

Superior Court of California County of Shasta

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SHASTA

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE (Pursuant To Government Code § 68106)

The Superior Court of California, County of Shasta currently operates civil and criminal clerk's offices in Redding Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. This notice is to inform the public of the Superior Court's final decision to reduce office hours to 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each court business day. The new hours for civil and criminal clerk's offices will go into effect on Monday, August 13, 2012.

The Probate and Family Court Services Division, Jury Services Division, Family Law Facilitator's Office, the Human Resources Division, the Marshal's Office and the Court Collections Division are not impacted by the court's decision to reduce hours at this time.

The Superior Court of California, County of Shasta also operates a clerk's office in Burney each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This notice is to inform the public of the Superior Court's final decision to reduce office hours in Burney to one day per month, on the second Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The new hours will go into effect on Monday, August 13, 2012.

The court finds the above actions are necessary due to the significant and continuing cuts to the budget of the state judicial branch. Since 2009, state funding for the judicial branch has been reduced by 30%, with significant reductions impacting the budgets of individual superior courts. Given the most recent cuts to branch funding proposed in the 2012/2013 budget, the

court anticipates that its funding will suffer significant reductions effective July 1, 2012. As a result, it will not be fiscally feasible to keep the clerk's offices open longer hours than as set forth above.

Workload considerations dictate that court staff be redirected from the Burney location to assist in the main Redding Courthouse, to reduce court user waiting times at that location.

Court users may mail documents directly to the Redding Courthouse at: Shasta County Superior Court, 1500 Court Street, Redding, California 96001 in lieu of personally visiting the clerk's offices. Civil and criminal court employees in Redding are available by telephone at (530) 245-6789 during the reduced business hours. The court's Internet site (www.shastacourts.com) also contains information about court services, for example, about how to pay a fine online 24/7. The Court Collections Division will remain open 8:30 to 4:30 each court business day to accept fine payments.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. If you would like to submit comments about the proposed reduction in clerks' office hours, please send them to Melissa Fowler-Bradley, Court Executive Officer, 1500 Court Street, Room 205, Redding, California 96001 or by calling 530-245-6761.

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