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Site Finalized for New Hanford Courthouse

SAN FRANCISCO—The State Public Works Board (SPWB) today approved the acquisition of a site in Hanford for the new courthouse for the Superior Court of Kings County. The site is approximately 9.5 acres currently owned by Kings County, immediately west of the County Jail and adjacent to 12th Avenue.

SPWB approval clears the way for close of escrow on the property, expected by July 2011. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), which is managing the project, is proceeding with architectural design, for which it has engaged the partnership of DLR Group, a full-service, national architecture and engineering firm. Architectural design is scheduled through fall 2012. When architectural design is further along, the AOC and the court plan to enable the public to view the design. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2013, and completion is scheduled for the end of 2014.

The new 12-courtroom courthouse will occupy approximately 144,460 square feet, consolidating operations from five buildings in Hanford and Lemoore into a single courthouse to handle all types of proceedings, operations, and other court services.

The new Hanford courthouse is among 41 projects to be funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments, without reliance on the state's General Fund. A new courthouse for the Superior Court of Kings County is ranked as an "immediate need" in the judicial branch's capital-outlay plan, making it among the judicial branch's highest-priority infrastructure projects.

More information about the project can be found on the California Courts website at www.courts.ca.gov/2813.htm

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