



Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Inyo

Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Court users will suffer tremendously by reduced access to justice and customer service if Inyo Court must take staff reductions as a result of a budget shortfall. Overall, courtroom calendars and workload will be monumental.
- Service delivery to court users in the state's second largest geographically expansive county would be severely impacted and Court will not be able to meet its constitutional and statutory obligations.

Budget Impacts

General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Budget reductions will result in delays in processing time-sensitive documents such as minutes, warrants, and restraining orders, putting the safety of Californians in jeopardy

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

- Allocation currently received for self-help services is inadequate
- Additional budget reductions will preclude the Court from subsidizing the self-help program and may result in the loss of qualified legal staff to provide services

Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Reporters could possibly be reduced next year by case type, with the Court funding reporters for only those cases required by law
- Funding for interpreters may be affected as of July 1, 2014; Inyo Court currently pays hotel and mileage expenses for an interpreter's 5-hour drive from Los Angeles

Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Clerk office hours may be reduced in FY 2013-14 if staff reductions are necessary
- Reduced hours means the public may drive up to 187 miles one way—or up to 8 hours—only to find the Court Clerk Counter closed

Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Expansion of Court services in Bishop and Independence to accept all case types may be curtailed if staff reductions are implemented
- Court users would be required to travel great distances to file paperwork in one designated location/branch

Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Court anticipates layoffs will be required as of July 1, 2014, if court reserves are reduced to 1% of the operating budget
- Court anticipates loss of 9 staff, representing 36% of the workforce

Impacts: Court Security Services

- Perimeter security services are presently inadequate: Inyo Court had no security services other than the courtroom bailiff in Bishop until April 2010 and until June 2012 in Independence

Fewer Judicial Officers

- AB 1058 Commissioner may be shared with Mono Court next year

Annual Allocation*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 2,524,532
Est. Allocation** FY 2012-2013	\$ 1,213,478
Percentage change	-51.9%

*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

**For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

Inyo Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	1 (delayed to FY 14-15)

Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	18,461
Judicial officers	2.3
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	19.5
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	13

Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	175
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	873
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	12,037
Civil filings	302
Family and juvenile filings	409

Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Dean T. Stout
Court Executive Officer	Tammy L. Grimm