

Judicial Council of California,
Administrative Office of the Courts

NEW UKIAH COURTHOUSE

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
Scoping Meeting

May 17, 2011

Agenda

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- What is CEQA?
- Purpose of CEQA Scoping Meeting
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Welcome & Introductions

Members of the Court

- Judge Cindee Mayfield – Presiding Judge
- Judge Richard Henderson – Assistant Presiding Judge
- Judge David Nelson – Member, Project Advisory Group

Court Staff

- Caryn Downing – Interim Court Executive Officer

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What is CEQA?

California Environmental Quality Act

- 1970 State of California environmental law
- Purpose of CEQA:
 - Disclose description of a proposed project
 - Evaluate project's environmental effects
 - Consider relevant information before approving a project
 - Provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the environmental issues
 - Avoid or reduce potential harm to environment when feasible
- CEQA documents: environmental impact report (EIR) or negative declaration ("Neg. Dec.")



Purpose of CEQA Scoping Meeting

- Inform the public of the proposed project.
- Disclose the preparation of an EIR for the proposed project and the potential impacts being reviewed in the EIR.
- Solicit guidance from the public and agencies on environmental issues via comments on the Notice of Preparation/Initial Study.



Description of Proposed Project

- The construction and operation of a new courthouse for the Superior Court of Mendocino County;
- Approximately 114,000 square feet;
- Up to five stories high;
- Includes nine courtrooms; and
- Parking, including secure judges parking and additional jury/public parking.



Description of Proposed Project

Two Sites Being Considered

1. The Library Site – near the existing county public library, bounded by Perkins Street, Main Street, Mason Street and including properties fronting Smith Street.
2. The Railroad Depot Site – 309 Perkins Street



Potential Environmental Impacts

- Aesthetics
- Biological Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Land Use/Planning
- Transportation/Traffic
- Cultural Resources
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Air Quality
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Noise



Potential Environmental Impacts— Scoped Out of Review

- Population/Housing
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Mineral Resources
- Public Services
- Geology/Soils
- Recreation



CEQA Process and Schedule



Proposed Project Schedule



Contact Information

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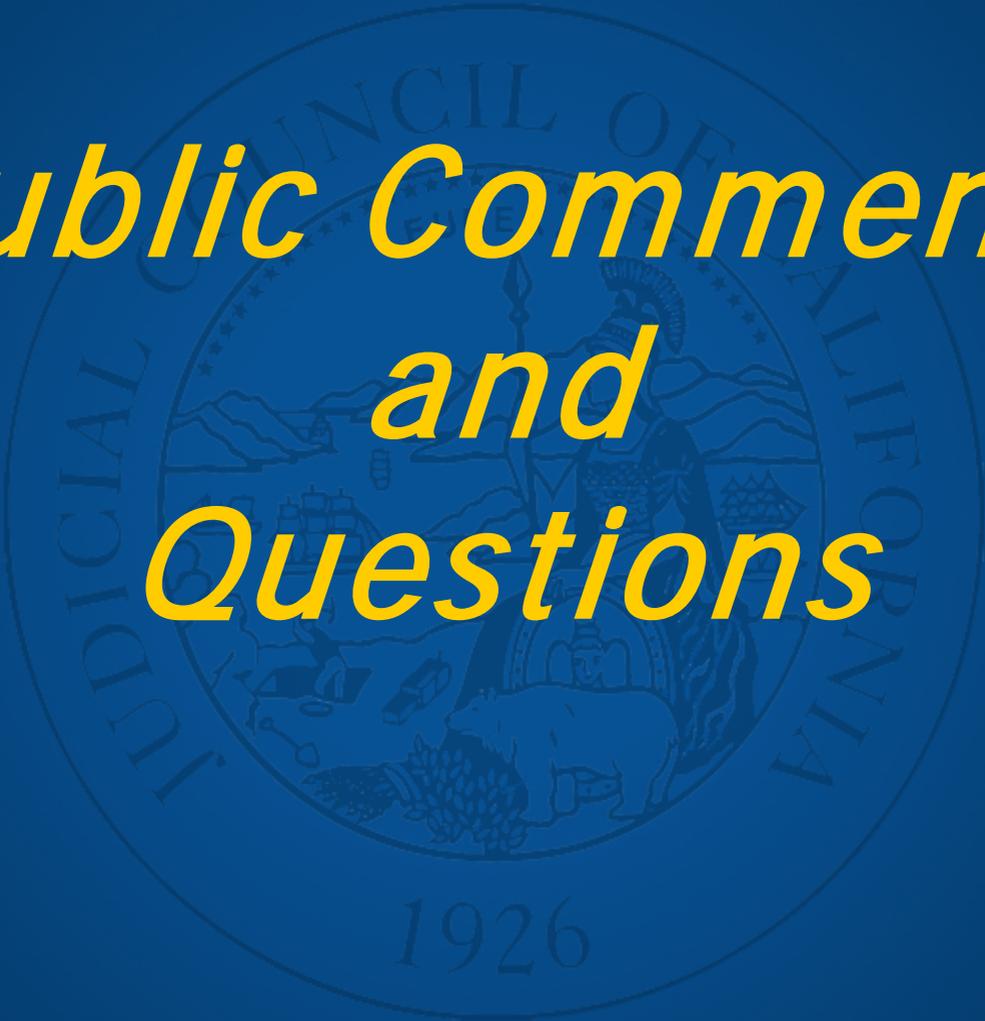
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Project Website

www.courts.ca.gov/2816.htm



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*Public Comments
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