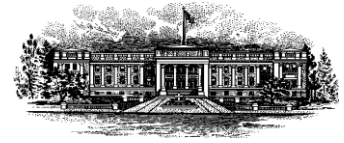




Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Yolo



Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Reduced workforce has decreased the Court’s ability to meet the needs of the public
- To manage workload, the Court instituted a priority matrix that delineates mandated/critical, high-priority, and non-mandated/low priority processes
- Backlogs up to 2 months for non-mandated/low priority civil, family law, and probate filings

Budget Impacts

General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Decreased available staff time, which impacts the ability to process legal documents in a timely fashion and frustrates the public
- Turn away 25 to 30 people a week at the Self-Help Center

Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Closed the Self-Help Center in West Sacramento and consolidated functions into one location
- Self-Help services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis

Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Froze 1 court reporter position
- Only provides court reporter services for mandated hearings

Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced public filing and phone access by 2 hours
- Current wait time for civil counter is approximately 1 hour

Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Did not renew a contract for a leased facility that housed the family law court and FLF/Self-Help Center
- Closed a satellite FLF/Self-Help Center

Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Instituted a voluntary separation program to avoid layoffs
- Maintains a 28% vacancy rate
- Anticipate 5 to 12 annual furlough days in the future for employees

Impacts: Court Security Services

- Has not reduced security services

Fewer Judicial Officers

- No change in judicial officers

Annual Allocation

Baseline Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 8,982,208
Est. Baseline Allocation FY 2012-2013	\$ 5,541,207
Percentage change	-38.3%

Yolo Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	6
Capital construction projects	1

Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	202,133
Judicial officers	12.4
Judicial officers needed	13.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	121.5
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	79

Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	2,023
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	6,863
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	26,757
Civil filings	3,576
Family and juvenile filings	2,498

Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Steven M. Basha
Court Executive Officer	James B. Perry