

Press Release
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**Greenfield Site Selected for
New South Monterey County Courthouse**

The City of Greenfield has been selected as the preferred site for the planned new courthouse for South Monterey County. The proposed site, to be donated by the City of Greenfield, is nearly 4 acres and is located on El Camino Real at Cherry Avenue. That intersection is also the site of the new Greenfield civic center project, currently under construction and scheduled for completion in September 2010, as well as two office buildings in the planning phases, and a planned Memorial Hall recreation and activity center.

“We are very pleased and proud that the City of Greenfield has been chosen as the locale for a major government facility—the new home of the Superior Court in South County,” said Roger Wong, Greenfield City Manager. “Locating the courthouse in Greenfield will not only be convenient for all South Monterey County residents, it will also provide economic benefit to our community.” A construction project of this size is estimated to generate approximately 1,500 direct and indirect jobs. Wong said the City also sees this project as a catalyst to jump-start an emerging professional/office corridor on El Camino Real in Greenfield.

The proposed project will replace the King City Courthouse, a small, 40-year-old building shared with several county agencies. The current courthouse has only one courtroom and one hearing room. The proposed project will provide the southern region of Monterey County with a modern, secure, full-service facility of three courtrooms and approximately 47,200 square feet.

Greenfield was selected as a central and convenient location for South Monterey County residents, as it is midway between Soledad and King City and at the midpoint of South County, between southern Salinas and the county line near San Ardo. By increasing judicial capacity in South County, the proposed courthouse will allow the Court to expand the types of cases and services available there.



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Mark Cavagnero Associates, a San Francisco-based architecture firm, has been selected to design the new courthouse. Architectural design will proceed after environmental review and site acquisition activities are completed, currently expected early next year. Project completion is currently scheduled for mid-2014.

The new courthouse project is among the judicial branch's highest-priority infrastructure projects. It is one of 41 projects funded by Senate Bill 1407, which is legislation from 2000 providing funding for critically needed courthouse construction and renovation through a portion of judicial branch fees, fines, and penalties, without impact on the state's General Fund.

More about the project can be found on the California Courts Web site at: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_montereyouth.htm