



*The Superior Court of California
County of Imperial*

**NOTICE OF REDUCED
DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION**

**ON THE IMMINENT REDUCTION OF DAYS AND HOURS OF
OPERATION OF THE WINTERHAVEN BRANCH COURT**

The State of California's fiscal crisis has caused all government agencies to closely examine all operations and expenditures, and to evaluate cost efficiencies and effectiveness, wherever necessary. Despite the Superior Court's history of prudent fiscal planning, effective cost-cutting measures, and revenue generating strategies, the Court now faces an immediate deficit of over \$1 million in the 2013-14 fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2013. Simply stated, this is the most severe fiscal crisis that the Court has ever faced and well beyond anything that could have been anticipated. In light of such a drastic situation and with three months until the start of the fiscal year, the Court has had to quickly explore options for reducing costs and increase efficiency. Due to the urgency of the situation, it was necessary to make difficult decisions. The Court concluded that reducing the days of operation of the Winterhaven branch court would realize a significant and immediate cost savings and operation would improve efficiency. **Therefore, pursuant to California Rule of Court, Rule 10.620(e) & (f), the Superior Court of California, County of Imperial is hereby giving urgent notice that the court in Winterhaven will have a reduction in days of operation effective May 22, 2013.**

The Winterhaven Court will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (California time) and will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Infraction and current misdemeanor calendars will continue to be heard at the regularly scheduled time at this location.

The Court will do its best to minimize the overall impact and make the transition as easy as possible. Any interested person or entity who wishes to comment in writing may do so by any of the following methods:

Email: infodesk@imperial.courts.ca.gov

- OR -

Correspondence: Superior Court of California
County of Imperial
ATTN: Kristine S. Kussman, CEO
939 West Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

As required by California Rule of Court, Rule 10.620 all public input received shall be provided to the person or persons making these difficult decisions.