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New Tehama County Courthouse in Red Bluff

The new Tehama County Courthouse officially opens for business in Red Bluff on October 17. Located at 1740 Walnut Street, the new building will consolidate court services and address overcrowding, security, and accessibility issues.

New Courthouse Consolidates and Improves Services

The new courthouse has five courtrooms, consolidating court services for residents of Tehama County into a modern, adequately sized building. Improved security features include a new screening area and separate hallways for the public, court staff, and those in custody. The new building is built to current seismic standards and provides improved HVAC, mechanical, and plumbing systems, fire life safety, accessibility, and security.

Funding From Fines and Fees, Not From Taxpayers

Ranked as a “Critical Need” in the judicial branch’s capital-outlay plan, the \$56 million courthouse was funded by Senate Bill 1407, enacted in 2008 to provide bond funding for new and renovated courthouses using court fees, penalties, and assessments rather than taxpayer revenues from the state’s General Fund.

The Building Is Energy Efficient

The building has been designed to consume 17 percent less energy than required by building code. The courthouse’s sustainability features include drought-tolerant landscaping and water-efficient irrigation and plumbing systems, and energy-efficient lighting.

Community Input into New Courthouse

A broad-based Project Advisory Group for the courthouse project was composed of representatives from the court, sheriff’s office, and probation department. The group provided input throughout the site selection, design, and construction process. In addition, public input was a part of the environmental review process.

More Information

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Additional resources:

Project webpage, <http://www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-tehama.htm>

California Courts Newsroom, <http://newsroom.courts.ca.gov/>