



Superior Court of California County of Tehama BUDGET SNAPSHOT



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE COURTS
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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Budget and Program Priorities for FY 2014-15

The Court is committed to providing access to justice. Through the use of technology, the Court strives to improve its means of communication, accessibility and resources to benefit the public. The Court continues to work towards collaborative courts.

Self-Help / Mediation / Facilitator Services

- On-line mediation orientation will allow parties the flexibility of mandatory requirement during a time that this convenient for them.
- In 2013 Self-Help Center relocated from a different location to the courthouse, improving access not only to Self-Help but to the Facilitator's Office and access to filing documents.

Counters / Clerks / Telephones

- Implementation of a Voice-Over-Internet Program (VOIP) will allow the Court to distribute telephone calls in a more timely and efficient manner.
- Future plans of the VOIP system will include payments by voice over the phone.

Closed Courtrooms and Court Houses

- Tehama Court's Corning Branch closed June 30, 2013. Public transportation is limited from Corning to Red Bluff making it challenging for litigants. Through the use of technology the court hopes to improve access to justice.
- Corning police officers must travel to Red Bluff, reducing the number of officers available for calls for service in the community.

Availability of Judicial Officers

Tehama Court has four judicial officers, all of whom are committed to enhancing the Court's collaborative courts program.

Budget Considerations

Budgeted Revenues* FY 2013-2014	\$3,388,745
<u>Total Revenues* FY 2008-2009</u>	<u>\$4,252,010</u>
Five-Year Revenue Reduction	-\$863,265
<small>*Excludes Sheriff-Provided Security</small>	
Current Year Unfunded Employee Health Benefits and Retirement Costs	-\$69,084
Share of \$60 million augmentation	\$117,632

Court Demographics

Population Served	63,177
Square Miles Covered	2,962
Total Number of Court Facilities	2
Filled Staff Positions FY 2013-2014	36
<u>Filled Staff Positions FY 2008-2009</u>	<u>42</u>
Lost Positions in 5 years	-6 (16.5% reduction)

Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. John J. Garaventa
Court Executive Officer	Caryn A. Downing
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Budget Challenges for FY 2014-15

The court is committed to improving efficiencies through the use of technology and collaborative courts. The Court continues to face the challenges of budget and staff reductions even with the restoration of some funds to the court this year. The Tehama Superior Court strives to work smarter, not just harder, in order to serve our communities.