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NEEDLES COURTHOUSE TO REOPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK STARTING JANUARY 23, 2023

NEEDLES, CA— San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is excited to announce the expansion of the Needles Courthouse clerk’s office services from one day each month to five days a week beginning on Monday, January 23, 2023.

With a phased-in approach, residents of Needles and the surrounding areas will have access to in-person court services five days a week – services that have not been fully restored since the severe state-wide budget reductions in 2009 following the Great Recession.

In the first phase, court users can access a variety of court services provided by the clerk’s office including filing a document, making fine and fee payments, and scheduling a court hearing Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning on January 23, 2023. Virtual Self-Help services will be provided daily and in-person services will continue on a monthly basis for all court users.

The second phase will expand opportunities for litigants to appear in person for court hearings with a judicial officer presiding remotely. This second phase is expected to commence no later than March 2023.

In the third and final phase, a judicial officer will be dedicated to hearing Needles. This final phase is contingent upon judicial appointments made by the Governor of California.

“I am pleased that with continued partnership, and new funding, we are able to restore court services for the residents of Needles and the surrounding areas,” said Presiding Judge Yabuno. “Remote areas, such as Needles, present unique challenges, and we are delighted to fulfill this long-term goal of the court.”

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will commemorate the expansion of the Needles Courthouse, and further details will be forthcoming.

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