



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

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- The number of filings the court has received has remained constant or increased in some case types over the past 5 years; however, the budget and workforce have decreased dramatically in comparison.
- Court staff is experiencing increased workloads, more backlogs, low morale, higher stress levels and more sick days.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Impacts of inadequate court funding is longer lines at public service counters, more continuances due to self-represented litigants lack of access to self-help services, and increased workload for processing clerks

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

- Self-Help Center previously open 5 days a week was reduced to 4 days a week in FY 2011-12 then to 3 days a week in FY 2012-13

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

- Clerks' offices reduced from 8am–5pm Monday thru Friday to 8am–4pm Monday thru Thursday and 8am–3pm on Friday
- Increasing backlogs will cause further office reductions in FY 2013-14

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Tehama Court's Corning facility will close indefinitely as of July 1, 2013.

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

- All court employees, but 2 Division Manager, have been furloughed one hour per week for the last two years
- Next year, the court will either lay off employees or begin court closures to achieve necessary savings for operating expenses
- Two clerk vacancies remain unfilled and savings redirected for operating expenses
- Vacancy rate is approx. 20%; court has lost 10 positions in last 5 years

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Inadequate security allocation resulted in elimination of the roving bailiff position; a weapons screening officer is reassigned to cover the bailiff position when feasible to do so

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Tehama Superior Court has 4 judges, however our judicial workload, as shown in the adjacent column, identifies a need of essentially 6 judicial officers.

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 4,427,124
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 3,037,832
Percentage change	-31.4%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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

### Tehama Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3 (2 after 7/1/13)
Capital construction projects	1

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

Population served	63,177
Judicial officers	4.3
Judicial officers needed	5.8
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	42.3
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	34

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

Felony filings	924
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	3,207
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	13,311
Civil filings	1,817
Family and juvenile filings	1,355

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. John J. Garaventa
Court Executive Officer	Gina Setter