

**An Overview:  
Governor's Critical Infrastructure  
Facilities Bond Proposal**

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## Governor's Ten-Year Critical Infrastructure Facilities Bond Proposal

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*(In Millions)*

Purpose	Bond Act		Totals
	2006	2010	
Trial court facilities	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,800
Other state infrastructure	427	—	427
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,227</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$2,227</b>

- Governor's proposal provides \$2.2 billion in general obligation bond funds for trial courts and various other state facilities.
- Over 80 percent of the bond funds would be for the acquisition, design, construction, or renovation of trial court facilities.
- \$427 million would be available for other state infrastructure improvements.
- Bond funds would be subject to legislative appropriation.



## Trial Court Facilities

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- Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002
  - Requires the state to assume responsibility for trial court facilities statewide.
  - Requires the transfer of trial court facilities to the state by June 30, 2007.
  
- There are about 450 trial court facilities to be negotiated for transfer.
  
- Large number of facilities (about 160) will require seismic retrofit, and many facilities are functionally obsolete.
  
- In June 2005, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) estimated total capital outlay cost to renovate, retrofit, and construct trial court facilities at about \$8 billion over ten years.
  - Amount would be for 201 projects.
  - Amount assumes facilities for 150 judges above current level.



## Transfer of Trial Court Facilities

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- Transfer of facilities has been slow.
  - To date, only four facilities have been transferred—two in Riverside County, one in Mono County, and one in San Joaquin County.
  
- Reasons for slow rate of transfer:
  - Disagreement over costs to counties for seismic retrofit of facilities.
  - Calculations of “county facilities payments.”
  - Magnitude of task—each facility has to be separately negotiated for transfer.
  
- Assuming relatively slow rate of transfer of facilities, amount provided in the Governor’s bond proposal is reasonable.
  
- If rate of transfer picks up, additional funding would be needed in the next ten years.



## Governor's Budget Proposed 2006-07 Court-Related Capital Projects

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- Trial Courts
  - Two projects (new Antioch and new Portola/Loyalton court-houses).
  - Total proposed expenditures of \$2.5 million from court fees for land acquisition, preliminary plans, and working drawings.
  - Future project costs for construction: \$28.3 million.
  
- Appellate District Courts
  - Santa Ana/Orange County—Fourth Appellate Court—\$21.2 million for working drawings and construction from lease-revenue bonds.



## Use of Proposed Bond For Non-Trial Court Related Facilities

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- Bond sets aside \$427 million for three other areas of state facilities.
  - Seismic retrofit of state buildings.
  - State parks.
  - State mental health facilities.
  
- Governor proposes to allocate the \$427 million as follows:
  - \$164.5 million for the seismic retrofit of 25 state buildings.
  - \$215.8 million to improve park facilities.
  - \$46.7 million to partially fund a new kitchen and beds at Atascadero State Mental Hospital and to address minor deficiencies including plumbing and some equipment replacement.