



Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Mono

Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Mono Court users are experiencing multiple detrimental effects caused by the high staff vacancy rate, including reductions of clerk office and telephone hours, lack of staff to input traffic citations into the case management system (backlogged for months), and inability to calendar cases for courtroom proceedings causing delays having cases heard. Dissatisfaction is evidenced by the increased number of public complaints to court administration.
- Fund balances retained to cover construction-related costs for main courthouse must now be used to “operationalize” budget reductions and mitigate impacts on the public.

Budget Impacts

General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Reduced services in North County location requires those residents to drive 2.5 to 3 hours each way to the South County main location
- Civil and family law case filings are backlogged, and data entry into the traffic citation case management system is 5 to 6 weeks in arrears

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

- Court has not reduced self-help/family law facilitator services

Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Court no longer provides reporters for civil cases (not statutorily required); litigants must provide their own court reporters
- Court has one part-time employee interpreter; no reductions planned

Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Public counter hours at North County (Bridgeport) branch location reduced from 5 days per week to only 2 days per week, 8:30am-4:00pm
- Public counter hours at main Mammoth Lakes court location reduced from 8:30am-5:00pm to 9:00am-4:00pm
- Phone hours reduced to 2 hours per day on non-court days and 6 hours per day on court days

Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Court has only two locations; no courtrooms have been closed

Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Layoffs and furloughs avoided by holding unfilled vacancies due to retirements and voluntary separations; vacancy rate is currently 45%
- Overburdened staff are experiencing increased sick leave usage and long-term, experienced employees are separating from public service

Impacts: Court Security Services

- Court may experience a minor reduction in services if county security funds have diminished and the county reduces spending for security perimeter and screeners

Fewer Judicial Officers

- No reductions in judicial officers at this time

Annual Allocation*

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| Total Allocation FY 2008-2009 | \$ 1,914,414 |
| Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013** | \$ 1,294,283 |
| Percentage change | -32.4 |

*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

**For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

Mono Facilities Overview

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| Number of court facilities | 3 |
| Capital construction projects | 1 (complete) |

Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

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| Population served | 14,391 |
| Judicial officers | 2.3 |
| Judicial officers needed | 1.1 |
| Filled staff positions FY 08-09 | 12.5 |
| Filled staff positions FY 12-13 | 15 |

Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

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| Felony filings | 152 |
| Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic) | 1,076 |
| Infraction filings (incl. traffic) | 8,924 |
| Civil filings | 235 |
| Family and juvenile filings | 152 |

Court Leadership

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| Presiding Judge | Hon. Stanley L. Eller |
| Court Executive Officer | Hector Gonzalez |

