



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

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Mariposa will experience the greatest impact on service delivery to the public due to staff reassignments, reductions, furloughs, and lack of ability to preserve and use fund balances as planned.
- Reduced resources limit the ability to implement improvements, such as replacing the court's aging case management system and telecommunication system.
- Historic 1854 court facility suffers from chronic neglect and safety concerns, such as the lack of segregated passageways for in-custody defendants, the absence of a jury assembly room, inadequate accommodations for disabled court users, and inadequate security.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Due to very limited staff coverage, the public is experiencing service impacts such as longer wait times and longer turnaround times for filing documents, requiring the public to return to pick up documents

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

- Court anticipates that Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator services, now contracted, will be reduced in the future

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

- Court has a .8 court reporter position as of March 2011; any reduction will impact and compress court calendars
- Court uses non-employee, per diem interpreters as needed

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

- Public counters and telephone service hours reduced since March 2009 to 8:30am to 3:00pm daily

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Mariposa is an extra small court with only one courthouse location
- Courtrooms have not been closed, but calendars may be compressed due to staffing limitations which will impact the public

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

- Net effect of reassignments, retirements, vacancies resulted in clerical assignments reduced by 44%
- Partial year unpaid holidays, furloughs taken for eight (8) hours per month – represented unit
- Partial year 10% salary reduction – non-represented

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Limited security services: one entrance screener/security officer

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Mariposa is an extra small court with 2 judges and .2 (a part time) commissioner/referee

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 1,468,930
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 1,055,053
Percentage change	-28.2%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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

### Mariposa Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	1
Capital construction projects	0

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

Population served	17,716
Judicial officers	2.3
Judicial officers needed	2.3
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	14
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	12

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

Felony filings	228
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	548
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	2,950
Civil filings	292
Family and juvenile filings	315

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Wayne R. Parrish
Court Executive Officer	Cynthia J. Busse

