



# Judicial Council of California

Trial Court Facility Modification  
Advisory Committee

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## TRIAL COURT FACILITY MODIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF MEETING

March 4, 2024

12:00 PM – 12:53 PM

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**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Donald Cole Byrd, Chair  
Hon. John B. Ellis  
Hon. Jennifer K. Rockwell  
Mr. Jarrod Orr  
Ms. Nocona Soboleski  
Mr. David H. Yamasaki

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Brad R. Hill  
Hon. Patricia M. Lucas (Ret.)  
Hon. William F. Highberger, Vice-Chair  
Hon. Vanessa W. Vallarta

**Staff Present:** The following Judicial Council staff were present:

Ms. Pella McCormick, Director, Facilities Services  
Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Deputy Director, Facilities Services  
Mr. Harry O'Hagin, Principal Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Jagan Singh, Principal Manager, Facilities Services  
Ms. Maria Atayde-Scholz, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Robert Carlson, Manager, Facilities Services  
Ms. Mimi Chung, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Jack Collins, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Andre Navarro, Manager, Facilities Services  
Ms. Peggy Symons, Manager, Facilities Services  
Mr. Javier Camacho, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Ed Ellestad, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Paul Fitzgerald, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Ms. Donna Jorgensen, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Chris Magnusson, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Glenn Mantoani, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Ms. Jennifer Merrill, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Yassen Roussev, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Javier Camacho, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Steve Shelley, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Randy Swan, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Patrick Treanor, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Guillermo Urena, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Doug Walthour, Supervisor, Facilities Services  
Mr. Hugh Dwiggins, Senior Facilities Analyst, Facilities Services  
Ms. Mary Li, Facilities Analyst, Facilities Services  
Ms. Sadie Varela, Facilities Analyst, Facilities Services  
Ms. Akilah Robinson, Associate Analyst, Facilities Services  
Ms. Angela Cowan, Manager, Budget Services  
Ms. Kristin Kerr, Supervising Attorney, Legal Services  
Ms. Erin Stagg, Attorney II, Legal Services  
Ms. Maggie Stern, Attorney II, Legal Services  
Ms. Morgan Lardizabal, Legislative Advocate, Government Affairs

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**OPEN SESSION OF MEETING**

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**Call to Order, Opening Remarks, and Roll Call**

The chair called the open session of the meeting to order at 12:02 PM, roll was taken, and opening remarks were made.

**Approval of Minutes**

The advisory committee voted to approve the open session minutes of its meeting held on January 29, 2024. (*Motion: Rockwell; Second: Ellis*)

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**PUBLIC WRITTEN COMMENTS**

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No public comments were received.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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The committee received the following updates:

**1. Storms Update:**

- Because of implementation of deferred maintenance programs DMF-1 through DMF-4, recent statewide storms had minimal weather impact on court operations:
  - From February 4–6, 2024, the atmospheric-river storm that traveled throughout the state only caused minor roof and window leaks at approximately 20 facilities in addition to several fallen trees/tree limbs.
  - On March 1, 2024, Sierra snowstorm blizzard conditions caused closures of the Placer - Tahoe City, El Dorado - South Lake Tahoe, and Sierra - Downieville courthouses.

**2. Update on Compton Courthouse Plumbing Fixtures Replacement:**

- Recent Priority 1 plumbing-related emergencies at the Compton Courthouse:
  - On January 2, 2024, a failed supply hose to a chamber's toilet flooded portions of four floors including the elevator control room and shut down the public elevators. The court was closed for 11 days, while elevator parts were sourced and hazardous materials abated/areas restored. This Priority 1 FM is approximately 73 percent completed, with an estimated cost over \$2.8 million.
  - On January 29, 2024, a similar outcome of flooding, elevator shut down, and courthouse closure (for one week) occurred due to a failed flex hose to a sink in a conference room. This Priority 1 FM is approximately 72 percent completed, with an estimated cost of \$2.1 million.
- The cause of these incidents is owing to fixtures, located throughout the building, plumbed with flex hose rated for residential-type-water-supply and a series of pressure-reducing/isolation valves that are over 50 years old and starting to fail.
- All valves throughout the building are being replaced as part of the Priority 1 FMs, with the replacement of all flex hoses to follow during a future fixture-replacement project.

**OPEN SESSION - ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-4)**

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**Action Item 1 – Fiscal Year 2023–24 Facility Modification (FM) Program Budget Action**

The committee approved the reallocation of \$1.75 million for Priority 2 projects from the budget category of *FMs over \$100K* to the category of *FMs under \$100K*.

*(Motion: Yamasaki; Second: Soboleski)*

**Action Item 2 – List A – Emergency Facility Modification Funding (Priority 1)**

The committee approved 116 projects for a total of \$1,521,026 to be paid from FM program funds previously encumbered for Priority 1 projects. *(Motion: Ellis; Second: Orr)*

**Action Item 3 – List B – Facility Modifications Under \$100K (Priority 2)**

The committee approved 90 projects for a total of \$1,016,302 to be paid from FM program funds previously encumbered for Priority 2 projects under \$100K.

*(Motion: Yamasaki; Second: Rockwell)*

**Action Item 4 – List D – Facility Modifications Over \$100K (Priority 2)**

The committee approved four Priority 2 FMs over \$100K for a total cost to the FM program budget of \$4,655,324. *(Motion: Ellis; Second: Soboleski)*

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**OPEN SESSION - DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)  
(NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

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**Discussion Item 1 – List E – Court-Funded Requests (CFRs)**

The committee received an update on CFR projects approved by the Facilities Services Director since the last meeting and CFR projects cancelled.

**Discussion Item 2 – List F – Funded Facility Modifications on Hold**

The committee reviewed the list of previously funded FMs on hold.

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**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further open session business, the open session of the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM, and the advisory committee moved to the closed session of the meeting. The closed session of the meeting—which was closed to the public for discussion of security-related items (per Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 10.75(d))—was adjourned at 1:19 PM.

Approved by the advisory body on 4/8/2024.