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## **Project Advisory Group Named for New Nevada City Courthouse**

SAN FRANCISCO—The Superior Court of Nevada County and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) have named a project advisory group for the proposed new Nevada City courthouse. The proposed project would replace the court's space in the current courthouse and annex, which are owned by and shared with the County of Nevada, and are overcrowded, functionally deficient, and lacking in security features to current standards.

Members of the advisory group represent a broad base of community-elected officials and leaders and include officials from the court and AOC. The AOC, the staff agency of the Judicial Council, manages all courthouses statewide. A list of project advisory group members is attached.

The project advisory group will provide advice and input to the project, primarily during site selection and design. The proposed project is currently in the earliest phase of site selection, a process that typically takes one to two years. The AOC and the project advisory group have established criteria for site selection. Currently, the group is evaluating numerous site options, with further research and due diligence to come. The panel will later validate a ranking of a short list of potential sites based on these criteria.

Some members of the project advisory group also belong to the "Save Our Downtown Courthouse" committee. Downtown site options are extremely limited, however, so a full range of locations is currently under consideration.

The AOC will ultimately select preferred and alternate potential sites to be approved by the State Public Works Board. Following that approval, the AOC will develop an environmental impact report (EIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Later this year, the public will be invited to participate in a scoping meeting for the EIR and will later have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft EIR. The court and the city are also planning informational community meetings for interested residents to stay informed on project progress.

The proposed project, for a six-courtroom facility at an estimated total cost of \$107.93 million, is funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances new and renovated court facilities using court user fees rather than the state's General Fund.

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More information about the project:

[www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects\\_nevada.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_nevada.htm)

Interested members of the public can also sign up to receive e-mail updates on the project. Signup instructions are available on the project web page.

Frequently asked questions:

[www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/faq\\_nevadacity\\_courthouse.pdf](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/faq_nevadacity_courthouse.pdf)

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### **New Nevada City Courthouse, Superior Court of Nevada County Project Advisory Group**

Mr. Gene Albaugh, City Manager, City of Nevada City

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Ms. Theresa Dunn, Senior Real Estate Analyst, AOC

Hon. Candace S. Heidelberger, Assistant Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Nevada County

Mr. Ted Kopecko, Project Manager, Design and Construction Services, AOC

Hon. Julie A. McManus, Judge, Superior Court of Nevada County

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Mr. Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer, Nevada County

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