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SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS TO RESUME IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

San Joaquin County Superior Court is pleased to announce that it will resume small claims hearings effective November 4, 2013. One year ago, the Court severely curtailed small claims services by no longer providing court dates for small claims cases filed after September 1, 2012. These changes were a result of drastic budget cuts to the Judicial Branch over the last several years.

In the coming weeks, plaintiffs of small claims cases filed after September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 will receive a notice from the Court informing them of their scheduled court date and procedures on how to proceed with their case. Approximately 1,200 cases will be provided with court dates by mail. Plaintiffs whose cases have resolved must file a [Request for Dismissal](#) with the Court.

Effective October 1, 2013, new small claims cases will receive a court date at the time of filing. Court dates for these cases will be scheduled after court dates already set for cases filed from September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

Effective October 1, 2013, the small claims counter will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Small Claims telephone hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) remain unchanged. The public may call (209) 468-2949.

The Court would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of this county for their patience in this matter.

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