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## Judicial Council Meeting Rescheduled for July 22

### ***One-week delay needed to study budget cuts***

San Francisco—The Judicial Council public meeting previously scheduled for July 15, 2011, has been postponed by one week to Friday, July 22 to allow sufficient time to study the effect of a \$350 million budget reduction on the California judicial branch.

The council's Trial Court Budget Working Group has been evaluating how to allocate funding to the courts now that the state Legislature and the Governor have reduced the judicial branch budget by \$350 million for the current 2011–2012 fiscal year. In addition, the budget sweeps \$310 million from the Immediate and Critical Needs Account (SB 1407) of the Judicial Branch Construction Fund and will place that amount in the state's General Fund.

Once the working group finalizes formal recommendations for allocations to the trial courts, they will be forwarded to the Administrative Director of the Courts and the Judicial Council to make a final decision on the allocations.

The council meeting will be held in the Hiram Johnson State Office Building, Judicial Council Conference Center, Third Floor, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

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