

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING
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Judicial Council Conference Center
San Francisco, California

July 6–7, 2004

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AGENDA

July 6, 2004

3:30–6:30 p.m.

Open Study Session for Judicial Council Members on Trial Court Budget Issues and Processes [Information]

July 7, 2004

8:30–8:45 a.m.

Public Comment Related to Trial Court Budget Issues*

[Subject to requests]

*If no public comment, agenda items may be advanced.

8:45–8:50 a.m.

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8:50–9:10 a.m.

Judicial Council Committee Presentations [Information]

Executive and Planning Committee

Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair

Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee

Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Chair

Rules and Projects Committee

Hon. Norman L. Epstein, Chair

Discussion Agenda (Tabs 1–3)

Item 1

9:10–10:45 a.m.

Methodology for Allocation of FY 2004–2005 Unallocated Reductions for Trial Courts (Action Required)

The Budget Act of 2004 will likely contain unallocated reductions to state trial court funding. The total amount of unallocated reductions included in the Governor's May Revision proposal is \$72.5 million, of which \$50 million is a one-time reduction and \$20 million will be ongoing. In addition, the 2003 Budget Act included a reduction of \$2.5 million associated with administrative operations savings; this

reduction is also ongoing. Based on input and recommendations from the Trial Court Executive Management Budget Working Group, Court Executives Advisory Committee, and Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, AOC staff will present options and recommendations for allocating the ongoing and one-time reductions among the trial courts in an equitable manner. In order to minimize the impact of the reductions on courts' operations on a statewide basis, the methodology will take into consideration such factors as adjusted baseline budget, growth funding, workload, and available reserves. The approved reductions should be implemented as soon as possible after enactment of the budget to enable courts to absorb them over the entire fiscal year.

Presentation (60 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Christine M. Hansen, Finance Division
Ms. Sheila Gonzalez, Southern Regional Office
Ms. Christine Patton, Bay Area/Northern Coastal
Regional Office
Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Northern/Central Regional
Office

Discussion/Council Action (35 minutes)

10:45–11:00 a.m. **BREAK**

Item 2

11:00 a.m.–
12:00 noon

Recommendation on Methodology and Allocation of \$22 Million Trial Court Security Reduction and New Security Funding Pending in the FY 2004–2005 May Revision (Action Required)

The Budget Act of 2003 included an \$11 million General Fund reduction cost in FY 2003–2004 and \$22 million in FY 2004–2005 associated with implementation of policies to achieve efficiencies in court security costs in the trial courts. In addition, the May Revision for FY 2004–2005 includes \$28.779 million in new funding for increases in salary, retirement, and other benefits for court security. This report presents recommendations from the Working Group on Court Security and AOC staff for allocation of the new funding and the reductions among the trial courts.

Presentation (30 minutes)

Speakers: Hon. Richard D. Aldrich, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District
Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Northern/Central Regional Office
Ms. Christine M. Hansen, Finance Division

Discussion/Council Action (30 minutes)

Item 3
12:00–12:15 p.m.

Allocation of New Trial Court Funding Included in the Pending FY 2004–2005 Budget (Action Required)

The Budget Act of 2004 is expected to provide new funds for trial courts in a variety of program areas. The funding was based on budget proposals submitted at the direction of the council at its August 29, 2003, meeting. AOC staff make recommendations on allocation of funds for court staff salaries and benefits, court staff retirement, increased charges for county-provided services, subordinate judicial officer salaries and benefits, costs of prisoner hearings, and costs of homicide trials. The report recommends approaches to address allocation of these funds. The recommendations are contingent on the funding's remaining at the levels included in the May Revision.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Christine M. Hansen, Finance Division
Mr. Stephen Nash, Finance Division

Discussion/Council Action (5 minutes)

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