



Superior Court of California County of Mariposa BUDGET SNAPSHOT



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Budget and Program Priorities for FY 2015-16

- Mariposa will continue to address the access and service needs of the public to the extent we can given our financial and staff capacity by utilizing and expanding technology for efficiencies, and by cross training opportunities staff
- We will maintain a high level of monitoring and managing reimbursable programs to aid with cash flow

Court Reporters/ Interpreter Services

No change is anticipated to the Court's part time (.8) court reporter position, nor is any change anticipated to its usage of non-employee, per diem, interpreters

Counters/Clerks/Telephones

Public counters and telephone service hours have been reduced since March 2009 (8:30am to 3:00 pm, daily)

Courtrooms and Courthouses

Mariposa is an extra small court located at a Historic Courthouse dating back to 1854. Courtrooms have not been closed and no change to calendars is anticipated

Staff Impacts / Furloughs / Layoffs / Unfilled Vacancies

While the court continues to struggle with inadequate funding, it's important to acknowledge that our allocation under the WAFM model staved off further reductions to staffing and service levels. Nevertheless, we have not been able to provide staff with cost of living adjustments since 2009-2010

Court Security / Safety / Facilities

Security is limited to 1 entrance/security officer

Self-Help / Family Law Facilitator / Mediation

- Our Self-Help Center will be reopened under a new contractor and schedule which will provide direct service to the public while alleviating that impact to the clerk staff
- Family Law Mediation services are contracted out with a limited schedule (2 days, per month). The court is unable to expand those hours and the public can experience scheduling delays due to the limited number of parties that can be served on a particular date

Court Demographics

Population Served	17,755
Square Miles Covered	1,463
Total Number of Court Facilities	1

Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. F. Dana Walton
Court Executive Officer	Cynthia J. Busse
Executive Office Contact	(209) 966-6984

Judicial Officers

Mariposa is an extra small court with 2 judges and a part time (.2) commissioner

Budget Challenges for FY 2015-16

- No resources to replace our obsolete case management and telecommunication systems, limiting efficiencies we are able to provide to the public
- Inadequate resources to provide appropriate wage increases to employees
- The restrictive baseline budget, particularly the fund balance cap of 1%, does not allow for multi-year planning
- Our 1854 County Historic Courthouse has safety issues, and the inadequate accommodations and security issues remain in neglect because of lack of funds
- Continued revenue restoration is critical to enable our Court to have adequate resources to carry out our duties and serve our community