SAN FRANCISCO—Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye today named the members of a new Court Facilities Working Group, which will provide ongoing oversight of the statewide program that maintains, renovates, and rebuilds courthouses.

“In this era of severe budget constraints and shifting priorities, providing safe, secure, functional courthouses remains a critical priority that we must balance with other challenges,” the Chief Justice said in announcing the working group. “This group will provide comprehensive oversight to ensure that we make good decisions and maximize our limited resources in this crucial area.”

Under the leadership of Administrative Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District in Fresno, the new working group will oversee the work of the Administrative Office of the Courts in its management of 20 million square feet of court facilities statewide, as well a building program of more than 50 courthouse projects over the next several years. The working group will provide ongoing oversight of policy issues, business practices, and budget monitoring and control and make recommendations as necessary to the Judicial Council.

The 25-member committee (roster attached below) consists of active and retired justices and judges, court executive officers, members of the State Bar, local government leaders, and industry leaders. Representatives from the trial courts range from the state’s largest to smallest courts.

Justice Hill has long experience with the judicial branch’s facilities goals, needs, and challenges, having served two terms on the Judicial Council, from 2000 to 2003 and from 2007 to 2010. Between those terms, he chaired the California Facilities Transitional Task Force, which oversaw development of strategies for the transfer of more than 500 court facilities from county to state responsibility. More recently, he chaired a working group that oversaw development of policies for third-party use of court facilities.

“The state Legislature has swept $310 million this year from the judicial branch’s fund for immediate and critical needs of court construction and modification,” Justice Hill said. “We will have to review the program’s priorities to make sure we can continue to make the most of the resources left to us.”
The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts, the largest court system in the nation. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice. The Administrative Office of the Courts carries out the official actions of the council and promotes leadership and excellence in court administration.
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