



**MEMORANDUM
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS DIVISION**
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** June 28, 2022
FROM: Steve Newsom, Director of Facilities Management
BY: Bill Lardner, Architect
SUBJECT: Capital Improvements Division / Memorandum of Understanding / Judicial Council of California / Tahoe Justice Center Preliminary Project Planning / 2501 North Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City, CA

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Judicial Council of California for preliminary project planning and feasibility for a potential Tahoe Justice Center and Tahoe City Courthouse at 2501 North Lake Boulevard in Tahoe City, CA.

BACKGROUND

On March 19, 2019, your Board held a public workshop to discuss and prioritize a potential project list including a Tahoe Justice Center replacement. Following that workshop, staff met with representatives from Sheriff, Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, and the Placer County Superior Court (Courts) to discuss their facility program needs for this potential new Tahoe Justice Center facility. While recognizing the site development constraints, these discussions indicated a preference to be located on the site of the existing facility known as Burton Creek, located at 2501 North Lake Boulevard in Tahoe City, CA.

Facilities Management has made good progress related to site capacity at Burton Creek and received Tahoe Regional Planning Agency confirmation of land capability and site coverage and completed geotechnical and hydrological studies necessary for preliminary planning. This work has determined that the site can potentially accommodate the co-location of the proposed Tahoe Justice Center and a new Tahoe City Courthouse.

Given this opportunity, the Judicial Council of California (JCC) and Courts began discussions regarding options for the funding and replacement of the Tahoe City Courthouse. These meetings have highlighted the need for a collaborative approach to planning and the likely benefits of joint participation in the site studies and environmental review process.

Subsequently, the Courts successfully received approval from the JCC to contribute up to \$150,000 towards the County's \$300,000 to \$450,000 estimated cost to perform preliminary project planning for a potential co-location of both the Courthouse and Justice Center.

To receive this funding from the JCC, the parties successfully negotiated the proposed MOU. This MOU will allow Facilities Management to work together with the JCC and the Courts to develop conceptual building and site plans for both the Courthouse and the Tahoe Justice Center facilities, preliminary construction cost estimates for each, preferred potential land

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transaction and construction delivery approach, additional geotechnical studies, surveying, and other consultant services necessary to inform the environmental analysis and move both projects forward.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The action requested of your Board today is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 information collection as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

FISCAL IMPACT

The County cost to perform the preliminary project planning associated with the MOU is estimated between \$300,000 to \$450,000 of which the JCC will contribute up to \$150,000. The preliminary planning costs are included as part of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and budgeted in the FY 2021-22 Capital Projects Fund Budget (CC12018), Project No. PJ00086, Tahoe Justice Center. The JCC's contribution will reimburse County costs the Tahoe Justice Center Project, PJ00086, resulting in no impact to the General Fund for this item.

On file with the Clerk of the Board:

Memorandum of Understanding with Judicial Council of California for Preliminary Planning and Feasibility at Tahoe City Courthouse