



Superior Court of California County of Glenn BUDGET SNAPSHOT



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE COURTS
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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Budget and Program Priorities for FY 2014-15

- Purchase of a case management system in collaboration with five other courts to keep costs down and to work together sharing human resources due to staffing level cuts.
- Installation of a VOIP phone system to assist Court users, justice partners, judges and court personnel with a reliable and cost-effective phone system. This was possible as a result of our court's share of the 2013/2014 \$60 million budget augmentation.

Self-Help / Mediation / Facilitator Services

Physical and equal access are greatly hindered due to a continuing reduction in staffing level. The Court is limited in the number of self-represented litigants that are assisted. The Facilitator's funding is insufficient to meet current *pro per* demands.

Court Reporters / Interpreter Services

The Court's need to provide equal access through interpreting services requires an increase in funds for technology enhancements for the hearing impaired and non-English speakers.

Counters / Clerks / Telephones

The Orland branch continues to be closed from 12 to 1 p.m. every day, and at both the Orland and Willows branches, fewer staff are available to assist at the counters due to lay-offs and the reassignment of other staff. This prevents physical access and a greater need for remote access.

Staff Impacts / Furloughs / Layoffs / Unfilled Vacancies

- Previous staffing shortages remain the same.
- Currently the Court has four unfilled vacancies.
- The result of reduced staff equates to reduced services in the self-help and facilitator areas for *pro per* litigants who need those services the most.
- The ongoing reduction to court staff due to budget cuts has affected all areas of the court including the Court's website. The Court, with staff shortages, has been unable to update the website for several years. The outdated resource information on the Court's website fails to effectively assist not only the local community, but those throughout the Judicial Branch and statewide.

Court Security / Safety / Facilities

The Glenn County Sheriff has indicated that security coverage will be adversely affected with the current budgetary level when court construction is completed in FY 2015-16.

Budget Considerations

Budgeted Revenues* FY 2013-2014	\$2,878,296
Total Revenues* FY 2008-2009	\$3,265,906
Five-Year Revenue Reduction	-\$387,610
<small>*Excludes Sheriff-Provided Security</small>	
Current Year Unfunded Employee Health Benefits and Retirement Costs	-\$49,214
Share of \$60 million augmentation	\$49,328

Court Demographics

Population Served	27,992
Square Miles Covered	1,327
Total Number of Court Facilities	2
Filled Staff Positions FY 2013-2014	23
Filled Staff Positions FY 2008-2009	33
Lost Positions in 5 years	10 (30% reduction)

Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Peter B. Twede
Court Executive Officer	Janelle Bartlett
Executive Office Contact	(530) 934-6382

Budget Challenges for FY 2014-15

If the 1% cap on reserves remains in place:

- Our remaining \$17,500 fund balance will not meet even one of July's three payrolls, which average \$40,000 per payroll.
- We will confront the necessity of laying off two clerks and calling upon our remaining staff to process the additional work. Logically, staff is less efficient, errors increase, and morale is challenged when court workers must perform and process more as a result of staff reductions.