

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2025111159

Project Title: New Fresno Courthouse Project

Lead Agency: Judicial Council of California

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Project Location: 2200 Fresno St. Fresno
City

Fresno
County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project would consolidate Fresno County Superior Court operations from three downtown locations (the Fresno County Courthouse, the North Annex Jail court facilities, and the "M" Street Courthouse) into a single new courthouse within Courthouse Park at 2200 Fresno Street in the City of Fresno (City). The proposed courthouse building would have approximately 413,000 gross square feet across up to 11 stories above grade and one basement level, with 36 courtrooms and associated support spaces including judicial chambers, clerks' offices, jury assembly and deliberation rooms, temporary in-custody holding, administrative offices, and a loading dock. The Project site encompasses approximately 2.09 acres within Courthouse Park (Assessor's Parcel Number 466-160-0H). Surrounding uses include government offices and justice facilities, such as the Fresno County Jail and the Public Defender. Secure basement-level parking would be provided for judicial officers only. Public and staff parking are not included in the Project scope; visitors would use existing municipal parking facilities and metered on-street spaces. A sallyport and tunnel connection would facilitate secure in-custody transport to and from the jail across Fresno Street. Demolition would remove the Fresno Sheriff Administration Building and the South Annex Jail within Courthouse Park. Construction would be delivered through design build, so exact plans are not available at the time of this EIR. Conservative estimates are used to accommodate the design-build process.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources: Potentially Significant to Less than Significant. Mitigation measures include Western Mastiff Bat Surveys conducted no less than 6 months prior to Project initiation and Nesting Bird Surveys if demolition and/or construction occur during typical Nesting Season.

Cultural Resources: Potentially Significant to Less than Significant. Mitigation Measures include retention of a qualified archaeologist during ground-disturbing activity which include Pre-Construction and During Construction Monitoring and monitoring reports. If human burials are encountered during construction PRC §5097.98 shall be followed. Geology and Soils: Potentially Significant to Less than Significant. Mitigation measures include a Paleontological Mitigation Plan prepared by a qualified paleontologist, Paleontological Monitoring once excavations exceed the depth of previously disturbed

sediments or artificial fill across the Project Site, development of a Worker's Environmental Awareness Program, in the event Paleontological resources are encountered during construction work will stop and a safe radius will be identified before construction can continue while a paleontological technician documents the fossils.

Greenhouse Gas: Potentially Significant to Significant and Unavoidable. Mitigation Measures include all electric development and TOM Measures. Implementation of the of the Mitigation Measures would reduce long term operational GHG emissions below the 2030 GHG threshold, however, GHG emissions would remain above the 2050 GHG efficiency threshold.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials: Potentially Significant to Less than Significant. Mitigation Measures include a Hazardous Materials Surveys, Hazardous Materials Management Plan, a Site-specific Health and Safety Plan.

Transportation: Potentially Significant to Less than Significant. Mitigation Measures include a Transportation Management Plan and Driveway Design.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resources Board | Caltrans, Aeronautics | Caltrans, District 6 - Fresno/Bakersfield | Caltrans, Trans Planning | Central Valley Flood Protection Board | Fish and Wildlife, Region 4 - Central, Fresno | Highway Patrol, California | Historic Preservation, Office of | Native American Heritage Commission, California | Natural Resources Agency, California | Parks and Recreation, Department of | Public Utilities Commission, California | Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 5 - Fresno | Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of (CalRecycle) | State Lands Commission, California | SWRCB, Division of Water Quality | Toxic Substances Control, Department of | Water Resources, Department of