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Project Advisory Group Named for New Quincy Courthouse

SAN FRANCISCO—The Superior Court of Plumas County and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) have named a project advisory group for the proposed new Quincy courthouse. The proposed project would replace the court's space in the current Quincy courthouse, which is significantly overcrowded, functionally deficient, and lacking in security features meeting current standards.

The advisory group includes community officials and local business leaders as well as officials of the Superior Court and the AOC. A list of project advisory group members is attached. The AOC is the staff agency of the Judicial Council, the policymaking body of the California courts. Among its responsibilities, the AOC now manages all courthouses statewide. The AOC is managing all aspects of the proposed new Quincy courthouse project, working with officials from the court.

The project advisory group will provide advice and input to the project, primarily during site selection and design. The project is currently in the earliest phase of site selection. The site selection and acquisition process, which follows a statewide standard process set by the Judicial Council, typically takes one to two years. The AOC has already performed a market search to identify potential sites. The project advisory group is now establishing criteria for site selection. The panel will validate a ranking of a short list of potential sites based on the criteria of greatest importance in Quincy. The AOC will ultimately select preferred and alternate potential sites to be approved by the State Public Works Board. Following that approval, the AOC will conduct environmental work in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The public will be invited to review and comment on the draft environmental report.

The proposed project, for a three-courtroom facility, is funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances new and renovated court facilities using court user fees rather than the state's General Fund.

More information about the project: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_quincy.htm

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Superior Court of Plumas County: New Quincy Courthouse
Project Advisory Group

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