



**NEWS RELEASE** OC 47-11  
Contact: Teresa Ruano, 415-865-7447

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
June 3, 2011

## **New Woodland Courthouse Proceeds to Design**

SAN FRANCISCO—Purchase by the state of the site for the new Woodland courthouse was completed this week, with close of escrow and the state's \$2.52 million payment to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Woodland. Former occupants of the city block bounded by Main, Fifth, and Sixth Streets and Lincoln Avenue have been relocated. The Woodland Redevelopment Agency expedited the state's purchase of the land by assembling various properties on the block, and then sold the land to the state. This arrangement enabled the courthouse to remain in downtown Woodland.

"We're delighted to pass yet another milestone on our journey to build a new courthouse for the citizens of this county," said Presiding Judge David Rosenberg. "Now we move into the serious task of designing a signature building that will fit well into the fabric of the Woodland community." Shawn Landry, Assistant Court Executive Officer, added, "We thank the City, Administrative Office of the Courts, and local Court leaders that were able to facilitate closing this deal and keeping the courthouse where it has historically been and where we are glad it will stay; downtown Woodland."

Completion of site acquisition clears the way for architectural design. The partnership of Fentress Architects and Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects will design the building. Preliminary plans, the first phase of architectural design during which the building's layout and appearance will be developed, is expected to take six months.

The new 14-courtroom courthouse will be approximately 163,000 square feet, consolidating seven unsafe and overcrowded court facilities into a single building, with adjacent parking. The AOC is also finalizing negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad for a parking lot to accommodate 220 cars at Lincoln Avenue and Sixth Street, across the street from the new courthouse.

Construction is scheduled to start in early 2013. The courthouse project, with a total estimated cost of \$165.3 million, is scheduled for completion in late 2014 or early 2015. The new Woodland courthouse is among 41 projects funded by Senate Bill 1407 (2008), which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments. These projects do not draw from the state's General Fund.

More information about the project is available on the California Courts website at [www.courts.ca.gov/2793.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/2793.htm).

###

*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.*