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Judicial Council to Review Revised Budget

Public Meeting May 17 in Sacramento

SAN FRANCISCO—The Judicial Council has called a special business meeting May 17, 2012 to review the Governor's revised 2012-13 budget. The meeting will be held from 11:00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m. at the Northern/Central Regional Office of the Administrative Office of the Courts, 2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento.

Chaired by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, the council is the administrative policymaking body of the California courts. A live audiocast will be on the <u>California Courts website</u>. The agenda for the meeting is posted <u>online</u>.

The council will discuss the effect of the Governor's "May revise" budget on the judicial branch, trial courts, and court facilities construction projects. The budget is scheduled to be released on Monday, May 14th.

Over the past four fiscal years, the judicial branch has experienced a cumulative ongoing reduction of \$653 million and 23 percent reduction in funding.

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