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Operations in Kern River Branch Court to Begin August 19, 2015

The Superior Court, County of Kern has announced that restoration of limited court services will begin in the Kern River Branch Court on August 19, 2015. Services will include the hearing of filings for limited civil and small claims matters for local residents. Local law enforcement and other government agencies will also be filing traffic and other infractions to be heard at the local branch. The Court will open on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM and hearings will begin generally at 9:00 AM.

“We are very happy that we can once again begin to provide services to the Lake Isabella community,” said Judge Kenneth Pritchard, Supervising Judge for the Eastern District. “Getting this court back in operation is a team effort and my court staff and the volunteer pro tem judges should be congratulated for their efforts to get this project going so quickly.”

The Kern River Branch Court is located in Lake Isabella at 7046 Lake Isabella Blvd. It was closed for operations two years ago due to significant budget cuts. Residents should still file their court documents at the Ridgecrest Branch located at 132 East Coso Street. Payments can be made by telephone or online. More information can be found at www.kern.court.ca.gov.

“It took us more time than anticipated to get some of the technical connections with the local phone provider so that our computers could communicate with the primary servers,” said Terry McNally, Court Executive Officer for the Superior Court. “However we think we have everything we need in place to restore services to the local community.”

All Misdemeanor cases will continue to be heard at the Ridgecrest Branch Court facility and Felony cases are heard in the Superior Court, Metro Division, 1415 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield Ca. For Questions concerning cases at the Kern River Branch Court please call (760) 384-5900.

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