

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF TEHAMA

PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 68106

DATE: March 6, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Superior Court of California, County of Tehama, hereby advises the public of its decision to close the Corning Courthouse effective June 30, 2013. All court business from Corning will be consolidated into three locations in Red Bluff: (1) the 633 Washington Street Historic Courthouse, (2) the 445 Pine Street Courthouse Annex, and (3) the Juvenile Justice Center, 1790 Walnut Street.

As a part of the Judicial Branch of government, the Tehama Superior Court receives its annual budget allocation through the Judicial Council of California, an entity of the State. Over the past five years, ongoing State budget cuts have resulted in reduced staffing levels of 20 percent. Remaining staff resources must be utilized as efficiently as possible in view of ongoing budget cuts. This can best be accomplished by consolidating operations into our Red Bluff facilities.

Tehama Superior Court's budget will save upwards of \$60,000 annually through the elimination and/or reduction of various services, including cleaning services, phone lines, copier contracts, postage meters and other related services that would no longer be necessary with the closure of the Corning Courthouse. Having staff concentrated in fewer work locations creates the ability to make more efficient use of human resources, thus creating additional savings for court operations.

This consolidation would also serve to enhance security and safety for the public and staff as the Red Bluff facilities provide security features not available at the Corning Courthouse.

This consolidation would also be in line with the Court's long-term plan of merging all court services into the new Red Bluff Courthouse, of which the design phase will resume July 1, 2013. For all of the reasons above, the court finds it necessary to close the Corning Courthouse effective June 30, 2013.

Written comments by interested parties should be submitted to:

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