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Public Meeting and Invitation to Comment on Environmental Impact Report Being Prepared for Proposed New Nevada City Courthouse

What: A public meeting hosted by the state of California's Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to solicit information about the environmental impact report (EIR) being prepared for the proposed new Nevada City courthouse. Four potential sites are currently under consideration.

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 hear an overview of the proposed project and provide comments on the scope and content of the EIR as well as issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the report.

The review period extends through 5 p.m. on April 5, 2011, so those unable to attend the meeting may also review the document and provide comments. The AOC's notice of preparation for the EIR and other project information and instructions for submitting comments are available on the California Courts website: www.courts.ca.gov/2828.htm.

When: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Where: Department VI of the Nevada City Courthouse, 201 Church Street, Nevada City, CA

Who: The AOC's Office of Court Construction and Management will present project information, and interested parties may ask questions, provide verbal comments, or submit written comments regarding the scope of the EIR.

Why:

The current historic courthouse is a significant town landmark but no longer adequate to serve as the main facility for the Superior Court of Nevada County. The court's current space is unsafe, substandard, overcrowded, and functionally obsolete. The planned project is funded by Senate Bill 1407 (2008), which finances critically needed courthouse construction and renovation through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments, with no impact on the state's General Fund.

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