

## Judicial Council of California

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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title

Government Code Section 68106: Public Notice by Courts of Closures or Reduced Clerks' Office Hours (Gov. Code, § 68106— Report No. 27)

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## **Executive Summary**

Government Code section 68106 directs (1) trial courts to notify the public and the Judicial Council before closing courtrooms or clerks' offices or reducing clerks' regular office hours, and (2) the council to post all such notices on its website and also relay them to the Legislature. This is the 27th report to date listing the latest court notices received by the council under this statutory requirement; since the previous report, 15 superior courts—those of Santa Barbara, Solano, Glenn, Plumas, Sierra, Mono, Humboldt, Fresno, Kings, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Amador, Stanislaus, Napa, and Yolo Counties—have issued new notices.

### **Previous Council Action**

In 2010, the Legislature enacted a Judiciary Budget Trailer Bill with fee increases and fund transfers for the courts that also added section 68106 to the Government Code. Section 68106 requires trial courts to notify the public and the Judicial Council in advance of any closures or reductions in service, and the council in turn to post all such notices on its website and report them to the Legislature. Since the enactment of section 68106, a total of 48 courts have issued

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sen. Bill 857; Stats. 2010, ch. 720, § 13. Attachment A contains the full text of Government Code section 68106, as amended effective January 1, 2011, and June 27, 2012.

notice under its requirements.<sup>2</sup> The Judicial Council has received 26 prior informational reports listing such notices as they have been received.

### **Notice Received From Fifteen Courts Since Last Report**

This is the 27th report provided to date on trial court notices submitted under Government Code section 68106. Since the previous report, the Judicial Council has received new notices of closures or reduced hours from 15 trial courts:

1. Effective October 14, 2014, the Superior Court of **Santa Barbara** County intends to close the clerk's office of the Solvang Division located at 1745 Mission Drive, Suite C, Solvang. The clerk's office will close at the end of the business day on October 10, 2014. Traffic Court trials originating from the Solvang jurisdiction will continue to be conducted at the Solvang facility the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Effective October 14, 2014, all matters previously filed at the Solvang Court will be filed at the Lompoc Division located at 115 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc. (*Attachment B*)

On August 8, 2014, the Superior Court of **Santa Barbara** County issued a public notice of intention to close the Juvenile Court located at 4500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara. On October 2, 2014, after taking into consideration public comments received, a new public notice was issued advising that the court is delaying the planned closure of the Juvenile Facility on Hollister Avenue pending receipt and review of proposed facility modification plans. (*Attachment B*)

- 2. The Superior Court of **Solano** County will have limited operation days on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, Friday, December 26, 2014, and Friday, January 2, 2015. On the limited operation days, all clerks' offices and all but two courtrooms will be closed. The two courtrooms will be open in the Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, to conduct arraignments and examinations as required by law, to sign any necessary documents on an emergency basis, and to handle time-sensitive juvenile matters. Drop boxes will be available at the Hall of Justice and at the Solano Justice Center, 321 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, for same-day filing of documents deposited there before 4:00 p.m. (*Attachment C*)
- 3. Effective November 1, 2014, the Superior Court of **Glenn** County intends to reduce court office and telephone hours until further notice by closing its offices at 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Currently, the court is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This reduction in hours includes not only the court's main branch in Willows, but also the Orland branch and the Resource Center that houses the Self-Help Center, the family facilitator, and the mediator/recommending counselor. (*Attachment D*)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All courts' notices are listed and posted at <u>www.courts.ca.gov/12973.htm</u>. Some courts have given more than one notice.

- 4. Effective November 3, 2014, the Superior Court of **Plumas** County will reduce the clerk's office and telephone hours. All offices will close daily at 3:00 p.m. and telephones will be answered between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Currently the clerk's office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Telephone lines are currently answered Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (*Attachment E*)
- 5. Effective November 3, 2014, the Superior Courts of **Plumas** and **Sierra** Counties will close the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse location in Portola. Beginning on November 3rd all current and future traffic and small claims cases for the Plumas Superior Court will be processed and heard at the Quincy Courthouse, 520 Main St., Quincy. For information on all current and future traffic cases for Sierra Superior Court please contact the Sierra Superior Court at (530) 289-3698. Currently the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse court location is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (*Attachment F*)
- 6. Effective October 31, 2014, the Superior Court of **Mono** County will close the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse to the public every third Friday through the remainder of this fiscal year (13 days). The first Friday for closure will be October 31, 2014, with the next closure day on November 14, 2014. Closure days will continue on Friday's on an every three week basis for the remainder of the 2014–2015 fiscal year, except for the month of January 2015. In January 2015 one closure day, January 9, 2015, is two weeks from the previous closure day of December 26, 2014. Closure Fridays for the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will end June 30, 2015. A judge will be available to conduct any criminal arraignments and examinations as required by statute, and to sign any orders or documents on an emergency basis. A drop box will be available at the courthouse on Friday closure days to accept documents for same day filing. All documents deposited before 4:00 p.m. will receive a same day date and time stamp. (*Attachment G*)
- 7. Effective November 3, 2014, the Superior Court of **Humboldt** County will reduce the hours the clerks' office is available to the public. Beginning Monday, November 3, 2014, the court clerks' office hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., (reduced from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday. This also applies to answering telephone inquiries. A public drop box is available at the 421 "I" Street location for same day filings during normal business hours up to 4:00 p.m. The new office hours will continue indefinitely. (*Attachment H*)
- 8. The Superior Court of **Fresno** County will temporarily close the Main Criminal Courthouse and B.F. Sisk Courthouse (including the Self-Help Center and Archives Department) and relocate essential hearings and consolidate the clerk's offices into the M Street Courthouse and the Juvenile Justice Campus only on the following Days: December 24, 26, and 31, 2014, and January 2, 2015. See Attachment I for a detailed list of courtrooms that will remain open on these days. For clerk's office services on these

dates, the court will have at least one window open at the M Street Courthouse for each of the following departments: Traffic, Civil/Small Claims, Probate, Family Law/Family Support, and Criminal. The clerk's office at the Juvenile Justice Campus will remain open for juvenile related matters (both delinquency and dependency). The clerk's office hours on those days will remain 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each case specific window will be open and available to perform all normal clerks' office duties. Services from the Self-Help Center and the Archives Department will not be available. (*Attachment I*)

- 9. The Superior Court of **Kings** County intends to reduce staffing and temporarily limit the hours and operations of its Divisions and Departments between December 24, 2014, and January 1, 2015. Please see Attachment J for details on the temporary closures and limitation of hours and services by Division/Department. (*Attachment J*)
- 10. In June of this year, the Superior Court of **Fresno** County provided notice of intent to temporarily close the Family Support Courtrooms, located in the B.F. Sisk Courthouse, from September 30, 2014 through October 3, 2014, and October 6, 2014 through October 9, 2014, to allow for training of Superior Court and Department of Child Support Services Staff. The court has now provided a revised notice advising that one of the two courtrooms will remain open on two days. See Attachment K for details on the temporary closure dates by Department. The Family Support clerk's office will remain open during the temporary Family Support Courtroom closures. (*Attachment K*)
- 11. The Superior Court of **Contra Costa** County will have temporary reductions in service in all court locations on December 29, 30, 31, 2014, and January 2, 2015. All services except those identified in Attachment L will be unavailable during these reduced service days. Documents submitted by drop box by 5:00 p.m. on reduced service days will be filed/received on that date. (*Attachment L*)
- 12. Effective November 24, 2014, the Superior Court of **Santa Clara** County will reduce business office and telephone hours by one hour at courthouses located in Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose, and Morgan Hill. Beginning Monday, November 24, 2014, the daily office and telephone hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (*Attachment M*)
- 13. Effective November 24, 2014, the Superior Court of **Amador** County will further reduce its hours of operations by closing the clerk's office a half hour earlier Monday through Thursday, and by closing the office every other Friday. Courtrooms will remain open Monday through Friday and are unaffected by this change. Effective November 24, 2014, the new hours of operation in the clerk's office will be Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and closed the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. On those Friday closure days, a clerk will be available to accept any necessary documents for filing on an emergency basis. A drop box also will be available to receive documents for same day filing Monday through Friday when the clerk's office is closed. (Attachment N)

- 14. The Superior Court of **Stanislaus** County will temporarily reduce the clerk's office hours on the last two Wednesday's of December 2014. The clerk's office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., closing four hours early on Wednesday, December 24, 2014, and Wednesday, December 31, 2014. A drop box will be available outside the Family Law and Civil Division clerk's offices for filing papers or submitting payments. Any document deposited in the court's drop box on these days by 4:00 p.m. will be deemed to have been deposited for filing on that day. (Attachment O)
- 15. The Superior Court of Napa County will be closed on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, Friday, December 26, 2014, and Friday, January 2, 2015. Additionally, the court will continue its schedule of closing at 2:30 p.m. on each Friday. (Attachment P)
- 16. The Superior Court of **Yolo** County will temporarily close to the public on the following dates and times:

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Thursday, December 18, 2014, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 24, 2014, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Attachment Q)
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### **Mandate in Government Code Section 68106**

In providing fee increases and fund transfers for the courts in the Judiciary Budget Trailer Bill in 2010, the Legislature expressly declared its intention that trial courts remain open to the public on all days that are not judicial holidays and that access to court services for civil litigants be preserved to the extent practicable. Statements in Government Code section 68106 affirmed this intent, and the recent amendment of the statute strengthened it.

Section 68106 imposes the following requirements on trial courts and the Judicial Council:

Trial courts must provide written notice to the public at least 60 days before closing any courtroom or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices, although "[n]othing in this section is intended to affect, limit, or otherwise interfere with regular court management decisionmaking, including calendar management and scheduling decisions." The trial court is to provide this notice "by conspicuous posting within or about its facilities, on its public Internet Web site, by electronic distribution to individuals who have subscribed to the court's electronic distribution service, and to the Judicial Council . . . . "4 The notice must describe the scope of the closure or reduction in hours, state the financial constraints or other reasons that make the closure or reduction necessary, and invite public comment. 5 Courts expressly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Gov. Code, § 68106(c). <sup>4</sup> *Id.*, § 68106(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id.*, § 68106(b)(1), (2)(A).

are *not* obligated to respond to comments received. 6 If a court changes its plan "as a result of the comments received or for any other reason" during the 60-day notice period, it must "immediately provide notice to the public" by posting and distributing "a revised notice" using the procedure previously described, including distribution to the council. <sup>7</sup> The change in plan does not require notification, however, beyond the original 60-day period.<sup>8</sup>

The Judicial Council must, within 15 days of receiving a notice from a trial court, "conspicuously" post the notice "on its Internet Web site" and forward a copy to the chairs and vice-chairs of both houses' Committees on the Judiciary, the chair of the Assembly Committee on Budget, and the chair of the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.<sup>9</sup>

## **Implementation Efforts**

Judicial Council staff notified all trial court presiding judges and court executive officers of the enactment of this statutory mandate, and the Judicial Council Legal Services (LS) staff provided legal guidance to help courts comply with the requirements of the statute. Trial courts have been requested to e-mail such notices to Debora Morrison, LS Senior Attorney, who has provided legal review of the courts' notices since Government Code section 68106 first took effect in 2010.

To fulfill the Judicial Council's obligations under section 68106, the Judicial Council staff has placed on the home page of the California Courts website a prominent link to the Reduced Court Services page (www.courts.ca.gov/12973.htm), which contains a summary of Government Code section 68106 and all notices received from trial courts about closures of courtrooms or clerks' offices or reductions in clerks' office hours. Since the previous report to the council, the notices from the courts detailed above have been added to the web page. The Judicial Council staff has also forwarded the notices from these courts to the designated legislative leaders.

### **Attachments**

Attachment A: Government Code section 68106

Attachment B: Notice(s) from the Superior Court of Santa Barbara:

August 8, 2014, and October 2, 2014

Attachment C: Notice from the Superior Court of Solano, August 18, 2014

Attachment D: Notice from the Superior Court of Glenn, August 25, 2014

Attachment E: Notice from the Superior Court of Plumas, August 27, 2014

Attachment F: Notice from the Superior Courts of Plumas and Sierra, August 27, 2014

Attachment G: Notice from the Superior Court of Mono, August 28, 2014

Attachment H: Notice from the Superior Court of Humboldt, August 29, 2014

Attachment I: Notice from the Superior Court of Fresno, September 3, 2014

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id.*, § 68106(b)(2)(B).
<sup>7</sup> *Id.*, § 68106(b)(3).
<sup>8</sup> *Id.*, § 68106(b)(2)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id.*, § 68106(b)(3).

Attachment J: Notice from the Superior Court of Kings, September 4, 2014

Attachment K: Notice from the Superior Court of Fresno, September 11, 2014 (update to 6/17/14 notice)

Attachment L: Notice from the Superior Court of Contra Costa, September 22, 2014
Attachment M: Notice from the Superior Court of Santa Clara, September 24, 2014
Attachment N: Notice from the Superior Court of Amador, September 24, 2014
Attachment O: Notice from the Superior Court of Stanislaus, September 24, 2014
Attachment P: Notice from the Superior Court of Napa, September 26, 2014

Attachment Q: Notice from the Superior Court of Yolo, September 26, 2014

### **Government Code section 68106:**

- (a) (1) In making appropriations for the support of the trial courts, the Legislature recognizes the importance of increased revenues from litigants and lawyers, including increased revenues from civil filing fees. It is therefore the intent of the Legislature that courts give the highest priority to keeping courtrooms open for civil and criminal proceedings. It is also the intent of the Legislature that, to the extent practicable, in the allocation of resources by and for trial courts, access to court services for civil litigants be preserved, budget cuts not fall disproportionately on civil cases, and the right to trial by jury be preserved.
- (2) Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the Budget Act of 2010, which includes increases in civil and criminal court fees and penalties, that trial courts remain open to the public on all days except judicial holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and except as authorized pursuant to Section 68115.
- (b)(1) A trial court shall provide written notification to the public by conspicuous posting within or about its facilities, on its public Internet Web site, and by electronic distribution to individuals who have subscribed to the court's electronic distribution service, and to the Judicial Council, not less than 60 days prior to closing any courtroom, or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices during regular business hours on any day except judicial holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and except as authorized pursuant to Section 68115. The notification shall include the scope of the closure or reduction in hours, and the financial constraints or other reasons that make the closure or reduction necessary.
- (2)(A) The notification required pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include information on how the public may provide written comments during the 60-day period on the court's plan for closing a courtroom, or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices. The court shall review and consider all public comments received. If the court plan for closing a courtroom, or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices, changes as a result of the comments received or for any other reason, the court shall immediately provide notice to the public by posting a revised notice within or about its facilities, on its public Internet Web site, and by electronic distribution to individuals who have subscribed to the court's electronic distribution service, and to the Judicial Council. Any change in the court's plan pursuant to this paragraph shall not require notification beyond the initial 60-day period.
- (B) This paragraph shall not be construed to obligate courts to provide responses to the comments received.
- (3) Within 15 days of receipt of a notice from a trial court, the Judicial Council shall conspicuously post on its Internet Web site and provide the chairs and vice chairs of the Committees on Judiciary, the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Budget, and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review a copy of any notice received pursuant to this subdivision. The Legislature intends to review the information obtained pursuant to this section to ensure that California trial courts remain open and accessible to the public.
- (c) Nothing in this section is intended to affect, limit, or otherwise interfere with regular court management decisionmaking, including calendar management and scheduling decisions.





Date: August 8, 2014

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### Courthouse Closure – SOLVANG DIVISION CLERK'S OFFICE

# PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106 AND RULE 10.620 OF THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# NOTICE OF COURTHOUSE CLOSURE

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, intends to close the clerk's office of the Solvang Division of the Superior Court located at 1745 Mission Drive, Suite C, Solvang, California. The Court has taken this action due to severe ongoing budget reductions. The clerk's office will close at the end of the business day on October 10, 2014. Traffic Court trials originating from the Solvang jurisdiction will continue to be conducted at the Solvang facility the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Effective October 14, 2014 all matters previously filed at the Solvang Court will be filed at:

Santa Barbara Superior Court Lompoc Division 115 Civic Center Plaza Lompoc, CA 93436

The court finds that above actions are necessary due to the significant and continuing cuts to the state judicial branch budget. Since 2009, state funding for the judicial branch has been significantly reduced, with those reductions impacting the budgets of individual superior courts. The limited amount of funding restored in fiscal year 2014/2015 does not make it fiscally feasible to keep the Solvang Division's Clerk's Office open.

Workload considerations dictate that the court staff be redirected from the Solvang Division location to assist in the Lompoc Division.

If you would like to submit comments about the proposed reductions, please send them to: Darrel E. Parker, Court Executive Officer, 1100 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Additionally you may submit comments via e-mail at CtAdmin@sbcourts.org

This notice has been posted on the Court's website at <a href="www.sbcourts.org">www.sbcourts.org</a>.

Pursuant to Government Code section 68106, this proposal has been published for public comment with a deadline of October 6, 2014.

Notice will also be posted pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.620(g).





Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Courthouse Closure - Santa Barbara Juvenile Court PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106 AND RULE 10.620 OF THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: August 8, 2014

### NOTICE OF COURTHOUSE CLOSURE

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, intends to close the clerk's office and courtroom of the Superior Court located at 4500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, California. The Court has taken this action due to severe ongoing budget reductions. The Juvenile Court will close at the end of the business day on October 10, 2014.

Effective October 14, 2014 all juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency matters previously heard at Juvenile Court will be moved and heard at

> Santa Barbara Superior Court Jury Assembly Building Department 14 1108 Santa Barbara Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

In addition, all juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency matters previously filed at Juvenile Court will be filed at

> Santa Barbara Superior Court Figueroa Division Juvenile Clerk's Office 118 E. Figueroa Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

This action does not change juvenile matters scheduled for the Santa Maria Division of the Juvenile Court.

The court finds that above actions are necessary due to the significant and continuing cuts to the state judicial branch budget. Since 2009, state funding for the judicial branch has been

significantly reduced, with those reductions impacting the budgets of individual superior courts. The limited amount of funding restored in fiscal year 2014/2015 does not make it fiscally feasible to keep the Santa Barbara Juvenile Court open.

Workload considerations dictate that the court staff be redirected from the Hollister Avenue location to assist in the main court facilities located in downtown Santa Barbara.

If you would like to submit comments about the proposed reductions, please send them to: Darrel E. Parker, Court Executive Officer, 1100 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Additionally you may submit comments via e-mail at <a href="https://creativecomments.org">CtAdmin@sbcourts.org</a>

This notice has been posted on the Court's website at www.sbcourts.org.

Pursuant to Government Code section 68106, this proposal has been published for public comment with a deadline of October 6, 2014.

Notice will also be posted pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.620(g).





Date: October 2, 2014

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Courthouse Closure – Santa Barbara Juvenile Court PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106** 

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CHANGE OF NOTICE RE: COURTHOUSE CLOSURE

On August 8, 2014, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, issued a public notice of intention to close the clerk's office and courtroom of the Superior Court located at 4500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, California. The Court is taking this action due to severe ongoing budget reductions.

The Court invited written comments on the planned closure. Additionally, on September 5, 2014, the Court conducted a meeting of stakeholders and solicited input on the planned closure. A number of concerns regarding the new location and impacts on the operation of the juvenile court and the confidentiality of the proceedings were identified. More time is required to address those concerns. Therefore, the Court is delaying the planned closure of the Juvenile Facility on Hollister Road pending receipt and review of proposed facility modification plans.

The Court is grateful for the dedicated professionals committed to serving the needs of the Santa Barbara Juvenile Justice Community and appreciative of the thoughtful and insightful comments regarding the relocation. Those remarks and others will aid in facilitating an appropriate accommodation for the juvenile caseload.

If you would like to submit comments, please send them to: Darrel E. Parker, Court Executive Officer, 1100 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Additionally you may submit comments via e-mail at <a href="mailto:CtAdmin@sbcourts.org">CtAdmin@sbcourts.org</a>

This notice has been posted on the Court's website at <a href="www.sbcourts.org">www.sbcourts.org</a>.



## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO

Executive Office 600 Union Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533 Phone (707) 207-7475 Fax (707) 426-1631

# Public Notice

Contact: Brian K. Taylor Court Executive Officer Phone: (707)207-7475 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: August 18, 2014 Fairfield, California

# Public Notice Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106 IMPLEMENTATION OF LIMITED OPERATIONS DAYS IN FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

The Superior Court of California, County of Solano will have limited operation days on the days listed below:

Wednesday, November 26, 2014 Friday, December 26, 2014 Friday, January 2, 2015

On the limited operation days, all Clerk's Offices and all but two courtrooms will be closed. The two courtrooms will be open in the Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, California to conduct arraignments and examinations as required by law, to sign any necessary documents on an emergency basis, and to handle time-sensitive juvenile matters. Drop boxes will be available at the Hall of Justice and at the Solano Justice Center, 321 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo for same-day filing of documents deposited there before 4:00 p.m.

The Court finds it necessary to institute these changes in light of the state budget crises, which resulted in five years of budget cuts to the Judicial Branch. Although the Governor approved additional funding for the Judicial Branch for this fiscal year, the amount falls \$136.9 million short of what Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye estimated the branch needed to maintain operations and to "tread water" for this fiscal year.

Despite instituting various cost savings measures such as freezing vacancies for five years, prior furloughs, implementation of an early retirement plan, implementation of electronic reporting for misdemeanors and reengineering court processes for efficiencies, the Court still faces a projected deficit of \$830,000 for the current fiscal year and must take additional measures to balance the budget.

If you have any comments regarding this action, please send them in writing to Brian Taylor, Court Executive Officer, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533 by August 31, 2014.

Janelle Bartlett
Court Executive Office
Jury Commissioner

# Superior Court of California County of Glenn

# Public Notice

The Superior Court of California, County of Glenn hereby gives notice, pursuant to the Government Code § 68106(b)(1), that it intends to reduce court office and telephone hours until further notice by closing its offices at 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Currently, the court is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The effective date will be November 1, 2014. This reduction in hours includes not only the court's main branch in Willows, but also the Orland branch and the Resource Center that houses the Self-Help Center, the family facilitator, and the mediator/recommending counselor.

The court has experienced several reductions in its budget and loss of staff. This modification in office and telephone hours will enable the court to eliminate backlog and process legal documents in a timely manner, while being under-staffed.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please submit your comments to the court at webmaster@glenncourt.ca.gov.

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF PLUMAS

# PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106

## August 27, 2014

Currently the Clerk's Office in Plumas Superior Court is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. excluding court holidays. Telephone lines are currently answered Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Effective November 3, 2014 the Clerk's office and telephone hours will be reduced. All offices will close daily at 3:00 p.m. and telephones will be answered between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The Court finds this action necessary due to the ongoing and most recent budget reductions to the Plumas Court. Staff reductions have resulted in an increased backlog of work. Closing the Clerk's Office at 3:00 p.m. will allow staff to adequately process work in as timely a manner as possible.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. If you would like to submit comments on the reduction in the Clerk's office and telephone hours at the Plumas Superior Court locations, please submit them in writing to Deborah Norrie, Court Executive Officer, Plumas Superior Court, 520 Main St., Room 104, Quincy, CA 95971.

# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF PLUMAS and COUNTY OF SIERRA

# PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106

### August 27, 2014

Currently the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse court location of the Superior Court of California, Counties of Plumas and Sierra (in Portola, CA) is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., excluding court holidays. The telephone lines are answered Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Effective November 3, 2014 the Plumas/Sierra Regional Courthouse location of the Plumas and Sierra Superior Court will be closed. Beginning on November 3<sup>rd</sup> all current and future traffic and small claims cases for the Plumas Superior Court will be processed and heard at the Quincy Courthouse, 520 Main St., Quincy, CA 95971. Telephone (530) 283-6232. For information on all current and future traffic cases for the Sierra Superior Court please contact the Sierra Superior Court at (530) 289-3698.

The courts find this action necessary due to the continuing and ongoing budget reductions to the local trial courts. The budget reduction to the local trial courts in the current fiscal year has demanded that the courts examine all phases of their operations and make reductions in service levels. If the budget for the courts increases in future years, the courts would work to re-open the regional courthouse.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. If you would like to submit comments on the closure of the Regional Courthouse court location, please submit them in writing to Deborah Norrie, Court Executive Officer, Plumas Superior Court, 520 Main St., Room 104, Quincy, CA 95971 or Lee Kirby, Court Executive Officer, Sierra Superior Court, P.O. Box 476, Downieville, CA 95936.



## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONO

HECTOR GONZALEZ, JR.

Court Executive Officer

August 28, 2014

## **Public Notice:**

# **Mammoth Lakes Courthouse to Close Every Third Friday**

(The following courthouse closure is being done pursuant to Government Code §§ 68106, 68108)

Beginning on October 31, 2014, the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will be closed to the public every third Friday through the remainder of this fiscal year (13 days). The 13 Fridays that the Court will be closed will be unpaid furlough days for court staff. The first Friday for closure of the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will be October 31, 2014 with the next closure day on November 14, 2014. Closure days will continue on Friday's on an every three week basis for the remainder of the 2014-2015 fiscal year, except for the month of January 2015. In January 2015 one closure day, January 9, 2015 is two weeks from the previous furlough day of December 26, 2014. Closure Fridays for the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will end June 30, 2015. The following is a list of the 13 Friday closure days:

- 1. In 2014 October 31, November 14, December 5, December 26
- 2. In 2015 January 9, January 30, February 20, March 13, April 3, April 24, May 15, June 5, and June 26.

The Courthouse will be closed, although a judge will be available to conduct any criminal arraignments and examinations as required by statute, and to sign any orders or documents on an emergency basis. A drop box also will be available at the courthouse on Friday closure days to accept documents for same day filing. All documents deposited before 4:00 pm will receive a same day date and time stamp.

The every third Friday closures are necessary due to the deep cuts in the state funding allocated for the Superior Court of Mono County. For the past four years, the court has been able to avoid such action by adopting other cost saving measures and drawing upon a "rainy day fund" created through frugal financial management in earlier years. Beginning on June 30, 2014, however, a new law prohibits all California Superior Courts from retaining a rainy day fund that exceeds one percent of its operating budget from the prior fiscal year. Without its "rainy day fund," the Mono County Superior Court can no longer cover the shortfalls created by ongoing state budget reductions. Accordingly, the Court must close the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse for the thirteen listed Fridays (beginning on October 31, 2014 and ending on June 26, 2015).

If you would like to submit a written comment regarding the court closures described in this notice, please address them to Hector Gonzalez, Court Executive Officer, by e-mail to SuperiorCourt@monocourt.org or by regular mail to P.O. Box 1037, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546



## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Kerri L. Keenan Court Executive Officer/ Jury Commissioner/Clerk of Court Stephanie A. Cameron Assistant Court Executive Officer/ Human Resources Officer

## Public Notice Pursuant to Government Code § 68106 Reduction in Clerks' Office Hours

As a result of the unprecedented budgets cuts to the Judicial Branch, the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, finds it necessary to reduce the hours the Clerks' Office is available to the public.

- Beginning Monday, November 3, 2014, the Court Clerks' Office hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., (reduced from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday, excluding court holidays. This also applies to answering telephone inquiries.
- A public drop box is available at the 421 "I" Street location for same day filings during normal business hours up to 4:00 p.m. *Please do not put cash in the drop box.*

The new office hours will continue indefinitely.

The Court finds the above actions are necessary due to the significant and continuing budget cuts to the State Judicial Branch Budget. Since 2009, state funding for the judicial branch has been significantly reduced, with those reductions impacting the budgets of individual superior courts. Our projected deficit for FY 2014-15 is \$70,784. The limited amount of funding restored in FY 2014-15 does not make it fiscally feasible for the Clerks' Office hours to remain open until 4:00 p.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you would like to submit comments about the proposed reduction in the Clerks' Office hours, please send them to Kerri Keenan, Court Executive Officer, 825 Fifth Street, Room 231, Eureka, CA 95501.

Pursuant to Government Code section 68106, this proposal has been published for public comment. The sixty day comment period is August 29, 2014 through October 28, 2014.



## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO



# NOTICE OF LIMITED COURT CLOSURES

**DECEMBER 24, 26 and 31, 2014 and JANUARY 2, 2015** 

Due to severe budget reductions and following the required public comment procedures for 60 days, the Fresno Superior Court hereby announces that it will temporarily close the Main Criminal Courthouse and B.F. Sisk Courthouse (including the Self-Help Center and Archives Department) and relocate essential hearings and consolidate the Clerk's Offices into the M Street Courthouse and the Juvenile Justice Campus only on the following days:

- December 24 and 26, and 31, 2014,
- January 2, 2015

### **COURTROOMS**

### The following courtrooms WILL be open:

- Departments 95 and 96 at the North Annex Jail (located at 1265 M Street) for adult criminal arraignment hearings and previously set matters.
- Department 97C at the M Street Courthouse (located at 2317 Tuolumne Street) for traffic and criminal infraction walk-in arraignments morning only, and will assist Department 95, 96. This department will also process emergency orders.
- Departments 97A and 97B at the M Street Courthouse (located at 2317 Tuolumne Street) as standby trial courtrooms for adult criminal trials, should they need to proceed due to a statutory timeframe limitation, and domestic violence and restraining order matters, process emergency orders and urgent cases with statutory timeframe limitations.
- Department 99A at the Juvenile Justice Campus (located at 3333 East American Avenue) for all juvenile delinquency and dependency matters with statutory timeframe limitations.
- Department 99B at the Juvenile Justice Campus (located at 3333 East American Avenue) as standby trial courtroom for
  juvenile trial should they need to proceed due to a statutory timeframe limitation, and provide assistance to 99A should the
  need arise.

All other courtrooms will be closed during these days.

### **CLERK'S OFFICE**

For Clerk's Office services on the above dates, the Fresno Superior Court will have at least one window open at the M Street Courthouse, 2317 Tuolumne Street, for each of the following departments: Traffic, Civil/Small Claims, Probate, Family Law/Family Support, and Criminal. The Clerk's Office at the Juvenile Justice Campus (located at 3333 East American Avenue) will remain open for juvenile related matters (both Delinquency and Dependency). The Clerk's Office hours on those days will remain 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Each case specific window will be open and available to perform all normal Clerk's Office duties. Services from the Self-Help Center and Archives Department will not be available.

These changes are a result of the Court's strategic planning for operational efficiency during this time of year. The temporary relocation of departments from the Main and B.F. Sisk Courthouses to the M Street Courthouse on these days will provide the Court the opportunity to better utilize staff resources.

\*Pursuant to Government Code §68106, this proposal is published for public comment with a deadline of November 3<sup>th</sup> 2014. After that date the comments will be reviewed and modifications will be made to the proposal, if necessary.



## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KINGS

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## \* \* \*PUBLIC NOTICE\* \* \*

Pursuant to Government Code § 68106 September 4, 2014

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**Pursuant to California Government Code Section 68106**, the Superior Court of Kings County hereby gives notice of its intent to reduce staffing and temporarily limit the hours and operations of its Divisions and Departments between December 24, 2014 and January 1, 2015, as follows:

- 1. The Avenal and Corcoran Courts will be closed from December 24, 2014 through January 1, 2015. Only the Hanford Division of the Kings County Superior Court will remain open for business.
- 2. The Jury Office will be closed from December 24, 2014 through January 1, 2015; any questions regarding jury service should be directed to the Clerk of the Court at the Hanford Courthouse.
- 3. The Hanford Courthouse will close at noon on December 24, 2014. There will be no hearings or other proceedings scheduled after 12:00 p.m. on that day. The Clerk's Office will close at 12:00 p.m.; however a drop box for documents and payments will be available. Documents and payments deposited therein before 4:00 p.m. on December 24, 2014 will be deemed filed/received on that date. Documents/payments received after 4:00 p.m. on December 24, 2014, will be filed/received on December 26, 2014. Drop boxes will be located in Buildings A and B of the Hanford Courthouse located at 1426 South Drive, Hanford, California 93230. The drop box located in Building A will be located on the south end of the building and the one in Building B will be located on the north end of the building.
- 4. On December 26, 2014 through December 31, 2014, staffing of all departments of the Hanford Courthouse will be reduced. During this period of reduced staffing, the Hanford Courthouse Clerk's Office will resume its regular hours of operation [Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.]; however, longer processing and response times may be experienced.
- 5. On December 25, 2014 and January 1, 2015, the Hanford Courthouse will be closed. Pre-December 24, 2014 operations and staffing levels will be restored to all Divisions of the Kings County Superior Court on January 2, 2015.

The Superior Court Judges in Kings County have concluded that this temporary closure of outlying divisions and/or limitation in staffing levels and hours of the Hanford Courthouse is necessary in order to address the continued fiscal crisis that the Court faces. The limitation of hours and services set forth above is just one of many cost-saving steps taken by the Court to address California's fiscal crisis.

Any interested person or entity wishing to comment on the court's plan of action should direct the same on or before November 3, 2014 to Jeffrey E. Lewis, Court Executive Officer at Kings County Superior, 1426 South Drive, Hanford, California, 93230. You may also send your comments via email to <a href="mailto:jlewis@kings.courts.ca.gov">jlewis@kings.courts.ca.gov</a>. All public input will be considered.

### SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF FRESNO



# EFFECTIVE DATE 09/30/2014 through 10/03/2014 and 10/06/2014 through 10/09/2014

## **RE: Temporary Closure of the Family Support Courtrooms**

The Court will be temporarily closing the Family Support Courtrooms, located in the B.F. Sisk Courthouse, to allow for training of Superior Court and Department of Child Support Services staff.

Department 301 & 302 will be closed on the following days:

- Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday. October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014
- Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014
- Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1014
- Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Thursday, October 9th, 2014

Department 302 will be closed on the following days:

- Wednesday, October 1st, 2014
- Wednesday, October 8th, 2014

### Department 301 will have a calendar on the following days:

- Wednesday, October 1st, 2014
- Wednesday, October 8th, 2014

### The Family Support Clerk's Office will remain open.

<sup>\*</sup>Government Code Section 68106 requires trial courts to provide notice to the public at least sixty (60) days before closing any courtroom or closing/ reducing the hours of the clerks' offices by conspicuous posting within its facilities and on its public website. Proposal was published for public comment with a deadline of August 18, 2014.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Notice will be posted pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.620(g).



### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

**Public Information Office** 

mediainfo@contracosta.courts.ca.gov 925-957-5663

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mimi Zemmelman, Public Information Officer September 22, 2014

### **COURT ANNOUNCES FOUR REDUCED SERVICE DAYS**

In accordance with California Government Code section 68106, the Contra Costa Superior Court provides public notice that there will be temporary reductions in service in all court locations on **December 29, 30, 31, 2014** and **January 2, 2015**. All services except those identified below will be unavailable during these reduced service days. These service reductions are necessary because of continuing reductions in state funding of the trial courts.

The Superior Court welcomes comments from the public regarding the planned reductions in service. **All comments must be in writing, and received by the court no later than November 21, 2014 at 5:00 pm.** The public may send comments to: Public Information Officer, P.O. Box 911, Martinez, CA 94553, or <a href="mailto:mediainfo@contracosta.courts.ca.gov">mediainfo@contracosta.courts.ca.gov</a>.

This reduction in service does not toll any statute of limitations. Emergency matters should be filed in Martinez as identified below.

Parties must continue to file all documents on time. Documents submitted by drop box by 5:00 pm on reduced service days will be filed/received on that date.

AVAILABILITY OF COURT SERVICES DECEMBER 29, 30, 31, 2014 and January 2, 2015		
LOCATION	LIMITED SERVICES AVAILABLE	
WAKEFIELD TAYLOR COURTHOUSE 725 Court St., Martinez	<ul> <li>Limited courtrooms will be open for time-required juvenile matters, unlawful detainers, civil harassment temporary restraining orders, and other emergency matters.</li> <li>Ex parte hours for time-required matters will be from 10 AM – 11:30 AM for Civil and from 9:30 AM – 11 AM for Probate</li> <li>Drop box for all other filings: 8 AM – 5 PM</li> </ul>	
A.F. BRAY COURTHOUSE 1020 Ward St., Martinez	<ul> <li>Limited courtrooms will be open for time-required criminal trials, incustody arraignments, warrants, or other proceedings.</li> <li>Those wishing to surrender on an outstanding warrant must first go to the criminal clerk's office in the Wakefield Taylor Courthouse.</li> <li>Jury services will be open from 8 AM – 5 PM</li> </ul>	
SPINETTA FAMILY LAW COURTHOUSE 751 Pine St., Martinez	<ul> <li>Filings related to Domestic Violence Restraining Orders: 8 AM – 3 PM</li> <li>Filings related to time-required ex parte Custody and Family Law Contempt Matters: 8 AM – 2 PM</li> <li>Child and Spousal Support hearings: December 30, 31 ONLY</li> <li>Drop box for all other filings: 8 AM – 5 PM</li> </ul>	
JUVENILE HALL 202 Glacier St., Martinez	No services available	
ARNASON JUSTICE CENTER 1000 Center St., Pittsburg	Drop box ONLY: 8 AM – 5 PM	
GEORGE CARROLL COURTHOUSE 100 37 <sup>th</sup> St., Richmond	Drop box ONLY: 8 AM – 5 PM	
WALNUT CREEK COURTHOUSE 640 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek	Drop box ONLY: 8 AM – 5 PM	
COURT RECORDS 1111 Ward St., Martinez	No services available	

# Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

191 North First Street San José, California 95113 (408) 882-2700

DAVID H. YAMASAKI Chief Executive Officer



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Contact: Joe Macaluso, Public Information Officer (408) 882-2715

# **IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara operates courthouses in Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose and Morgan Hill. This is to inform the public of the Superior Court's decision to reduce business office and telephone hours by one hour. Beginning Monday, November 24, 2014, the daily office and telephone hours will be 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Court finds this action is necessary due to the significant and continuing cuts to the State Judicial Branch Budget. Since 2009, state funding for the judicial branch has been significantly reduced, with those reductions impacting the budgets of individual superior courts. The limited amount of funding restored in FY 2014-15 does not make it fiscally feasible to keep the same business hours.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. If you would like to submit comments about the proposed reductions, please send them to David H. Yamasaki, Court Executive Officer, 191 North First Street, San Jose, California 95113 by November 24, 2014.

For further information, please check the Superior Court website at <a href="https://www.scscourt.org">www.scscourt.org</a>



# Superior Court of California County of Amador

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

\*Government Code section 68106 requires trial courts to provide notice to the public at least 60 days before closing any courtroom or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices by conspicuous posting within its facilities and on its public website.

## NOTICE OF REDUCTION IN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Posted September 24, 2014

Pursuant to *Government Code* §68106, the Superior Court of California, County of Amador will be further reducing its hours of operations, by closing the Clerk's Office a half hour earlier Monday through Thursday, and by closing the office every other Friday to mitigate the impact of staff reductions and backlogs. Courtrooms will remain open Monday through Friday and are unaffected by this change.

Currently, the Clerk's Office filing windows and telephones are open to the public from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Fridays, excluding court holidays and weekends. **Effective November 24, 2014**, the Amador Superior Court "**new hours**" of operation in the Clerk's Office will be as follows:

MONDAY through THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY- "CLOSED" the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. all other Fridays.

The following is a list of the Friday closure days for **Fiscal Year 2014-2015**:

- In 2014: November 21, December 5, 19
- In 2015: January 2, 16, February 6, 20, March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, June 5, 12.

Although the Clerk's Office will be closed on the above Fridays, a clerk will be available on those days to accept any necessary documents for filing on an emergency basis, for example, requests for restraining orders. The public will remain able to pay certain traffic fines and fees and to access court calendar information on the court's website at <a href="https://www.amadorcourt.org">www.amadorcourt.org</a>, and may also access calendars and certain case information at the public kiosk located in the courthouse.

A drop box also will be available to receive documents for same day filing Monday through Friday when the Clerk's Office is closed. Filing deadlines will not be extended due to the limited service days. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.210(b) any document deposited in a court's drop box by or before **5:00 p.m.** on a court day is deemed to have been deposited for filing on that day.

All documents will be removed from the drop box at 5:00 p.m., daily. Any document dropped after 5:00 p.m. will be received and filed the following court business day.

This action is necessary due to the ongoing reductions to the Amador Superior Court budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. A new funding methodology and reductions to the Court's allocation has required it to, once again, examine all areas of operation for efficiency and to make further reductions in both staffing and service levels. The Court had to exhaust its reserves to offset prior year reductions. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Court had a \$0 fund balance.

Over the last few years the Court has instituted several cost saving measures. It has implemented a 7.38% reduction in pay for court staff by requiring all to take two unpaid holidays, eliminated its Human Resources position, reduced the Court Reporter position to a three (3) day workweek, implemented a voluntary staff retirement program, required mandatory furloughs, and frozen merit pay increases in order to balance the budget.

As a result of continuing reductions to its state funding, however, the Amador Superior Court does not have the ability to maintain public hours at the same level. The court will be continually faced with reducing services and eliminating staff positions not only for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, but also going into Fiscal Year 2015-2016, if there is no restoration of funds.

Anyone wishing to comment on the announced reduction in the Clerk's Office hours, please submit your comments by regular mail no later than November 20, 2014. Direct your response to Amador Superior Court, Barbara Cockerham, 500 Argonaut Lane, Jackson, CA, 95642. You may also send your comments via email to **scadmin@amadorcourt.org**. All public input will be considered.

# **PUBLIC NOTICE\***

### NOTICE OF REDUCED CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

The Clerk's Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., closing four hours early, on the following dates due to limited staffing:

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 Wednesday, December 31, 2014

Please use the designated drop box located outside the Family Law and Civil Division Clerk's offices for filing papers or submitting payments. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.210(b) any document deposited in a court's drop box on these days by 4 p.m. will be deemed to have been deposited for filing on that day.

\*Government Code §68106 requires trial courts to provide notice to the public at least 60 days before closing any courtroom or closing or reducing hours of clerks' offices by conspicuous posting within its facilities and on its public website. Any comments regarding the planned court closure should be directed to: Stanislaus County Superior Court, Attn: Public Comment re Closure, P.O. Box 3488, Modesto, CA 95353. The court will review all comments received. However the court is not required to respond to comments received. See Government Code §68106(b)(2)(B).

# COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICES SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF NAPA

# **MEMORANDUM**

To: Local Justice Agency Partners

Members of the Public

Members of the Napa County Bar Association

All Other Interested Parties

From: Rick Feldstein, Court Executive Officer

Date: September 26, 2014

Subject: Continuation of Friday 2:30 pm Court Closure

Court Closure days for fiscal year 2014/2015

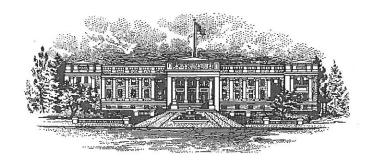
As you know, the state financial crisis has resulted in severe trial court budget reductions throughout the state over the past six years. In addition to closing every Friday at 2:30 p.m., as well as Christmas and New Year's Eve in 2012 and 2013, the court has absorbed these reductions with the cooperation of its employees through measures such as furloughs, layoffs, elimination of prior agreed upon cost of living increases, hiring freezes, and all other reasonable efforts to control labor, supply, and contractual service costs.

With the economy improving in the state, the trial courts had hoped that there would be a significant restoration of trial court funding by this time. However, the state's failure to provide substantial financial relief from years of unprecedented budget reductions, and the elimination of the court's fund balance carry-over, has necessitated these actions in order to continue to provide the most basic judicial services while continuing to function within our dramatically decreased funding level.

As a result, the court will continue to close at 2:30 p.m. on each Friday. In addition, the court plans to be closed on the following days:

- Wednesday, November 26, 2014
- Friday, December 26, 2014
- Friday, January 2, 2015

The court regrets having to continue this action and appreciates your understanding and cooperation. The continuation of the Friday schedule and the additional closure days is only now being taken after a great deal of consideration of its impact on our local community. The court believes, however, that this measure is unavoidable and necessary to maintain sound fiscal management during the current and extremely difficult budgetary situation. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (707) 299-1111 or rick.feldstein@napa.courts.ca.gov.



# Superior Court

Of the State of California for the COUNTY OF YOLO Executive Office 725 Court Street, Room 308 Woodland CA 95695 www.yolo.courts.ca.gov (530) 406-6838

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# **Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106**

## September 26, 2014

# **Notice of Temporary Court Closures**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo is providing notice of temporary closures on the following dates and times.

Thursday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.