



# Superior Court of California County of Mono BUDGET SNAPSHOT



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
OF THE COURTS  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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## Budget and Program Priorities for FY 2014-15

*Reduced services in North County location requires those residents to drive 2.5 to 3 hours each way to the South County main location. Civil and family law case filings are backlogged, and data entry into the traffic citation case management system is 2 to 3 weeks in arrears.*

### Court Reporters / Interpreter Services

- Court no longer provides reporters for civil cases (not statutorily required); civil litigants must provide their own court reporters.
- Court has one part-time employee interpreter; currently, no reductions planned.

### Counters / Clerks / Telephones

- Public counter hours at North County (Bridgeport) branch location reduced from 2 days per week to 1 day per week, 8:30am-4:00pm.
- Reduction of public counter availability by 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours at main Mammoth Lakes court location that was initiated last year has been continued.
- Reduction of phone hours initiated last year has been continued; public access by phone is limited to 2 hours on non-court days and 6 hours on court days.

### Courtrooms and Court Houses

Court has only two locations; no courthouses and no courtrooms have been closed.

### Staff Impacts / Furloughs / Layoffs / Unfilled Vacancies

- Layoffs and furloughs have been avoided by holding unfilled vacancies due to retirements and voluntary separations; vacancy rate is currently 30%.
- Overburdened staff members are experiencing increased sick leave usage. Long-term, experienced employees are separating from public service, draining us of a valuable, knowledgeable and efficient workforce.

### Budget Considerations

Budgeted Revenues* FY 2013-2014	\$1,624,115
Total Revenues* FY 2008-2009	\$1,736,515
Five-Year Revenue Reduction	-\$112,400
<small>*Excludes Sheriff-Provided Security</small>	
Current Year Unfunded Employee Health Benefits and Retirement Costs	-\$34,356
Share of \$60 million augmentation	\$45,169

### Court Demographics

Population Served	14,391
Square Miles Covered	3,132
Total Number of Court Facilities	2
Filled Staff Positions FY 2013-2014	16
Filled Staff Positions FY 2008-2009	12
Change in staffing over 5 years	4
Number of staff who have left since July 1, 2013	-4 (resulting in ZERO net increase in staff in five year)

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Stanley L. Eller
Court Executive Officer	Hector Gonzalez
Executive Office Contact	(760) 923-2330

## Budget Challenges for FY 2014-15

*Mono Court users continue to experience multiple detrimental effects caused by the high staff vacancy rate, including reductions of clerk office and telephone hours, lack of staff to input traffic citations into the case management system (backlogged for weeks), and inability to calendar cases for courtroom proceedings, causing delays in having cases heard. Dissatisfaction is evidenced by the increased number of public complaints to court administration.*