



Superior Court of California County of Trinity

ELIZABETH W. JOHNSON
Judge

July 11, 2013

Hon. Steven Jahr
Judicial Council of California – Administrative Office of the Courts
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 5th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102-3688

Dear Judge Jahr:

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 68106, Trinity Superior Court (the Court) is providing sixty days notice of the Court's decision to reduce the Clerk's and Marshal's office hours. The current hours to the public are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the reduced hours effective September 9, 2013, will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays and Saturdays and Sundays.

From FY2008/2009 through FY2012/2013 (5 years), the Court has absorbed a funding reduction of 18.8% as a result of the statewide budget crisis. The Court has taken numerous steps during this period to streamline its operations and reduce costs which have included the following measures:

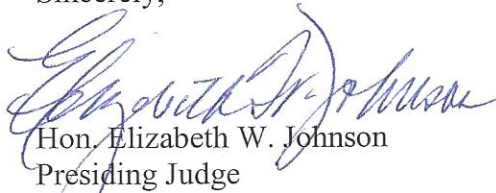
- Mandatory and voluntary furloughs;
- Hours have been reduced for one position, organizational changes have been implemented in the Clerk's Office and the Court has had hiring freezes;
- Concessions by employees during the last two rounds of negotiations have included but are not limited to the employees paying their full share of CalPERS retirement contributions, the employees contributing a higher share toward their medical benefits, and effective July 1, 2013, the employees are taking a 1% salary reduction;
- Operating cuts have included the termination or renegotiation of contracts and reducing other services and supplies.

Recently, the State has announced it is appropriating \$60 million for the Judicial Branch in FY13/14. Although these new monies are necessary and appreciated they only

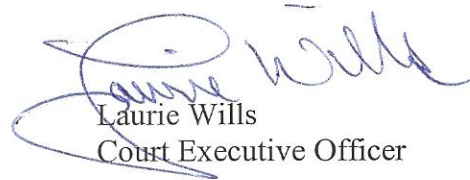
mitigate the Court's proportionate share of the ongoing \$261 million in reductions. The Court has operated at reduced staffing levels for years and despite our efforts to reengineer our operation, the increase in serious crimes in our county coupled with new legislative mandates has ultimately impacted our ability to provide core services to the public we serve at the same service levels previously provided.

A copy of the Court's notice to the public is attached to this letter and will be posted on the Court's website at: www.trinity.courts.ca.gov. Additionally the Court has posted the notice in conspicuous locations throughout the courthouse and provided a press release to the local media and our justice partners.

Sincerely,



Hon. Elizabeth W. Johnson
Presiding Judge



Laurie Wills
Court Executive Officer

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Attachment



THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF TRINITY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

(Pursuant to Government Code section 68106)

Effective Monday, September 9, 2013

The Clerk's and Marshal's office hours will be reduced.

The new hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday,
except court holidays and Saturdays and Sundays.

- A public drop box will be available for documents received after 3:00 p.m. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT CASH IN THE DROP BOX.**
- Documents received in the drop box by 4:30 p.m. will be filed and/or received that day.
- Documents received in the drop box after 4:30 p.m. will be filed and/or received the next business day.

The reduction in hours is the result of continued and increasing budget cuts to the Judicial Branch statewide. New hours will remain in effect until further notice.

Public comments may be mailed to:

Trinity Superior Court
Attention: Court Administration
P.O. Box 1258
Weaverville, CA 96093