



# Superior Court of California County of Mariposa BUDGET SNAPSHOT



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
OF THE COURTS  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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## Budget and Program Priorities for FY 2014-15

*Increase access and service and decrease delays to the public via:*

- *Technology Efficiencies: Expand DMS document library; Automate manual processes with a first focus on minute orders; Utilize email to a higher level with justice partners.*
- *Cross Training: Cross train court clerks in additional case types.*

### Counters / Clerks / Telephones

Public counters and telephone service hours have been reduced since March 2009 (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily).

### Staff Impacts / Furloughs / Layoffs / Unfilled Vacancies FY 2012-13

- The court eliminated 1 court clerk position held vacant for a number of years;
- The court created an enhanced collections division and reassigned 2 clerks from operations to collections thereby reducing the operations positions from 9.0 FTE to 6.0 FTE; and,
- A retirement further reduced the operations staffing force to 5.0 FTE for the remainder of the fiscal year and into FY 2013-2014.

### Courtrooms and Court Houses

- Mariposa is an extra small court with only one courthouse location.
- Courtrooms have not been closed, but calendars may be compressed due to staffing limitations which will impact the public.

### Court Security / Safety / Facilities

- Very limited security services: We have only one entrance screener/security officer.
- The Mariposa Historic Courthouse was built in 1854 and has been in continuous use as a Courthouse since that time. The Historic Courthouse suffers from chronic neglect and safety issues. There are no segregated passageways. There is no jury assembly room. The accommodations for disabled court users are inadequate.

### Budget Considerations

Budgeted Revenues* FY 2013-2014	\$1,398,425
Total Revenues* FY 2008-2009	<u>\$1,538,209</u>
Five-Year Revenue Reduction	<b>-\$139,784</b>
*Excludes Sheriff-Provided Security	
Current Year Unfunded Employee Health Benefits and Retirement Costs	<b>-\$11,514</b>
Share of \$60 million augmentation	\$32,895

### Court Demographics

Population Served	17,905
Square Miles Covered	1,463
Total Number of Court Facilities	1
Staff Positions FY 2013-2014	13
<u>Staff Positions FY 2008-2009</u>	<u>14</u>
Lost Positions in 5 years	<b>-1</b>

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Wayne R. Parrish
Court Executive Officer	Cynthia J. Busse
Executive Office Contact	(209) 966-6984

## Budget Challenges for FY 2014-15

- *Continued service delivery impacts to the public due to staff reduction and reassignments.*
- *Lack of time for clerks to address backlogs prevents Court from restoring full access to public counters and telephone service hours.*
- *Reduced resources limit our ability to implement improvements, e.g., replacing our aging case management and telecommunication systems.*
- *Baseline budget reductions and 1% fund balance cap, combined, severely restrict the Court's ability to address these and other challenges.*