



Superior Court of California County of Nevada BUDGET SNAPSHOT



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE COURTS
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

January 2014

Budget and Program Priorities for FY 2014-15

Layoffs and staffing reductions have greatly decreased the court's ability to avoid delays in case processing, provision of services to the public, and responding to requests. On average, wait times have increased approximately 30%. Additional funding will be used to fully implement our new case management system and to augment current staffing in order to restore public service hours and services to unrepresented parties.

Self-Help / Mediation / Facilitator Services

- Reduced Self-Help service hours by 25% in 2013 and the curtailed schedule is expected to continue without additional funding
- Result has been greatly increased wait times, 5 to 15 patrons turned away daily without service, elimination of voluntary mediation, and reduction of court-ordered mediation by 50%

Court Reporters / Interpreter Services

- Reduced case types routinely reported and consolidated them on fewer calendars, resulting in greater reliance on clerk's minutes and potential issue for appeals
- Consolidated interpreter cases on calendar, causing hearing delays

Counters / Clerks / Telephones

Public counter reduced from 9 hours to 8 hours Monday through Friday; 45 hours to 40 hours weekly

Closed Courtrooms and Court Houses

Number of collaborative courts has dropped from 7 to 5

Staff Impacts / Furloughs / Layoffs / Unfilled Vacancies

- Court has lost 20 positions through layoffs and attrition since January 2008
- Furloughs implemented between 2009 and 2013, 104 hours per year. Anticipate reinstating furloughs as early as July 2014.
- Any additional staffing reductions will result in further reductions in court hours of operation and service levels

Court Security / Safety / Facilities

Sheriff-provided court security staff has been reduced by 2 positions, placing the public and court staff at greater risk and posing greater challenges in ensuring courtroom coverage by bailiffs

Budget Considerations

Budgeted Revenues* FY 2013-2014	\$6,636,708
<u>Total Revenues* FY 2008-2009</u>	<u>\$7,435,648</u>
Five-Year Revenue Reduction	-\$798,940
<small>*Excludes Sheriff-Provided Security</small>	
Current Year Unfunded Employee Health Benefits and Retirement Costs	-\$196,779
Share of \$60 million augmentation	\$145,313

Court Demographics

Population Served	97,182
Square Miles Covered	974
Total Number of Court Facilities	2
Filled Staff Positions FY 2013-2014	57
<u>Filled Staff Positions FY 2008-2009</u>	<u>72</u>
Lost Positions in 5 years	-15 (21% reduction)

Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Candace S. Heidelberger
Court Executive Officer	G. Sean Metroka
Executive Office Contact	(530) 265-1313

Budget Challenges for FY 2014-15

Most processes have growing backlogs: 2 to 5 days for case filings, motions, data entry, citation processing; up to 3 weeks for traffic citation input and processing; document imaging and records management have all but ceased. Without increased resources, the Court cannot fully implement its new case management system or the changes necessary to maximize efficiencies that increase and encourage public access expected to be gained through this system.