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## **FIRST COURT CLOSURE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

**The first court closure resulting from the statewide budget crisis and the state's severe reductions to the state court system is scheduled to take place this Wednesday, September 16, 2009.** In August, the California Judicial Council determined California's courts must close once per month to meet budget reductions to the court system. All California courts will be closed on the third Wednesday of each month, from September 2009 through June 2010. The Judicial Council's action came after the court closures were approved by the Governor and Legislature as part of budget trailer bill (Senate Bill X4 13) to the 2009–2010 Budget Act.

In preparation for court closures in San Joaquin County, people who have court matters scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2009, should have received a letter from the court indicating a new date for their appearance. Clerk's offices, juror services, self-help services, and courtrooms will be closed at all court branches (Stockton, Lodi, Tracy, Manteca and French Camp).

The court closures equate to over two weeks of time that will be lost in cases being processed in court and behind clerk's counters. Court employees will be furloughed one day per month. The following is a list of the third Wednesday of each month the Court will be closed through June 2010.

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

San Joaquin County Superior Court has also shortened its regular business hours. Effective Monday, August 3, 2009, the Clerk's offices at all Superior Court branches within San Joaquin County are open to the public from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Phone hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Business hours have been shortened to meet the increasing demands on case processing resources during this economic downturn and to recoup productivity lost on days when the courts are closed and employees are furloughed.

Drop boxes are available outside the Clerk's offices at all court locations. Documents placed in the boxes by 5:00 P.M. will be deemed deposited for filing that same business day.

**Regular business and phone hours for the Stockton Jury Assembly Room will not change. The Assembly Room is open from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and phone hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

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