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SUPERIOR COURT TO CLOSE ONE DAY PER MONTH

Placerville, CA, August 31, 2009:

Because of a nearly \$400 million reduction in the annual budget for the state's trial courts, the Superior Court of El Dorado County will be closed on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning September 16, 2009, and continuing through June 16, 2010. These closure days will be treated as holidays for the purposes of scheduling hearings and calculating filing deadlines pursuant to Government Code section 68106.

The following dates are planned court closure days:

September 16, 2009	February 17, 2010
October 21, 2009	March 17, 2010
November 18, 2009	April 21, 2010
December 16, 2009	May 19, 2010
January 20, 2010	June 16, 2010

The Court will be rescheduling all matters currently scheduled on the court closure dates and will send notice to parties and/or attorneys. The public is urged to check the Superior Court Web site regarding court dates or court business of any kind, including traffic tickets and jury service scheduled for September 16th or any other planned court closure day. The Court's Web site is: www.eldoradocourt.org.

California's courts have resorted to closures because of an unprecedented funding reduction of \$393.3 million for fiscal year 2009–2010. In July, the state Legislature authorized the Judicial Council to close the superior courts, the Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court for one day per month. The council designated the third Wednesday of each month as the day for closure. The closures are estimated to produce a savings of more than \$94 million during the remainder of the fiscal year,

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and other cost-saving measures will cover the rest of the reduction.

The Court recognizes that these closures are inconvenient and painful for the public, government agencies, and court staff. Our objective is to give sufficient time to prepare for these closures and minimize disruption of service to the public.

Additional information is available on the California Courts Web site, www.courtinfo.ca.gov.