



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Yuba

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Workload is backlogged due to inadequate staffing levels: several weeks or a month for issuing warrants; missing 30-day and 180-day deadlines for bail bond processing; 4-month delay in reporting felony and misdemeanor case dispositions to the Department of Justice; small claims cases set 60 or more days out; and family law mediation appointments are set up to 2 months out, with orientation held only once every two weeks (it was every week).
- Court lacks the funding to implement cost saving measures such as online fee/fine payments and case inquiry.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Case processing is delayed; increased number of cases are backlogged; research services eliminated; workload and pressure to meet deadlines have increased; trials are delayed; access to justice is denied

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

- Lines often form as early as 7:15am for Self-Help/Family Law services
- Self-Help/Facilitator refer 5-10 clients per week to return on the next business day and routinely borrow court staff to triage clients
- Mediation appointments are increasingly being set further out, causing disruption to the lives of children and families
- Clients seeking service have increased dramatically to 500-600+/month

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Calendars have been adjusted to schedule all interpreter matters on Friday, minimizing the need to have interpreters

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Court has not curtailed public service hours, but based on the reduction of staff we have more windows closed to allow clerks to finish their other duties, resulting in longer waiting times for the public.

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- No courtrooms or courthouses closed to date

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Court eliminated all extra-help positions and the Youth Worker Program (since FY2010-11)
- Court has left vacancies unfilled since FY 2010/11, leaving 7 positions vacant.
- Voluntary (FY2009-10) and mandatory (FY2012-13) furloughs have been implemented; current MOU calls for 12 furlough days
- Vacancy rate of 14% will rise to 16% in April 2013 due to retirements

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- No impacts to date on court security

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Fewer staff means that judicial officers are not receiving case files in a timely manner to meet calendar review deadlines

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 5,352,714
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 4,204,121
Percentage change	-21.5%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Yuba Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	2
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	72,615
Judicial officers	5.3
Judicial officers needed	5.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	52.5
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	49.25

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	756
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	2,426
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	10,525
Civil filings	1,695
Family and juvenile filings	1,636

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Debra L. Givens
Court Executive Officer	Steve Konishi