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Improving Trial Court Facilities: Riverside—New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse

In October 2008 the Judicial Council adopted an updated Trial Court Capital Outlay Plan and a list of 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407. AOC staff has completed a funding request for 15 projects, 13 of which have initial funding included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act. Approval of these projects mark important progress toward implementing needed improvements for courts across California.

Funding for this project—the Riverside—New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse—has been included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act.

New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse

A new Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse is proposed by the AOC for initial funding of \$4.4 million for FY 2009-2010. The new facility will house 5 courtrooms. The estimated total cost for this courthouse of approximately 67,900 gross square feet is \$84.4 million (escalated to construction mid-point in summer 2013). This project is ranked in the Immediate Need Project Priority Group of the Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan and is one of the highest priority capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch.

Lack of Security, Severe Overcrowding, Poor Physical Conditions, and Reduced Access to Court Services

Juvenile and family court services in the Desert Region of Riverside County are served by two existing trial court locations: Juvenile Court and Larson Justice Center. The Juvenile Court, in particular, is functionally deficient, overcrowded, and among the worst in the state in terms of security. Family courtrooms at the Larson Justice Center are significantly undersized by current design standards. The existing facilities will remain incapable of meeting the region's growing demand for court services. The overcrowding and lack of proper security at the existing facilities and the public's

hindered access to court services are among the reasons why the proposed new Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse is urgently needed.



Prisoner Waiting Area in Corridor Used by Judicial Officers and Staff

Long-term Funding Needs

The enactment of SB 1407 was the major first step in funding 41 urgently needed courthouse improvement projects across the State of California. The Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan includes another 112 projects for which funding has not been secured. California judicial branch will continue to explore additional, alternative means to fund the state's sizable need for courthouse infrastructure improvements while it implements the 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407.

More Information

A project feasibility report for the New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse, dated July 1, 2008, was prepared by AOC staff. This report documents the poor functional and physical conditions of the existing Indio Juvenile court facility in Riverside County, explores options for how best to meet the needs of the court and of the public, and estimates the cost to construct a new facility. This document can be downloaded from the following Web site:

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/pfr-riverside.pdf

For further information, please email the AOC-Office of Court Construction and Management at OCCM@jud.ca.gov.