

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

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NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF PARADISE COURTHOUSE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Pursuant to the decision of the Board of Judges for the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, effective as of the close of business on Friday, September 30th, the Paradise Courthouse, located at 747 Elliott Road, Paradise, will be closed to the public indefinitely. As Court proceedings have not occurred at this location since October 2009, this reflects a change in counter services only.

All services previously offered at the Paradise Courthouse will be available at the Chico Courthouse, located approximately 15 miles from Paradise at 655 Oleander Avenue in Chico. The Chico Courthouse is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Butte County Superior Court services may also be accessed by phone at (530) 532-7002 or at the Butte County Courthouse located at 1 Court Street, Oroville, California. Information and services are also available on our public website at <u>www.buttecourt.ca.gov</u>.

As a part of the Judicial Branch of government, the Superior Court receives its annual budget allocation through the Judicial Council of California, an entity of the State. Ongoing State budget concerns have resulted in reduced local staffing levels, and remaining staff resources must be utilized as efficiently as possible. This can best be accomplished by consolidating operations into our two primary facilities. This consolidation of services will also serve to enhance security and safety for the public and staff, as the Chico and Oroville facilities provide security features not available at the Paradise Courthouse.

This consolidation is also in line with the Court's long-term plan of merging Chico and Paradise services into the new North Butte County Courthouse facility in Southeast Chico, currently in the early stages of design.

The Paradise Courthouse will remain open during its regularly scheduled business hours, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, through September 30, 2011.