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Alternate Site Approved for New Redding Courthouse

SAN FRANCISCO—The State Public Works Board (SPWB) today approved selection of an alternate site for a proposed new courthouse in Redding for the Superior Court of Shasta County. The alternate site includes the softball field at 900 Parkview Avenue and the gravel lot across the street at 855 Cypress Avenue, currently used as overflow parking for Redding City Hall.

Selecting an alternate site is a typical part of the siting process used by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), which manages the project. However, the preferred site remains at Oregon and Yuba Streets. The AOC is currently performing due diligence and environmental reviews on the preferred site, which was approved in May 2010. The preferred site involves the aggregation of several parcels by the AOC with the assistance of the City of Redding Redevelopment Agency. Aside from performing due diligence on the alternate site, no action will be taken unless the preferred site becomes unfeasible given the project's budget and schedule.

The two site candidates are the result of an extensive site selection process conducted by the AOC with assistance and input from a project advisory group composed of local citizens and officials from the Superior Court of Shasta County. The AOC expects to complete site acquisition in spring 2011.

The proposed new courthouse will consolidate all adult and juvenile court operations from the Main Courthouse and Annex, the Justice Center, and the Juvenile Court into one location housing 14 courtrooms in approximately 173,350 square feet. The proposed project is ranked as an "immediate need" on the Judicial Council's list of capital-outlay projects. The \$212 million project will be funded by Senate Bill 1407, enacted in 2008 to provide up to \$5 billion in funding for 41 new and renovated courthouses using court user fees rather than the state's General Fund.

The architecture firm of NBBJ has been selected to design the new Redding courthouse. Contract negotiations are nearing completion, enabling the architecture firm to begin validating space and functional needs and developing test fits on the proposed site. However, architectural design must await acquisition approval by the SPWB. The courthouse project is scheduled for completion in fall 2014.

More about the project can be found on the California Courts Web site at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_shastaredding.htm.

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