

**Superior Court of California
County of San Bernardino**
PUBLIC NOTICE
July 7, 2009



Pursuant to California Rules of Court 10.620, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, hereby gives notice that it will commence hearing cases only on the first full week of each month in its Big Bear Courthouse, commencing September 8, 2009.

Any matters, except criminal matters, which cannot be heard during the first full week of each month, including time-sensitive civil matters, will be heard in the Victorville district court commencing September 8, 2009. All criminal matters presently heard in the Big Bear District will be heard in the San Bernardino District, Central Court, commencing September 8, 2009. The Big Bear district of the San Bernardino court clerk's office will remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. during the first full court week of each month. The office will be closed on court holidays and all other days not excepted above. A drop box will be provided for the daily filing of documents at the Big Bear court facility on all court days during which the Big Bear court is closed.

The decision to reduce the hours and case types heard in Big Bear was made by Presiding Judge James C. McGuire

During the public comment period, the court received over 100 written and e-mail responses. All of the responses received by the court objected to the reduction of services provided by the Big Bear Court. The Court also met with Cheri Haggerty and Rick Herrick, representatives of the community of Big Bear, who also expressed opposition to the reduction of services and requested modifications to the court's original plan. The court, after this meeting, modified some of the procedures to be put in place.

The four reasons mentioned most frequently in the written and e-mail responses and in the meeting with the representatives of the Big Bear community were:

1. Having deputies appear in court in San Bernardino would reduce the amount of time they were on patrol thus creating a public safety issue as well as increasing the costs of overtime for the deputies to travel to San Bernardino for hearings;
2. Driving to a court located other than in Big Bear was a burden and an expense on Big Bear residents;
3. The court provided a sense of identity for the Big Bear community which was deserving of a certain level of services from all governmental agencies and;
4. Without the convenience of a local court many legal matters which might otherwise be pursued would go unresolved.

There are no written factual materials that have been specifically gathered or prepared for review at the time of making the decision to limit operations at the Big Bear Courthouse.