minimize future requests for emergency funding.

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