JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING Administrative Office of the Courts Malcolm M. Lucas Board Room 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, California 94102-3688

June 29, 2007 8:45-10:15 a.m. Open to the Public

AGENDA

Public Comment Related to Trial Court Budget Issues* 8:45–8:55 a.m.

[Subject to requests]

*This time is reserved for public comment on discussion agenda items relating to trial court budgets.

8:55–9:00 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**

April 27, 2007, business meeting

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9:00-9:20 a.m. **Judicial Council Committee Presentations**

> **Executive and Planning Committee** Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair

Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee

Hon. Peter Paul Espinoza, Committee Member

Rules and Projects Committee

Hon. James Michael Welch, Committee Member

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9:20-9:35 a.m. **Judicial Council Court Visit Reports**

Hon. Barbara J. Miller, Team Leader

Ms. Christine Patton, Bay Area/Northern Central Regional Office Report on visits to the Superior Court of Alameda and Contra

Costa Counties.

9:35–9:45 a.m. Administrative Director's Report

> Mr. William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts, will make a report.

9:45-9:55 a.m. **Chief Justice's Report**

> Chief Justice Ronald M. George will report on activities in which he has been involved since the last Judicial Council business meeting.

Consent Agenda (Items 1–3)

A council member who wishes to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda is asked to please notify Nancy Spero at 415-865-7915 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Item 1

Jury Instructions: Approve Publication of Revisions and Additions to Criminal Instructions (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 855(d)) (Action Required)

The Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions recommends approval of the publication of the revisions and additions to the Judicial Council of California Criminal Jury Instructions. The additions and revisions will improve the clarity, accuracy and breadth of the instructions.

Staff: Ms. Robin Seeley

Office of the General Counsel

<u>Item 2</u> <u>Site Acquisition Approval for Plumas/Sierra Counties—New</u> Portola/Loyalton Courthouse (Action Required)

Staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) recommends the Judicial Council: 1) direct AOC staff to proceed with acquisition of the Woodbridge at Portola site for the New Portola/Loyalton Courthouse site and 2) adopt the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration undertaken in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Judicial Council should approve the site because it meets the advisory team's (including court representatives') and AOC staff's site considerations and adopt the CEQA document as required for the Lead Agency.

Staff: Mr. Lee Willoughby

Office of Court Construction and Management

Mr. Robert M. Uvalle

Office of Court Construction and Management

Item 3

Revisions to Base Allocations for Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program, Fiscal Year 2007–2008 (Action Required)

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the council approve the allocation of non-trial court funding to local courts for the child support commissioner and family law facilitator program. The funds for this program are provided by a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and the Judicial Council. Two-thirds of these funds are federal funds and the remaining one—third are state General Funds (non-trial court funding).

Staff: Mr. Michael L. Wright

Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Ms. Ruth K. McCreight

Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Discussion Agenda (Item 4)

<u>Item 4</u> 9:55–10:15 a.m.

Site Selection and Acquisition Policy for Court Facilities (Action Required)

Staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) recommends that the Judicial Council delegate authority for approval of the selection and acquisition of sites for court facilities to the Administrative Director of the Courts and adopt a Site Selection and Acquisition Policy.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Kelly Quinn Popejoy

Office of Court Construction and Management

Ms. Rona G. Rothenberg

Office of Court Construction and Management

Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

Circulating Orders since the last business meeting.

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