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## Groundbreaking: New North Butte County Courthouse

**What:** A groundbreaking ceremony will celebrate the long-awaited start of construction to the New North Butte County Courthouse for the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, in Chico.

**Who:** The ceremony will include remarks by Judge Steven Howell, who recently retired from the Superior Court of Butte County, Senator Jim Nielsen, Assembly Member Dan Logue, Butte County Chief Administrative Officer Paul Hahn, Chico Mayor Mary Goloff, and Administrative Director of the Courts Judge Steven Jahr.

**When:** Friday, May 3, 2013, 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Construction site near the corner of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Bruce Road (enter from Bruce Road)

**Why:** The event celebrates the beginning of construction of the new North Butte County Courthouse, which will be an important addition to the local civic infrastructure. It will include five courtrooms in 67,443 square feet and will consolidate operations of two overcrowded and physically deficient facilities located in Chico and Paradise. The new courthouse will also expand court services to better serve the county's growing population center, where the majority of social services, justice partners, and local bar members are located. The design of the new two-story courthouse, inspired by the Sutter buttes and the plateaus of nearby Table Mountain, was done by the Tate Snyder Kimsey architectural firm. North Butte's new courthouse is funded by Senate Bill 1407, through trial court user fees. Construction will be managed by Otto Construction.

Completion is scheduled for winter 2014. A final decision has not yet been made on the disposition of the current Chico and Paradise Courthouses. For more information, visit the California Courts website at [www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-butte.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-butte.htm).

Members of the media wishing to attend the ceremony should contact Court Administration at 530-532-7013, for directions, parking information, and other background information.

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