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TRANSFER OF SUPERIOR COURT FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENTS (SB 1732)

On June 8, 2009, we apprised your Board that the Superior Court had decided to discontinue building maintenance and grounds services currently provided by the Internal Services Department (ISD). This action results from the transfer of County-owned courthouses and related facilities to the State Judicial Council in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 1732, the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002.

Due to the implementation of SB 1732, ISD is faced with a funding shortfall. There are 120 positions within ISD's Facilities Operations Service that will be impacted by the transfer of the court facilities. This transfer of workload will occur in phases over the next 4 years, effective June 30, 2010.

During the first phase of the transfer, there are 20 permanent positions that will be impacted this fiscal year:

<u>Total #</u>	<u>Item #</u>	<u>Position Title</u>
5	6502A	Assistant Elevator Mechanic
2	6679A	Building Crafts Superintendent I
1	6601A	Construction and Repair Laborer
1	6510A	Elevator Mechanic Supervisor
3	6504A	Elevator Mechanic
1	6704A	Locksmith
1	6973A	Painter
1	6593A	Sign Engraving Machine Operator
3	7662A	Sheet Metal Worker
2	7665A	Sheet Metal Working Supervisor

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ISD has requested assistance from the Department of Human Resources and County departments in its mitigation efforts to avoid workforce reduction by identifying transfer opportunities for the affected 20 permanent employees.

Chapter 1082, Statutes of 2002 (SB 1732, Escutia) - The Trial Court Facilities Act-shifted responsibility for trial court facilities from the counties to the State. It required the State to oversee the transfer of all existing county trial court facilities. Specifically, Chapter 1082 required the transfer of trial court facilities by June 30, 2007. It also required the State to negotiate with counties for the transfer of each facility.

ISD was challenged with maintaining trial court facilities during the negotiated transition phase, while also planning the reduction in revenue over the same phase. In anticipation of the loss of the court facilities, ISD hired temporary positions for the duration of this transitional period for specific assignments in order to minimize impact to permanent employees and balance cost with revenue. The completion of work assignments for 11 temporary employees will occur over the next few months through June 30, 2010. The temporary items are listed below:

<u>Total #</u>		
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6	6619O	General Maintenance Worker
1	6354O	Helper, Painting
4	7369O	Plumber

If no additional work is funded after July, the County would need to start on a workforce reduction. However, we are developing a deferred maintenance proposal (using existing budgeted funds) to bring to your Board in April. If approved, the deferred maintenance work could be done by ISD Building Maintenance staff and would mitigate a July workforce reduction.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Ellen Sandt at (213) 974-1186 or esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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