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Trial date for employees' association lawsuit set for April 9; City files appeal on temporary injunction ruling

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Orange County Superior Court Judge Barbara Tam Nomoto Schumann has set an April 9, 2012 trial date for the Costa Mesa City Employees' Assn. lawsuit filed against the City of Costa Mesa in May.

The lawsuit seeks to stop Costa Mesa from outsourcing City services to private companies.

The City of Costa Mesa has filed an appeal with the 4th Appellate District, Division 3, in Santa Ana to address a ruling by Judge Schumann that granted a preliminary injunction prohibiting the City from outsourcing to private companies until the conclusion of the employees' association lawsuit. The City's brief is due on Dec. 6.

The City has also filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings with Judge Schumann to dispose of half of the claims in the case as a matter of law. The hearing on that motion is scheduled for Nov. 22.

As the litigation proceeds, the City will continue to explore the viability of outsourcing services to public agencies and private companies by releasing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and bids and analyzing the proposals and bids it receives.

Costa Mesa, like many municipalities, already outsources several City services to private companies, such as the operation of its golf course and the majority of its building inspection department.