

MARIPOSA

Population: 17,410 • Authorized Judges: 2.3 • Staff: 13.6 FTE

Civil Filings: 185 • Criminal Filings: 3,128 • Family/Juvenile Filings: 205 • Other Filings: 42

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

Ensure court clerks are available when and how people need them.

- **Clerk's office hours are available until 4:00 PM daily.**
- **Burdens are substantial; all clerks must be fully cross trained in all aspects of courtroom and back-office administration but there isn't back-up to allow staff to receive their training.**
- **Court lacks the revenue for an updated case management system or for online public access.**
- **Court lacks the revenue for an updated phone system to increase public access.**

Protect families with emergency orders and restore family stability with mediated custody agreements.

- **Custody mediation is only available twice a month.**

Help more self-represented litigants in family and housing cases with at the Self-Help/Facilitator's office.

- **Self-Help/Family Law facilitator services are only available three part-days a week.**
- **The Family Law facilitator is in the court room only one day a week for a half day.**

Reduce wait time for sealing/expunging criminal records to help people get jobs and to protect privacy.

- **Some delays are 3 weeks, which is substantial for a small court.**

Reduce wait time for businesses and individuals to get money owed in civil disputes.

- **Most paperwork and case work is processed in two weeks, which is substantial for a small court.**

PRIORITIES FOR REINVESTMENT

Assuming an additional investment in operations funds, Mariposa Superior Court intends to:

- Encourage retention of staff and make Court employment more competitive in our local job market by providing a reasonable cost of living adjustment, as well as enhance training and promotional opportunities.
- Supplement increased maintenance contract costs due to anticipated transition from legacy Case Management System to a modern Case Management System.
- Replace legacy Telephone System.
- Supplement increased costs associated by the growth in the homeless population and persons with serious mental illnesses with active cases in the judicial system.
- Expand the hours of the Self Help Center.