



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Alameda

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Reduced funding has forced the court to cut staff; authorized positions decreased 15%, from 925 on 12/31/08 to 782 on 12/31/12; filled position decreased 22%, from 887 on 12/31/08 to 690 on 12/31/12
- Reduced resources limits ability to improve technology, business processes, and facilities infrastructure

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Median time from filing to trial for small claims cases is 101 days, up from 59 in 2007
- Median time from filing to hearing for domestic violence cases is 23 days, up from 21 days in 2007
- Median time from filing to hearing in civil harassment cases is 23 days, up from 17 days in 2007

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Litigants using Self-Help Services must often return the following day to file documents

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- The court no longer provides court reporters in civil cases

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Clerk's offices now close at 2:30 PM instead of 4:00 PM
- Ability to respond to customer complaints/concerns is reduced
- Consolidations since 1/1/09 resulting in additional travel of up to 32 miles for the public to receive court services:
  - Civil: 7 locations to 2
  - Family law: 4 locations to 2
  - Probate: 4 locations to 1
  - Criminal: 6 locations to 5
  - Juvenile: 3 locations to 2
  - Traffic: 5 locations to 2

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Laid off 70.5 positions on 6/26/09 and 28.6 positions on 9/30/11
- Mandatory furlough and court closure days: 31 days for all staff
- Eliminated 44 vacant positions in 2009 and have not filled many positions after they became vacant

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 124,288,650
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 99,111,830
Percentage change	-20.3%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Alameda Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	13
Capital construction projects	1

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	1,532,137
Judicial officers	85
Judicial officers needed***	80
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	885
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	690

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	6,988
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	39,947
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	282,741
Civil filings	38,061
Family and juvenile filings	15,110

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. C. Don Clay
Court Executive Officer	Pat Sweeten

\*\*\*"Judicial officers needed" is based on recent filings, which have dropped but could rebound to former historic levels. It also does not reflect the high proportion of more complex felony cases (homicides, etc.).



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Alpine

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- The Court is presently using fund balances/reserves to meet operational expenses, improve case management technology, and transition to critically-needed new facilities; those funds will be exhausted by the end of FY 2013-14.
- In this era of reductions, the Court could not function without the assistance of the Administrative Office of the Courts for duties/roles previously performed by court staff. "We have reached our limit," the Presiding Judge said.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- The staffing levels are at a bare minimum, no further reductions are possible, and even a modest increase in case filings will be a challenge if the Alpine Court is to deliver quality, accessible services to the public

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- A recent contract change for Self-Help services reduced the scope of the program to realize cost savings

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Calendars were consolidated to effect savings on contract court reporter services; the court has no court reporter employees
- The court has no interpreter employees and uses telephonic services

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- The court is operating with only 3 full-time employees and does not have a Court Executive Officer to oversee day-to-day operations
- Public counters remain open without reduction of hours except during the mandatory furlough period in FY 2009-10

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Alpine Court uses courtrooms in neighboring El Dorado County when necessary for unscheduled, in-custody criminal matters

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Three positions have been eliminated since 2009 by layoffs, retirement and termination, and those positions were not filled
- Court imposed mandatory one day per month furloughs in FY 2009-10

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Security is no longer part of the court's budget
- Existing facility lacks even the most basic security features

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Two Alpine Court judges are regularly assigned to other regional courts, including Amador, El Dorado, Mono, Inyo and others
- The absence of a Court Executive Officer requires the judges to cover administrative and personnel functions

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 663,103
Est. Allocation** FY 2012-2013	\$ 289,314
Percentage change	-56.4%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Alpine Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	1
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	1,097
Judicial officers	2.3
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	5
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	4

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony Filings	18
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	91
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	1,168
Civil filings	88
Family and juvenile filings	22

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. David L. DeVore
Court Executive Officer	N/A



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Butte

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- While furloughs and staff reductions have saved money, they have also increased work backlogs and service times
- Reductions in court resources has increased case processing times

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 13,017,900
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 9,510,046
Percentage change	-26.9%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- While the court has experienced increased processing times, it has been able to meet all statutory time limits and wait times for hearing dates.

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- No self help or facilitator reductions as these grant-funded programs have not experienced significant reductions.

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Eliminated contract court reporter positions, utilizing staff and pro tem reporters instead. However, no reductions have been made in overall court reporter availability.
- Pursues telephonic interpreter services whenever possible

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- No reduction in service hours to the public

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Courtroom activities ceased at the Paradise facility in 2009. The public counter remained open at that facility for filings until fall of 2010. Paradise facility is now closed to the public and is utilized only for internal court functions on an as-needed basis.

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Laid off three full time and one temporary employee in FY 11-12
- Eliminated a total of 43 positions over the last five years through layoffs and voluntary separation programs; however, when considering positions added over this same time period, the *net* reduction equates to 25.75 positions. Currently maintaining a 5% vacancy rate in remaining positions.
- Began a voluntary furlough program of two days per month in FY 09-10 with a 70% participation rate; negotiated mandatory furloughs of 13 days per year in FY 10-11 and FY 11-12.
- Negotiated 10 furlough days per year in FY 13-14 and 13 per year in FY 14-15.

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Due to realignment, ten court attendant positions were eliminated. Related jury and courtroom support services are now performed by clerks' office staff (security-related functions transferred to the responsibility of the local Sheriff's Department).

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

### Butte Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	5
Capital construction projects	1

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

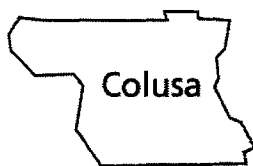
Population served	221,273
Judicial officers	14
Judicial officers needed	14.7
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	132
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	112

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	1,854
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	5,704
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	27,434
Civil filings	4,868
Family and juvenile filings	4,170

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Stephen E. Benson
Court Executive Officer	Kimberly Flener



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Colusa



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
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### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Staff and management morale has been virtually destroyed by the stripping away of fund balances which have been painfully built up over years of sacrifice and frugality.
- Trust in the system may not be possible to reestablish.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

Due to highly skilled and experienced court administration and a dedicated and very hard working staff, the general budget reductions, while very challenging for our small court, have not resulted in discernible impacts to the public. The Court will endeavor to maintain this service standard for as long as it possibly can.

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- None at this time

##### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- None at this time

##### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- None at this time

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- None at this time

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Staff vacancy rate is at 10%
- Retirements and other vacancies have gone unfilled with salary savings contributing toward operating expenses

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- None at this time

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- No reductions at this time

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 2,034,077
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 948,996
Percentage change	-53.3%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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### Colusa Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	2
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	21,690
Judicial officers	2.3
Judicial officers needed	1.6
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	13.5
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	15

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	261
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	861
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	11,817
Civil filings	272
Family and juvenile filings	330

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Jeffrey A. Thompson
Court Executive Officer	Norbert Jaworski



# **Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot** **Superior Court of California** **County of Contra Costa**



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
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## **Key Budget Challenges/Priorities**

- One courthouse and six courtrooms closed; civil, family law, and small claims hearings are delayed.
- Staffing levels have reached a critically low point and backlogs are growing.
- Phone calls go unanswered and public frustration is palpable.

## **Budget Impacts**

### **General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public**

- It takes longer for the public to get services in civil, family, and small claims cases
- Physical fights and verbal altercations have occurred between individuals standing in line for lengthy periods of time

### **Reduced Public Access:**

#### **Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services**

- Those seeking child support orders and people needing to have their drivers license restored must wait longer

### **Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters**

- No longer providing court reporters in Family, Civil, and Probate cases
- Loss of court reporter staff exacerbates difference in the justice available to the rich and the poor

### **Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks**

- In 2011, reduced Clerk's office hours by 1 hour
- In 2012, reduced Clerk's office hours by another hour

### **Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses**

- Closed Concord Courthouse
- Closed a total of five courtrooms staffed by Commissioners
- Converted one other courtroom to a settlement/overflow courtroom in an attempt to reduce the need for courtroom support staff
- Closed child support courtroom one day a week
- Eliminated Traffic Night Court, reduced Small Claims Night Court to once a month

### **Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies**

- Reduced line staff by 30% and management by 40%
- 8 furlough days for staff in FY 13-14, 9 in FY 14-15 and 10 in FY 15-16
- Eliminated retiree health benefits for new employees and increased employee share of health benefit premium cost to 50% of the annual increases in premiums

### **Impacts: Court Security Services**

- Redirected 1 perimeter screening deputy and five courtroom bailiffs
- Three shootings, two resulting in death, at court in the past two decades have made court unwilling to put future lives at risk by compromising court security

### **Fewer Judicial Officers**

- Maintains caseload with five less bench officers than needed as specified in the branchwide Judgeship Needs Assessment
- Five Commissioners departed in December 2012

## **Annual Allocation\***

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 63,449,973
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 53,282,799
Percentage change	-16.0%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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## **Contra Costa Facilities Overview**

Number of court facilities	6 courthouses
Capital construction projects	1 (complete)

## **Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:**

Population served	1,065,117
Judicial officers	46
Judicial officers needed	46.1
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	428
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	311

## **Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)**

Felony filings	3,571
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	24,615
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	128,713
Civil filings	26,403
Family and juvenile filings	12,051

## **Court Leadership**

Presiding Judge	Hon. Barry P. Goode
Court Executive Officer	Kiri S. Torre



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Del Norte

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Del Norte is a small, two-judge court that operates with minimal staffing levels.
- The Court relies on the ability to retain reserves to supplement operational funds. Those funding reserves are anticipated to be depleted by June 2013.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Potential changes in service delivery to the public resulting from further baseline budget reductions or sweeps of court reserve balances are being evaluated and addressed on an ongoing basis

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- None at this time

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- None at this time

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- None at this time

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Del Norte has a single courthouse which has remained open to the public

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Court has held several positions vacant due to budget reductions, with salary savings redirected toward operating expenses
- Additional anticipated staff vacancies due to retirements will also go unfilled to achieve salary savings

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- None at this time

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- None at this time

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 3,307,628
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 1,339,397
Percentage change	-59.5%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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### Del Norte Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	2
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	28,429
Judicial officers	3.8
Judicial officers needed	3.8
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	25.8
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	29

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	370
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	1,252
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	5,540
Civil filings	903
Family and juvenile filings	930

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. William H. Follett
Court Executive Officer	Sandra Linderman



El Dorado



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of El Dorado

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Court currently has backlogs in Juvenile Dependence Council Collection Program, civil law, family law, and records management; traffic and small claims are regularly out of compliance with statutory timelines
- IT department is unable to upgrade infrastructure to provide basic public access such as web-based document viewing, website that is user friendly and easily navigated, document management system for imaging of records and electronic filing

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Discontinue sending courtesy notices for traffic citations, impacting members of the public without internet access
- Rely on staff delivery of inter-court mail, which only happens weekly and can delay service to court users
- Statutory funds for future Children's Waiting Room and Micrographics used to balance budget in FY 12/13
- Cases are delayed; delays in civil motions of up to three to four months; Family law trials take one to two weeks longer to be heard. Small claims hearings scheduled over 70 days from filing. Traffic trials calendars have been reduced increasing the time it takes to get to trial
- Small claims, DCSS and civil case management hearings by video conference between S. Lake Tahoe and western slope court facilities
- ADR program reduced to eliminate status conference hearings which assist litigants in moving their civil case to disposition

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Estimate that the Court turns away 120 persons per year seeking self-help services due to lack of resources
- Elimination of paralegal and attorney contract services which has reduced self-help center service hours

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Only schedule matters needing interpreters on specific days
- No longer have Court Reporters for non-mandated hearings and trials

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced clerk hours from 8:00-4:00 to 8:00-3:00 in Aug. 2012
- Counter lines have increased due to reduction in staff
- Staff absences have increased, additional worker's compensation claims and time out for stress related illness and injury which impacts the timeliness in providing services

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Limited operations Dec. 24, 2012-Jan. 4, 2013. Single courtrooms in Placerville and South Lake Tahoe provided mandatory services only.

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- 12 furlough days in FY 12/13; Positions held vacant, 20% staff reduction
- Voluntary Separation Incentive Program with 10 retirements.

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Unable to afford to install security cameras in courthouses

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- One commissioner handles DCSS matters and is required to travel each week between South Lake Tahoe and Placerville.

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 11,141,457
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 9,335,432
Percentage change	-16.2%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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### El Dorado Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	5
Capital construction projects	1 (delayed to FY 14-15)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

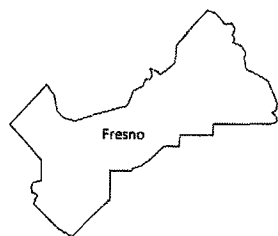
Population served	180,712
Judicial officers	9
Judicial officers needed	10.6
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	92.4
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	84.8

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	971
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	3,437
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	18,436
Civil filings	4,236
Family and juvenile filings	3,126

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury
Court Executive Officer	Tania Urgin-Capobianco



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Fresno

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- In dire need of a case management system, the cost of which would be equal to 50 staff positions
- Unable to impose mandatory furloughs next fiscal year due to retirement board decision
- Backlogs have been increasing due to the reduction in staff and furlough days

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Public access severely limited by courthouse closures
- The loss of more staff to purchase a case management system will result in the court being unable to provide essential and mandatory services and catastrophic constitutional violations

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Self-Help Center is closed every Wednesday
- Turn away approximately 250-350 customers a week, a 400% reduction in the quantity of public served
- 80% of all Family cases are pro per requiring a critical need for SHC
- Language other than English spoken at home by 43% of population

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Laid off all court reporters in FY 2012/13 from non-mandated case types
- Users must bring their own reporters in civil, family law, and probate cases

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Clerk's office hours not reduced yet, but anticipate reduction of two hours per day within the next few months

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed over 71% of courthouses by closing 9 outlying courts and 1 downtown location
- Closed numerous courtrooms as a result of these closures
- Felony Home Courts: daily calendar from 80 to 140 cases per day

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Laid off eight full time and 2 extra help employees in FY 2012/13
- Anticipate future layoff's in FY 2013/14
- All employees furloughed in FY 2008/09 – 2012/13
- Overall vacancy rate is 20%, management vacancy rate is 38%

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Redirected security from outlying locations upon closures to fill areas that were already deficient

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- No reductions in judicial officers
- One unfilled judgeship, four approved unfunded positions

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 64,392,443
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 57,934,753
Percentage change	-10.0%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Fresno Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	11
Capital construction projects	4 (3 complete, 1 indefinitely delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	945,711
Judicial officers	53
Judicial officers needed	61.6
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	542
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	451

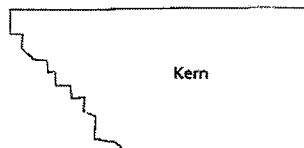
### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	8,212
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	38,525
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	122,545
Civil filings	24,304
Family and juvenile filings	16,341

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Gary D. Hoff
Court Executive Officer	Sheran L. Morton (Acting)





## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Kern

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Court users will be faced with fewer hours of court operations, longer lines at counters, and increased waits for telephone responses with little, if any, service alternatives
- The court forecasts a budget gap of \$3.7 million in FY 2013-2014

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Reductions in court operations require litigants, attorneys, witnesses, jurors and police officers serving small municipalities to travel up to two hours each way to the Metro Bakersfield facility

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Family Law Facilitator appointments are filled by 10:00 am daily, requiring staff to turn away family law and self-help clients daily

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Reporter services in family law and civil will be terminated as of FY 2013-14
- Court has 4 vacant court reporter and 4 vacant interpreter positions

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced daily counter and telephone service hours by one hour daily in 2009; anticipate additional 9 hours per week reduction in spring 2013

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Family law, limited/unlimited civil, and felony courtrooms in outlying regional areas were centralized to the Metro Bakersfield facility
- Anticipate additional 10% courtroom reductions in FY 2013-14

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Increase in employee vacancy rate to anticipated 30% by end of FY 2013-14, with corresponding service level reductions
- Deleted 26 positions in 2012; anticipate 25-35 additional deletions in 2013
- Furloughs implemented in FY 2009-10/10 days and FY 2011-12/6 days, exacerbating service delivery issues
- Vacancies in Family Court Services have caused inability to complete required guardianship investigations in a timely manner

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Court security services have not been reduced

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Assigned judges used intermittently to hear overflow trials from centralization of cases from outlying areas to Metro facility

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 49,516,621
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 44,468,601
Percentage change	-10.2%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Kern Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	11
Capital construction projects	2 (indefinitely delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	850,006
Judicial officers	46
Judicial officers needed	57.8
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	478
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	383

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	8,013
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	33,378
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	181,688
Civil filings	18,454
Family and juvenile filings	16,919

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Colette M. Humphrey
Court Executive Officer	Terry McNally



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Lake

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Delays in processing have created dramatic impacts on citizens of the county and court users
- Individuals have lost employment opportunities because the court was unable to process the background search information requested by the potential employer
- Individuals have been cited for driving on a suspended license because the court has been unable to process the DMV paperwork to have the hold removed from the license
- Delays of up to five months in processing of transferred criminal cases, resulting in defendants placed on probation remaining unsupervised by the Probation Department after they are sentenced

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Civil and family law cases are taking approximately 60-75 days longer to get to trial
- Wait times of up to one hour to speak with a clerk on the phone

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Self-help/family law facilitator services likely to be reduced or eliminated in FY 14/15, as a result of the limitation to the amount of reserves the court can carry forward year to year

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Reduced expenditures for court reporters by eliminating one court reporter position and using staff more efficiently
- Further reductions likely without funding restoration

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced public counter and phone hours to 8:00 am to 1:00 pm each day

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed all courtrooms for 16 limited service days in FY 12/13, on which all courtrooms, phones, and public counters were closed

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Reduced staff levels by 33.5% in the past five years
- Instituted furloughs of up to 14 days in FY 09/10 through FY 12/13
- Additional furloughs or layoffs likely in FY 13/14 without funding restoration

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Reduced number of security screening staff at entrance of branch court

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduced subordinate judicial officer to a part-time (0.6 FTE) position

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 5,085,791
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 4,044,399
Percentage change	-20.5%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Lake Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	1 (delayed pending FY 13/14 budget)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	63,266
Judicial officers	4.8
Judicial officers needed	5.2
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	43
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	28.6

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	787
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	2,101
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	7,188
Civil filings	1,832
Family and juvenile filings	1,190

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Stephen Owen Hedstrom
Court Executive Officer	Krista LeVier



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles



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### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Due to current staffing inadequacies, irresolvable backlogs exist in many areas
- Caseloads in many courtrooms are unmanageably high
- Motions in civil and family law courts are delayed
- Contemplated closure of ten courthouses and elimination of 511 positions as of July 2013

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Eliminated 56 staffed courtrooms in criminal, civil, family, probate, and juvenile
- Eliminated court-funded portion of the CASA program
- Eliminated Informal Juvenile Traffic Courts
- Planned re-organization of court to consolidate activities

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Plan to eliminate all court-supported ADR in civil and juvenile by July 2013

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Eliminated approximately 174 full-time court reporter positions and created 50 part-time assignments
- Plan to eliminate all court reporter positions in civil courtrooms, with limited exceptions, in July 2013

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- No reduction in clerks' office hours have been implemented at present

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Eliminated courtroom staffing from 56 courtrooms: criminal, civil, family, probate, and delinquency
- Consolidation plan currently underway anticipates the closure of 10 of 46 courthouses

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Instituted furloughs in FY 2009-10
- Reduced 616 non-courtroom positions
- Reduced 902 total positions
- Additional reduction of 511 positions planned

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- No security service reductions were implemented

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduction of nine Commissioner positions
- Reduction of 17 Referee positions
- Will eliminate 11 Referee positions July 1, 2013

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 753,862,560
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 630,167,969
Percentage change	-16.4%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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### Los Angeles Facilities Overview

Number of courthouses	43
Capital construction projects	6 (3 indefinitely delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

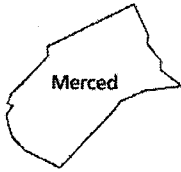
Population served	9,889,056
Judicial officers	586.3
Judicial officers needed	626.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	5,368
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	4,425

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	54,444
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	495,172
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	1,872,295
Civil filings	320,407
Family and juvenile filings	148,192

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. David S. Wesley
Court Executive Officer	John A. Clark



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Merced

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Service is delayed requiring people to wait longer for assistance via Clerk's Offices/Telephone
- Due to reduced office hours, 15-20 individuals are turned away from the Self Help Center per week

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Ceased printing traffic courtesy notices in Spanish
- Increased use of drop boxes has created backlogs for staff
- Experiencing delays in family, civil due to staff reductions

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Combined Self Help Center and Family Law Facility Hours into one office, which reduced service hours from 46 hours per week to 26 hours per week, with the court considering further reductions in the future

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- No reduction in court reporter. The court will be using electronic recording equipment effective 4/13 in order to save costs.
- Merced County has a very high non-English speaking population, so reducing interpreters is not being considered, but the court is considering utilizing telephonic interpreter services to save on interpreter per diem costs

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- As of October 2011, all clerks' offices close at 3:00 pm, allowing staff time to process documents
- May have to reduce hours at a branch location if there are further budget cuts

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Discontinued hearing court in two small cities, where predominately traffic and small claims cases were heard in city council chambers; citizens who utilized this service now must drive 20 miles to the main branch court

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Last year, laid off three regular status employees and four interns; eliminated four more interns via attrition
- Froze most vacant positions and instituted a voluntary separation incentive program; current vacancy rate is 23.7%
- Furloughs instituted in FY 09/10 and 10/11 (12 days) and in FY 11/12 (9-13 days)

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 16,425,737
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 13,164,324
Percentage change	-19.9%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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### Merced Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	6
Capital construction projects	2 (1 complete)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	258,736
Judicial officers	14
Judicial officers needed	19
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	144
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	137

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	2,803
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	11,533
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	45,129
Civil filings	6,275
Family and juvenile filings	5,425

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Brian McCabe
Court Executive Officer	Linda Romero Soles



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Monterey

### Restoration of Funding –

- The Court's FY 2012 – 2013 funding allocation has decreased by 17.5% from Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 with the majority of the state funding reductions identified as on-going and impacting future years;
- During five years of ongoing and deepening state budget cuts, the Court has implemented cost reductions of approximately \$2.36 million annually;
- Budget projections for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 indicate that the Court is facing **an additional \$1 million deficit at June 30, 2013;**
- Budget projections for Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 indicate that the Court is facing **an additional \$1.6 million deficit at June 30, 2014;**
- Further cost reduction considerations will include the closure of court branch locations, closure of civil departments, reduction of self-help services, further personnel reductions and further reductions to the clerk's office hours open to the public.

### Elimination of Local Court Fund Balance –

- The Court is projected to use \$5 million of its \$6.6 million fund balance in the current fiscal year as a result of absorbing a state funding reduction of 21.30% or \$4.6 million in Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013. The elimination of the local fund balance will detrimentally impact the way that the court conducts business as follows:
  - Eliminates the local court's ability to plan strategically and implement projects that bring efficiencies to court operations, benefitting customers and court personnel; and
  - Creates severe cash flow issues throughout the year. The Court's expenditures frequently occur before the revenue and reimbursements are received on a monthly basis. Local and **adequate** fund balances assist with managing the cash flow cycles encountered throughout the year.

### Case Management System –

- The Court has a critical need to update its case management system (CMS) to a web-based system which will allow litigants to interact with the court in a paperless environment. The CMS is the backbone of the Court's technology, and enables the Court to process, track, manage and enter dispositions for the various cases filed in the Court each day. The Court's current CMS is not web based, uses antiquated technology and is limited in functionality, extensibility and integration options. **A web-based CMS is key to the Court's strategy to attain operating efficiencies necessitated by ongoing budget reductions.**



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Nevada

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Most processes have growing backlogs: 1 to 4 days for case filings, motions, data entry, citation processing; up to 2 weeks for traffic citation input and processing; document imaging and records management have all but ceased.
- Without increased resources, the Court cannot implement changes to business system processes needed to increase efficiencies.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Layoffs and staffing reductions have greatly decreased the court's ability to avoid delays in case processing, provision of services to the public, and responding to requests
- As a result, average wait times have increased approximately 30%

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Reduced Self-Help service hours by 25% this year and the curtailed schedule is expected to continue next year
- Result has been greatly increased wait times, 5 to 15 patrons turned away daily without service, elimination of voluntary mediation, and reduction of court-ordered mediation by 50%

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Reduced case types routinely reported and consolidated them on fewer calendars, resulting in greater reliance on clerk's minutes and potential issue for appeals
- Consolidated interpreter cases on calendar, causing hearing delays

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Public counter reduced from 9 hours to 7 hours Monday through Thursday, from 9 hours to 5 hours on Friday, and from 45 hours to 38 hours weekly
- Additional reductions by 1 hour per day are anticipated next fiscal year

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Number of collaborative courts has dropped from 7 to 5

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Court has lost over 18 positions through layoffs and attrition since 2008
- Furloughs implemented continuously since 2009, and currently all staff, including judicial officers and management, take 2 hours furlough per week
- Any additional staffing reductions will result in further reductions in court hours of operation and service levels

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Sheriff-provided court security staff has been reduced by 2 positions, placing the public and court staff at greater risk and posing greater challenges in ensuring courtroom coverage by bailiffs

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- No reductions at this time

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 6,944,442
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 6,128,857
Percentage change	-11.7%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Nevada Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	1 (indefinitely delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	97,182
Judicial officers	7
Judicial officers needed	5.7
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	71.7
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	58

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	556
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	3,268
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	15,630
Civil filings	2,234
Family and juvenile filings	1,381

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Candice S. Heidelberger
Court Executive Officer	G. Sean Metroka



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Orange

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Court users must travel farther for hearings in certain case types due to consolidation of calendars to fewer courthouses
- Fewer security entrances increase time litigants, witnesses, jurors, and visitors must wait in line especially in the mornings. It also makes it more difficult for disabled persons to enter the buildings

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Delays in scheduling small claims cases
- Fewer night court sessions for small claims and traffic hearings
- Guardianship and conservatorship investigations are backlogged

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Self-help services closed at West Justice Center after moving small claims and limited civil cases to another courthouse
- Longer waits for child custody mediation services

##### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Reduced all full-time reporters to 35-hour work week
- Eliminated 20 court reporter positions in FY 2012-13

##### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced Clerk's office hours by 1 hour on July 30, 2012
- Closed information desks at all courthouses resulting in reduced service levels to the public

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Consolidated limited civil, small claims, and traffic calendars to fewer courthouses
- Family law closed one courtroom in 2012
- Closing South County Courthouse permanently on July 5, 2013

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- 5-year cumulative reduction of 300 positions
- Fewer positions conducting conservatorship investigations involving elderly and/or disabled persons
- Without additional funding, would be required to further reduce staff by over 500 and/or institute furlough and court closure days by end of FY 2014-15

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Closed multiple entrances and weapons screening areas at four courthouses
- Removed Sheriffs deputies serving as bailiffs in civil courtrooms

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduced use of assigned judges by 5

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 227,611,568
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 176,801,455
Percentage change	-22.3%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Orange Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	9
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	3,055,792
Judicial officers	145
Judicial officers needed	166.5
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	1,865
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	1,527

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	13,106
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	88,759
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	446,395
Civil filings	90,485
Family and juvenile filings	36,801

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Thomas James Borris
Court Executive Officer	Alan Carlson



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Placer

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Placer Court has addressed funding reductions and unfunded costs through reductions in nearly every area of court services, including severe reductions in filled positions and changes to employee compensation.
- The result has been a continual and near constant decline in the court's ability to service the public going forward.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Court has discontinued valuable programs like Youth Peer Court, Family Law and Domestic Violence Case Management Programs, and programs supporting families in highly conflicted child custody cases.

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Family Law Facilitator Services

- Operating hours for Family Law Facilitator and Self-Help Center significantly reduced, now only open until noon most days.
- Telephone services discontinued in 2009 and remain unavailable.
- One-on-one appointments severely reduced starting FY 12/13.

##### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Clerk's office hours cut by two hours on Fridays, closing at 1:00 pm
- Limited Service Days – where only emergency matters are handled and all but one clerk's office is closed – 8 days this fiscal year.
- Telephone waits of over one hour for traffic ticket information
- Criminal records searches take up to 30 days to issue responses
- In person waits of as much as 3 hours or more to file a domestic violence restraining order, requests child custody modifications, or other family law matters.

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed two criminal and civil trial courtrooms in July 2009, severely reduced use of an additional trial courtroom in FY 12/13, and reduced courtroom hours on Fridays and limited services days.
- Placer County Jail courtroom only operated on limited services days: 12 days in FY 2011-12, 8 days in FY 2012-13

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Reduced non-judicial positions by 45% since FY 2008-09, including 56 staff subject to layoff. Anticipate some additional layoffs this FY.
- Employees subject to furloughs each fiscal year since FY 2009-10
- Employees pay full share of retirement costs.

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Implemented "roving bailiffs" in civil courtrooms due to insufficient funding, increasing security risks.

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduced the use of assigned judges, due to need to close courtrooms for lack of staff.

### Annual Allocation\*

<b>FY 2008-2009</b>	
Total Allocation	\$ 19,748,411
Total Allocation excluding Security	\$ 16,531,545
<b>FY 2012-2013</b>	
Est. Allocation **	\$ 17,358,891
Est. Allocation excluding Security	\$ 13,628,260
Percentage change	-12.1%
Percentage change excluding Security	-18%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Placer Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	6
Capital construction projects	1 (indefinitely delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	355,328
Judicial officers	16.5 (2 unfunded)
Judicial officers needed	20.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	185
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	124
Filled staff positions March '13	103

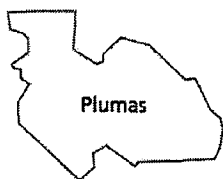
### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	2,124
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	6,045
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	40,024
Civil filings	8,344
Family and juvenile filings	5,530

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Alan V. Pineschi
Court Executive Officer	Jake Chatters





## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Plumas

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Plumas County's large geographic area requires litigants, jurors and others with court business to travel long distances to get to the main courthouse; transportation options are limited in most areas and winter weather affects access by litigants in areas previously served by the now closed branch location
- The reduction in court-supported self-help services and the lack of other self-help services in the County of Plumas are affecting the ability of the Court to provide timely access to justice for self-represented litigants

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Civil case processing and traffic collection efforts are backlogged
- Turnaround time has increased for document processing, file retrieval and long lines at public counters, with a marked increase in "last minute" filings by litigants and agencies
- Records search requests previously done same day now take 5-7 days

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Reduced hours from 35 to 28 hours per week for self-help contract providers to family law and guardianship clients
- The Court financially supports the only self-help services in the County
- Litigants are ill-prepared due to reductions in self-help services

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters

- Substantial reductions may occur in the coming year and the court has no electronic recording capabilities

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Counter hours reduced by 6 hours per week and telephone hours by 4 hours per week as fewer staff are available to provide service
- A single clerk often serves the public counter and telephones for some part of each day

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed Greenville court location in October 2012
- Quincy Courthouse replacement project was cancelled in October 2012

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- All employees furloughed in 2010.
- Vacancy rate for clerical positions is 35%; 100% for the account clerk position in FY 2012-13

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- The Plumas County Sheriff provides limited security services and there is no perimeter security at the main courthouse

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Plumas is a 2-judge, small court

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 2,207,553
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 1,635,201
Percentage change	-25.9%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Plumas Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	1 (indefinitely delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	19,718
Judicial officers	2.3
Judicial officers needed	1.6
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	16
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	12

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	156
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	556
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	3,185
Civil filings	483
Family and juvenile filings	401

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Janet Hilde
Court Executive Officer	Deborah Norrie



Riverside



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Riverside

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- The court will be unable to defray the additional reductions proposed.
- Further drastic reductions to staffing will take place in June 2013, which will result in reduced access and service to the public.
- Devastating impacts on families, children, and the elderly requiring court services.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Layoffs have affected the delivery of court services
- Reduced services for the public in the areas of criminal, civil, probate and juvenile case processing

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Self-help programs assist over 5,300 people per month
- Next year funding will be reduced to self-help services

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Reduced expenditures for court reporters
- Anticipate reductions in expenditures for court reporters next year
- Reduced expenditures for court interpreters
- Court has fewer bilingual clerical staff available
- Constitutionally mandated to provide interpreter services regardless of budget reductions

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced clerks' office hours one hour per day, 5 hours per week
- Longer waits in line and backlogs due to inadequate staffing

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed or reduced operations in 14 courtrooms
- Closed three courthouses in last five years: Autry, Corona, Hawthorne
- Fewer courtrooms to hear civil and criminal trials

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- 172 positions laid off: 22 management, 21 SEIU, 110 LIUNA, 19 county funded
- Furloughs applied to all employees, including management
- Court has left vacancies unfilled over the last five years

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Mandated reduction to the security budget in FY 2009-10
- Security funding cannot be reprogrammed to augment court budgets and offset operational costs

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Only 83 authorized judicial positions, leaving a deficit of 55

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 113,005,418
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 93,778,769
Percentage change	-17.0%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Riverside Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	14
Capital construction projects	3 (1 delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	2,227,577
Judicial officers	76
Judicial officers needed	137.8
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	1,116
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	1,072

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	14,080
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	43,741
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	326,527
Civil filings	74,685
Family and juvenile filings	37,612

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Mark Ashton Cope
Court Executive Officer	Sherri R. Carter



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Sacramento

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Delays exist in every facet of the processing, the hearing, the disposing of cases, and post disposition processing
- Large backlog and long delays in processing civil, family law and probate case documents and cases
- Assistance to self-represented litigants has been decimated

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Family law litigants must wait up to seven hours to file documents
- Reduced number of customers that can be served in a day by limiting front counter transactions

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- In person Self-Help services closed in July 2012; 70% of family law litigants are unrepresented and cannot get any self help service
- Reduced number of family law facilitator positions from 13 to 8
- Help with forms, telephone response, assistance via email and referrals for services are nearly gone

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Court reporters have been reduced from 68.1 in FY 08/09 to 62.6 in FY 12/13
- Beginning in FY 12/13, the court no longer is reimbursed for the Interpreter Coordinator

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced front counter hours by an average of 5 hours per week
- Telephone hours reduced by an average of 10 hours per week
- 25 counter-service windows have been closed across entire court

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Using the equivalent of three less courtrooms
- Implemented janitorial service cuts; only the most basic of services are provided

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Reduced available workforce by 230 positions since 2008
- Future layoffs anticipated
- Hiring freeze since 2008

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Eliminated most after-hours security
- Reducing all non-mission critical security functions

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Called upon assigned judges to keep pace with caseload
- Reduced frequency of filling vacant judgeships and SJO positions

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 110,203,947
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 97,986,988
Percentage change	-11.1%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Sacramento Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	10
Capital construction projects	1 (indefinitely delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	1,435,153
Judicial officers	72.5
Judicial officers needed	93.6
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	864
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	632

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	9,021
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	49,557
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	207,059
Civil filings	84,768
Family and juvenile filings	29,589

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Laurie M. Earl
Court Executive Officer	Christina M. Volkens



# Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot

## Superior Court of California

### County of San Benito



#### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Current level of funding is woefully inadequate to provide sufficient security for the public and staff
- Loss of authority to carry reserves except for a marginal and essentially useless balance obliterates the notion of sound fiscal policies and management

#### Budget Impacts

##### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Impact on policy and day-to-day operations is devastating
- Due to ongoing reductions in allocation, refrained from adding new programs or expanding existing programs beyond basic requirements

##### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Has not reduced self-help/FLF assistance in the last 5 years
- Anticipated reduction in court staff and public service by July 1, 2013 will affect self-help/FLF assistance availability

##### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Has not reduced expenditures for court reporters in last 5 years
- Has not reduced expenditures for court interpreters in last 5 years
- Anticipated reductions in court staff may result in reduced expenditures

##### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Has not reduced hours of clerks' office in the last 5 years
- Anticipate reduced hours of public service of up to 8 hours per week by July 1, 2013

##### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Has not closed any courtrooms in last 5 years
- Has not closed any courthouses in last 5 years

##### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Has not instituted furloughs or layoffs in last 5 years
- Anticipates a reduction in staff levels by at least 12% by July 1, 2013

##### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Has not reduced security services in the last 5 years

##### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduced AB 1058 commissioner from 0.5 FTE to 0.3 FTE

#### Annual Allocation

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 3,429,896
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013	\$ 1,543,528
Percentage change	-54.9%

#### San Benito Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	1
Capital construction projects	1

#### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

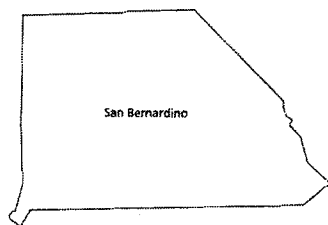
Population served	55,815
Judicial officers	2.3
Judicial officers needed	3.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	31
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	30.3

#### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	481
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	1,848
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	5,247
Civil filings	1,234
Family and juvenile filings	810

#### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Steven R. Sanders
Court Executive Officer	Gil Solorio



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- San Bernardino County at 20,000 square miles is the largest geographic county in the contiguous United States. Many court users have to travel much farther to attend jury service, court hearings, and to obtain court services. Court users in distant areas with minimal/negligible public transportation must drive up to 6 hours or more round trip to access services.
- Centralizing/consolidating remaining calendars in fewer departments may cause delays in obtaining hear dates for practitioners and litigants.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- From July through September 2012, staff turned away 560 persons at the end of the day due to an inability to serve them, and an additional 2,244 persons left the court without waiting for services

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Self-help staff was reduced by 4 positions since June 2012
- Potential additional staff reductions in SH/FL may result in a total funding reduction of over \$750,000 since June 2012
- Court no longer provides forms; litigants without technology in poorest areas spend extra hours in line waiting to purchase them

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- FY 2012-13 reductions will include 15 court reporter positions for civil and misdemeanor criminal cases
- No reductions in interpreters implemented or anticipated at this time

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Clerk's Office is now closed to the public at 3:00 p.m. daily

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Twin Peaks Courthouse closed in FY 2006-07, Redlands courthouse closed in FY2009-10 and Chino courthouse closed in FY 2012-13.
- One courtroom was closed in Joshua Tree.
- Night Court was eliminated countywide as of March 2013.
- Barstow, Needles, and Big Bear District courthouses will be closed as of May 6, 2013

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Furloughs instituted for all fiscal years since FY 2009-10
- Court has kept many positions vacant since FY 2008-09
- Phase II of the cost reduction plan calls for eliminating 44 positions

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Reductions in court security have resulted from courthouse/courtroom closures

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Assigned judges have been reduced and commissioner positions left vacant

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 120,021,452
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 94,361,335
Percentage change	-21.4%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### San Bernardino Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	18
Capital construction projects	1

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	2,063,91
Judicial officers	91 (only 86 funded)
Judicial officers needed	156.1
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	1,000
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	984 (as of 7/12) (946.5 as of 12/12) (920 current as of 3/13)

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	19,100
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	95,260
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	289,791
Civil filings	71,275
Family and juvenile filings	43,630

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Marsha G. Slough
Court Executive Officer	Mr. Stephen H. Nash



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of San Luis Obispo

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Trials only occur four days per week; telephones are not answered on Fridays resulting in long lines at the counter
- As self help services are reduced, there are additional backlogs in family law processing, more continuances, and longer waits for court hearings and trials
- Family law is the most likely target for additional reductions and many litigants will no longer have a court reporter to create a record for appeal and other purposes

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Due to furloughs, only one criminal and one juvenile court are in session on Fridays
- Staff vacancies have created backlogs, longer lines, elimination of many services to the public, justice partners, and attorneys

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Self help services have been reduced by about 20% due to employee furloughs; further reductions are anticipated

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Eliminated three court reporter positions in civil courtrooms and will likely eliminate three more positions and the court reporter supervisor position if funding is not reinvested

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Telephone hours reduced; counter hours have not been reduced, but it takes longer for the public to receive service

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closure of the South County Courthouse in Grover Beach resulted in closure of one of the court's 15 courtrooms, which handled criminal misdemeanors, traffic, small claims, unlawful detainers, and limited civil; this closure requires police agencies and the public to travel farther for these services

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Have not laid off employees except for three temporary court reporter positions; eliminated all temporary positions and will have to impose layoffs without budget reinvestment
- Imposed hiring freeze and offered early retirement incentives
- All employees, including commissioners, take 26 furlough days a year
- Judges and staff clean their own work areas because janitorial services have been eliminated

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Security costs were approx. \$600,000 prior to realignment, but further reductions are not anticipated

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Closure of the Grover Beach courthouse reduced the need for assigned judges and a bailiff

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 20,167,752
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 16,589,372
Percentage change	-17.7%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### San Luis Obispo Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	271,483
Judicial officers	15
Judicial officers needed	17.1
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	159
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	132

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	1,971
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	11,544
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	41,170
Civil filings	5,375
Family and juvenile filings	3,134

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Barry T. LaBarbera
Court Executive Officer	Susan E. Matherly

San Mateo»



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of San Mateo

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Current and projected clerk's office and courtroom closures will cause delays in traffic, civil, child custody, and family law
- Wait times on the phone can regularly average 45 minutes; wait times in line are about 30 minutes and expected to increase

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Traffic arraignment calendars reduced by 50%; small claims calendars reduced over 30%, which will increase to over 50% in July 2013
- Consolidation of small claims and traffic clerk's offices, including all traffic arraignments to Redwood City - plan to consolidate criminal clerk's office, traffic and small claims trials to Redwood City in July 2013
- Traffic trials will be reduced from 9-5 calendars per week in July 2013
- Criminal arraignments will be reduced from 9 to 6 and pre-trials reduced from 8 to 6 calendars per week in July 2013
- Reduction of three trial departments (approx 25%) in July 2013
- Backlogs in clerk's office processing of documents/filings, resulting in delays in obtaining judgments, etc.; wait time for public to view and receive copies of files has doubled; ADR program reduced by 60% and responses to ADR requests have lengthened by 30-60%

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Phone and counter hours for ADR and Family Court Services reduced by 50%
- Wait times for self help services exceed three hours with the public lining up before 7:00 am and still not reaching the counter in one day

##### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Reduced court reporter staff through attrition; no longer providing a court reporter in civil case management conferences

##### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Clerk counter and phone hours have been reduced over 30%; public counter hours of 8:00/8:30-2:00 Mon.-Thur. and 8:00/8:30-12:00 on Fridays. Phone hours are 10:00-2:00 Mon.-Thur. and 10:00-12:00 on Fridays.

##### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed the equivalent of two courtrooms and projecting closure of an additional four courtrooms by July, 2013.
- No courthouses have been closed, but San Mateo branch courthouse will only be used for trials and operations at the South San Francisco branch courthouse have or will be severely curtailed

##### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Reduced budget by 120 positions (30%) over last five years through layoffs, attrition, and voluntary incentive programs; projecting 20-25 additional layoffs in July and September, 2013, including court commissioners
- Mandated 10 furlough days in FY 09-10; may consider furloughs as a temporary option in the future

##### Impacts: Court Security Services

- In 09-10, in conjunction with the County Sheriff's Office, security expenditures decreased commensurate with reductions in Court services.

##### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduction of 70% of its Commissioner positions (5 of 7) in July, 2013

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 48,114,244
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 42,768,171
Percentage change	-11.1%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Santa Barbara Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	5
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	729,443
Judicial officers	33
Judicial officers needed	33.8
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	359
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	269

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	3,134
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	11,725
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	153,810
Civil filings	15,150
Family and juvenile filings	8,754

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Robert D. Foiles
Court Executive Officer	John Fitton



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of San Diego

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Backlogs are increasing; lines and wait times are longer because of fewer clerks and cut services
- Average family court services wait time is 8 weeks for first time appointments; 10 weeks for returns
- Court users must travel up to 40 miles for probate and juvenile dependency court

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Delays in processing all types of case filings
- Family court parties have to wait approximately 2 months to have child custody issues heard by a family court counselor

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Program staffing for the family law facilitator program cut
- Overall reduction in the number of people served of nearly 15%

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Total number of court reporters has been reduced by 38%
- No longer provide court reporters in civil, probate and family cases
- If parties do not retain their own reporters, there is no record of the proceeding in civil, family, and probate matters

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Clerks' business office hours reduced by one hour per day
- Court business offices close at noon on Fridays
- Phone hours have been cut

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Plan to close 20 courtrooms by June 2013, 13% decrease
- Reduced number of small claims night court sessions
- Eliminated use of assigned judges; an equivalent to four courtrooms

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- By the end of FY 2013-14, the Court projects 470 vacant permanent positions, which is a vacancy rate of 28%
- All employees required to take 10 unpaid furlough days in FY 2009-10
- All staff required to take 3 unpaid furlough days in FY 2010-11
- All staff required to take 24 unpaid furlough days in FY 12-13 and 13-14

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- The court does not realize a savings in security costs due to the realignment of security costs to the county
- No longer provide bailiffs in closed courtrooms

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Eliminated the use of retired commissioners, paid pro-tem juvenile referees and suspended CASA funding

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 219,359,530
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 184,832,030
Percentage change	-15.7%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### San Diego Facilities Overview

Number of court sites	9
Capital construction projects	1

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	3,143,429
Judicial officers	154
Judicial officers needed	158.9
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	1,652
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	1,276

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	16,744
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	60,130
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	512,821
Civil filings	78,983
Family and Juvenile filings	42,878

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Robert J. Trentacosta
Court Executive Officer	Michael M. Roddy





San Francisco» 

## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot

### Superior Court of California County of San Francisco

#### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Increased processing and response time for the public as backlogs significantly increase

#### Budget Impacts

##### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Average wait times at Traffic Clerk's office is 1 hour, up to 3 hours
- Must turn away court users at 4 pm and ask for them to return the next business day

##### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Consolidated Self-Help Centers and laid off staff resulted in 50% reduction in staffing levels
- Eliminated individualized assistance in the Self-Help Center

##### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Drastic reductions made to court reporter services
- No longer provide court reporters in civil trials and parties must bring their own reporter
- No longer provide court reporters in misdemeanor and traffic cases

##### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduction of clerks' office hours by 1 hour
- Filing office hours reduced by four hours per week
- Four hour delay to pay a traffic ticket
- Fulfilling records requests may take up to 75 days due to backlog

##### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed ten courtrooms on September 30, 2011

##### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Reduction of 67 positions on September 30, 2011
- Furlough days implemented in FY 2009/10 and 2010/11
- Staffing levels are 31% lower than in 2008

##### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Never had adequate budget for civil courtroom bailiffs, ratio is 1:7
- No further reductions to security services instituted

##### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduction of ten subordinate judicial officers in September 2011
- Loss of several retired judges and have been unable to backfill with timely appointment from Governor
- Currently have six judicial vacancies, a 12% judicial vacancy rate

#### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 84,864,628
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 75,022,408
Percentage change	-11.6%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

#### San Francisco Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	4
Capital construction projects	0

#### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	812,538
Judicial officers	65
Judicial officers needed	59.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	585
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	413

#### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	6,158
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	5,498
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	166,452
Civil filings	22,349
Family and juvenile filings	7,772

#### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Cynthia Ming-mei Lee
Court Executive Officer	T. Michael Yuen

Santa Cruz»



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot

### Superior Court of California

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#### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Longer wait times and reduced access to court services
- Elimination of homeless court program, night court services and drug court program
- Longer commute times for the public and public agencies in outlying cities and communities

#### Budget Impacts

##### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Impacted access to misdemeanor hearings, traffic, juvenile and small claims courts

##### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Discontinued Self-Help and Family Law Facilitator services at Santa Cruz Courthouse

##### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- In 2010, five of twelve court reporters were laid off
- Permanent removal of court reporters from civil, probate, and family law courtrooms

##### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Clerk office hours reduced by one hour each day
- Telephone hours reduced to 4 hours each day

##### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- One full courtroom closed on July 1, 2010
- Removed criminal and traffic calendars and services from Watsonville
- Closed juvenile courtroom in Felton; transferred caseload to Watsonville
- Reduced the use of the juvenile hall courtroom from a full-time courtroom to using it two half-days each week

##### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Reduced staff by 58 FTE positions
- Furloughed employees at all levels
- Current vacancy rate from FY 2007-08 level is 34%

##### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Bailiff removed from a civil courtroom due to budget constraints

##### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Judges voluntarily reduced their own salaries
- One full time commissioner laid off

#### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 17,605,613
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 15,472,598
Percentage change	-12.1%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

#### Santa Cruz Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	4
Capital construction projects	0

#### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	265,981
Judicial officers	12.5
Judicial officers needed	14.7
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	148
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	114

#### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	1,663
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	10,735
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	31,533
Civil filings	5,140
Family and juvenile filings	3,305

#### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. John Steven Salazar
Court Executive Officer	Alex Calvo



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Courtroom closures resulted in hearing delays and increased travel – 30 to 45 miles – for litigants and local law enforcement to appear at hearings
- Enormous challenge in serving litigants timely in domestic violence, small claims, and family law matters
- 13 collaborative courts serving over thousands of litigants annually

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Fewer resources to assist self-represented litigants results in calendar backlogs and more judicial time per case in the courtroom
- Increasing delays in paperwork processing of up to 102 months in some areas

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Reduced staff results in fewer services and less access to justice
- Closed two remote self-help locations and mobile unit which served litigants in 12 remote areas
- Mediation services in small claims reduced by 50%

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Maintains a 16% court reporter vacancy rate
- Lack of certified and registered interpreters results in increased workload and delayed wait times for court hearings

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Maintains normal business hours, contributing to higher overtime costs to process work after hours and up to one hour wait time for service in family law and civil due to window closures
- Continued hearings due to reduced staff to complete or prepare files
- Traffic night court sessions reduced by 75% and daily traffic and small claims calendars by 25%

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed one criminal courtroom and one civil courtroom
- Closed a juvenile dependency department

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Significantly reduced workforce by 166.75 positions
- Released retired annuitants and temporary employees serving as clerical support, courtroom clerks, and probate investigators
- Instituted mandatory furlough days for all employees
- 18.5% vacancy rate of positions

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Maintained existing security service levels

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduced commissioners by one

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 132,765,533
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 109,852,575
Percentage change	-17.3%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Santa Clara Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	15
Capital construction projects	1

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	1,816,486
Judicial officers	89
Judicial officers needed	89
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	846
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	701

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	8,147
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	32,887
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	235,562
Civil filings	35,774
Family and juvenile filings	14,368

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Brian Walsh
Court Executive Officer	David H. Yamasaki



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Solano



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### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Staffing shortages have created significant backlogs in Civil and Family Law
- Closing clerks' offices early and furlough days limits access for the public
- Increased error and inefficiencies with case flow processing due to reduced staffing

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Turn away approximately 20 clients per day at Self-Help Centers
- Greatest increase in backlogs is the Civil Law & Motion calendars; parties now wait up to 4 months for a hearing

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Reduced office hours of Solano Legal Access Center and Family Law Facilitator offices
- **Restraining orders handled only on Fridays**
- Closed for walk-ins on Wednesdays; clients seen that day by appointment only

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Eliminated court reporters from misdemeanor cases in FY 2011/12

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced clerk's office hours by 2 hours per day in FY 2011/12
- Reduced hours by another hour effective 1/14/13

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- No reductions made in courtrooms or courthouses

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Laid off three regular positions in FY 11/12
- Instituted furloughs in FY 09/10 and 12/13
- Current vacancy rate of 22%

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- No reductions to court security services

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- No reductions in judicial officers

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 29,688,029
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013	\$ 25,302,191
Percentage change	-14.8%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding.

### Solano Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	1

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

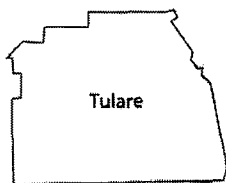
Population served	413,786
Judicial officers	24
Judicial officers needed	28.6
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	265
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	206

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	3,900
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	7,827
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	54,062
Civil filings	12,006
Family and juvenile filings	7,314

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Paul L. Beeman
Court Executive Officer	Brian Taylor



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Tulare

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- The Tulare Court faces as much as a 15% reduction of its current operating budget
- Tulare Court has been forced to lay off 39 court employees since 2008/09.
- Public safety is compromised because law enforcement officers must now travel to the main courthouse in Visalia and wait, taking them out of their communities due to closures of two courthouses since 2008/09.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Closed courthouses require court users to travel further.
- Long lines and wait times cause loss of income by court users who must miss work to attend court

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Self Help attorney on staff replaced by paralegal to realize savings.
- Self Help/FLF space reduced by half to realize savings on lease.

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Four (4) full time court reporters have been terminated and three (3) full time per diem court reporters are no longer utilized.

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Ten (10) counter staff have been laid off since 2008/09 causing significantly longer lines and wait times for court users because workload has not decreased.

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Tulare Court facility was closed in August 2012 requiring the public to travel to Visalia or Porterville to access court services
- Dinuba Court is open to public only 1 day a week to pay fees only.

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- 12 mandatory furlough days for all court staff.

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- No impact. County provides all court security.

#### Fewer Bench Officers

- One Court Commissioner was laid off in 2012 due to budget reductions.

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 24,499,936
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013	\$ 20,737,213
Percentage change	-15%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

### Tulare Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	4
Capital construction projects	1

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	451,977
Judicial officers	21
Judicial officers needed	28.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	255
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	211

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filing	3,946
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	11,048
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	63,452
Civil filings	9,147
Family and juvenile filings	7,089

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Lloyd L. Hicks
Court Executive Officer	LaRayne Cleek



Ventura



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## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Ventura

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Layoffs have created work backlog, delay in processing cases and closure of services
- All Clerk's Office court services are closed on court closure days
- Court users must travel up to 50 miles one way to use some court services

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Loss of FLF services at East County Courthouse limits the number of clients that can be served on a daily basis in Self-Help Centers

#### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Closure of East County Courthouse Self-Help Center
- Loss of two Family Law Facilitator attorneys

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Laid off 3.8 intermittent court reporters in FY 2012-13
- Parties must now arrange for their own court reporters

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced clerks' counter hours by 2 hours
- No savings realized since court personnel use the hours the counters are closed to work on backlogs

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Courtroom and courthouse closures due to mandatory furloughs
- Moved 2 civil courtrooms and 1 family law courtroom
- Services at the East County Courthouse reduced to one courtroom 2 days per week for traffic, small claims and unlawful detainer cases

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- 25 staff laid off in FY 11-12 and FY 12-13
- 42 vacant positions eliminated
- 15 positions eliminated by voluntary retirements
- Instituted 6 to 18 furlough days for all staff
- Vacancy rate of 5.6% in FY 12-13

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Reduction of 1 deputy
- Security funding is now the responsibility of the county and no further reductions are expected

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- No reductions in judicial officers

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 46,209,171
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 40,032,933
Percentage change	-13.4%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Ventura Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	832,970
Judicial officers	33
Judicial officers needed	43.7
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	396
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	352

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	3,995
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	15,444
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	134,978
Civil filings	20,794
Family and juvenile filings	11,056

### Court Leadership

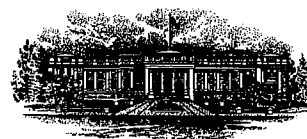
Presiding Judge	Hon. Brian John Back
Court Executive Officer	Michael D. Planet



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot

### Superior Court of California

### County of Yolo



#### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Reduced workforce has decreased the Court's ability to meet the needs of the public
- To manage workload, the Court instituted a priority matrix that delineates mandated/critical, high-priority, and non-mandated/low priority processes
- Backlogs up to 2 months for non-mandated/low priority civil, family law, and probate filings

#### Budget Impacts

##### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Decreased available staff time, which impacts the ability to process legal documents in a timely fashion and frustrates the public
- Turn away 25 to 30 people a week at the Self-Help Center

##### Reduced Public Access:

##### Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Closed the Self-Help Center in West Sacramento and consolidated functions into one location
- Self-Help services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis

##### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Froze 1 court reporter position
- Only provides court reporter services for mandated hearings

##### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced public filing and phone access by 2 hours
- Current wait time for civil counter is approximately 1 hour

##### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Did not renew a contract for a leased facility that housed the family law court and FLF/Self-Help Center
- Closed a satellite FLF/Self-Help Center

##### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Instituted a voluntary separation program to avoid layoffs
- Maintains a 28% vacancy rate
- Anticipate 5 to 12 annual furlough days in the future for employees

##### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Has not reduced security services

##### Fewer Judicial Officers

- No change in judicial officers

#### Annual Allocation

Baseline Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 8,982,208
Est. Baseline Allocation FY 2012-2013	\$ 5,541,207
Percentage change	-38.3%

#### Yolo Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	6
Capital construction projects	1

#### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	202,133
Judicial officers	12.4
Judicial officers needed	13.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	121.5
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	79

#### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	2,023
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	6,863
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	26,757
Civil filings	3,576
Family and juvenile filings	2,498

#### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Steven M. Basha
Court Executive Officer	James B. Perry