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*****PUBLIC NOTICE*****

**NON-AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL COURT REPORTING SERVICES
IN CIVIL DEPARTMENTS**

Effective October 1, 2012, San Joaquin County's Official Court Reporters are "not available" within the meaning of California Rules of Court, Rule 2.956, for court-reporting of civil cases. As provided in Rule 2.956(e)(1), the term "civil cases" includes all matters other than criminal and juvenile matters. This non-availability extends to all civil case hearings or proceedings of any kind or nature, including but not limited to law and motion hearings, *ex parte* applications, long-cause hearings, and trials.

The departments which normally hear civil cases are 11, 13, 33, 41, and 42. A copy of this notice is posted outside each of these departments.

As provided in Rule 2.956(c), parties may arrange for the presence of a certified shorthand reporter to serve as an official *pro tempore* reporter. It is the party's responsibility to pay the reporter's fee for attendance at the proceedings, but the expense may be recoverable as part of the costs, as provided by law.

If a party arranges and pays for the attendance of the certified shorthand reporter, none of the parties will be charged the reporter's attendance fee provided for in Government Code §§ 68086 (a)(1) or (b)(1).

It is further noticed that the stenographic notes of the certified shorthand reporter are the official records of the Court and shall be secured by the Court in either paper and/or electronic format in accordance with Government Code §§ 69955 (a), (b), (c) and (d).

**Service Instructions for
Non-Availability of Official Court Reporting Services in Civil Department**

To the Plaintiff(s) or Cross-Complainant(s), and all attorneys for Plaintiff(s) or Cross-Complainant(s):

The plaintiff(s) must serve the notice of Non-Availability of Official Court Reporting Services in Civil Departments (Notice) with the complaint. Likewise, the cross-complainant must serve the Notice on any new parties to the action. The service information must be included on the Proof of Service of Summons.

In addition, parties that file motions must serve the Notice on all parties in the case. The service information must be included on the Proof of Service by Mail.