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COURT SERVICES EXPANDED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BIG BEAR VALLEY

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— Effective May 2021, San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) will expand services for Big Bear Valley to include civil harassment filings, as one of several services provided at the Big Bear Courthouse.

The Big Bear Courthouse will accept and process civil harassment restraining orders which includes paperwork intake and scheduling a court date which will be held at the Barstow District. This new expanded service is an addition to the number of services already offered at the Big Bear Courthouse. Those include non-cash payments, traffic school sign-ups, payment extensions, video arraignments on traffic infraction and misdemeanor modifications, scheduling of court date, and general information. The Big Bear Courthouse is open on the first Wednesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

After being closed in 2013 due to necessary restructuring resulting from budgetary cutbacks, the Big Bear Courthouse reopened to the public in January 2018 using funding secured through an innovation grant award provided by the Judicial Council of California. During the last year, California courts across the state have experienced swift and significant funding reductions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, SBSC endured an \$8.3 million reduction in general operating funds in Fiscal Year 2020-21 alone. If funding is restored to trial courts, services provided at the Big Bear Courthouse may be further expanded to meet the needs of the community.

Members of the public are encouraged to frequently check SBSC's designated COVID-19 webpage (www.sb-court.org/covid-19), and social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook) for the latest services available to the public.

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