



Superior Court of California
County of Riverside

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Employees of the Riverside Superior Court
FROM: Sherri R. Carter, Court Executive Officer
DATE: May 17, 2013
SUBJECT: Budget Update

On May 14, 2013, the Governor released his revised budget for California for fiscal year 2013-14 (FY13-14). No additional funds were provided to the judicial branch. This means that the ongoing budget reductions to the trial courts will remain at \$475 million, with Riverside's share at over \$20 million.

As mentioned in my April 5, 2013 memorandum, despite all our efforts, these ongoing budget reductions for FY13-14 are too large to sustain without additional measures. As a result, staff reductions currently in progress will continue, as well as the development and implementation of further reductions to public services. Over the next few days, the Presiding Judge will be providing public notice regarding the closure of the Temecula and Blythe courthouses. How these court closures will impact staff has not been determined and will be discussed with the Unions once decisions have been finalized.

This is a sad period for the California judiciary. Currently, only one percent of the state's general fund is used to support the entire Third Branch of government – only one penny from each dollar. While there is still time for the Legislature to provide additional funding to the judiciary in its final budget due in June, it is not feasible for the court to wait until that time to try to address the large deficit currently projected.

You will be provided updates to the FY13-14 budget as information becomes available.