

## Superior Court of California County of Shasta

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## IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE (Pursuant To Government Code § 68106 And Rule 10.620 of the California Rules of Court)

Currently the clerks' office at **the Burney Branch** of the Superior Court of Shasta County is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays, and the court is in session at that location on the second Wednesday of each month. **Effective the week of September 12, 2011, however, the hours of the Burney Branch court clerks' office will be reduced.** Through the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 2012, the Burney Branch court clerks' office will be open only on Wednesdays between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (The court will continue to hear cases at that location as before on the second Wednesday of each month.) At the end of the fiscal year, the court will consider whether to expand the hours of the Burney Branch clerks' office and will advise the public of its decision.

The court finds the above action 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 resulting impact on the budgets of individual superior courts. Given the most recent cuts to branch funding in this year's state budget, the court anticipates that its funding will be reduced by approximately \$1 million, a decrease of almost 9%. As a result, it will not be fiscally feasible to keep the clerks' office at the Burney Branch open more than one day per week.

It also would not be efficient to do so. Following the closure of the Shasta County Sheriff's Substation in Burney due to budget cuts one year ago, traffic filings submitted to the court's Burney Branch have been reduced. Workload considerations therefore dictate that court staff be redirected to assist instead at the clerks' office in the main Redding Courthouse, to reduce court user waiting times at that location.

The distance between the Burney Branch and the Redding Courthouse is 50 miles. On non-holiday weekdays when the Burney Branch is closed, however, the court will provide a drop box at that location. All documents and payments deposited in the drop box will be delivered to Redding for processing. Court users also may mail documents directly to the Redding Courthouse at: Shasta County Superior Court, 1500 Court Street, Redding, California 96001. Court employees in Redding are available by telephone at (530) 245-6789 during normal 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.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. If you would like submit comments about the reduction in clerks' office hours at the Burney location, please submit them to Melissa Fowler-Bradley, Court Executive Officer, 1500 Court Street, Redding, California 96001 or by calling 530-245-6761. Your comments may also be submitted via the drop box provided.