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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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RE: AMENDED COURT CLOSURES
AND LIMITED COURT SERVICES

GENERAL ORDER NO.: 2021-17

California faces unprecedented fiscal challenges resulting from the economic downturn and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. To address a projected \$54.3 billion state budget gap and subsequent recession, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 state budget that includes budget reductions throughout state government, including a decrease in funding of \$176.9 million to state trial courts. As a direct result of this reduction in state funding, Riverside Superior Court projects a significant budget deficit of \$12 million, which will impact the ability of the Court to conduct its day-to-day business operations. In response, following compliance with Government Code section 68106(b), and pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 10.603, on October 6, 2020, the Court issued General Order 2020-60, which, among other things, ordered that certain courthouses within the County of Riverside would be closed to the public, and also that all countywide courthouses would be closed on the third Friday of each month through June 30, 2021.

1 The Court now wishes to amend General Order 2020-60 to partially reopen the Temecula
2 Courthouse and the Hemet Courthouse as provided herein, and to eliminate the May 21, 2021 and
3 June 18, 2021 countywide courthouse closures.

4 Therefore, the Court hereby amends General Order 2020-60 as follows:

5 1. All courthouses within the County of Riverside shall be closed on the third Friday of
6 each month. The current closure dates are: October 16, 2020; November 20, 2020; December 18,
7 2020; January 15, 2021; February 19, 2021; March 19, 2021; and April 16, 2021.

8 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, on designated court closure days certain courthouses
9 will be open to only hear emergency matters and to conduct proceedings required by statute.
10 These courthouses are the Banning Justice Center, Riverside Juvenile Court; Riverside Family
11 Law Court; Southwest Justice Center; Southwest Juvenile Court; Larson Justice Center; and the
12 Blythe Courthouse.

13 3. Riverside Superior Court clerk’s office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to
14 2:00 p.m. until further notice. Clerk’s offices will only accept specific limited emergency filings
15 in-person. Non-emergency filings and all other documents may be submitted online via the
16 eSubmit Document Submission Portal, by U.S. mail, or by placement in a drop box. Clerk’s
17 offices that are open for limited in-person services are located at the Banning Justice Center,
18 Riverside Historic Courthouse, Riverside Hall of Justice; Riverside Juvenile Courthouse;
19 Riverside Family Law Courthouse; Southwest Justice Center; Southwest Juvenile Courthouse;
20 Palm Springs Courthouse; Larson Justice Center; the Blythe Courthouse, and the Temecula
21 Courthouse.

22 4. On designated court closure days, clerk’s offices at the courthouses listed in paragraph
23 2 will only be open for emergency filings such as restraining orders and ex parte applications for
24 emergency relief. Non-emergency filings may be submitted online via the eSubmit Document
25 Submission Portal, by U.S. mail, or by placement in the drop boxes located at the courthouses
26 listed above in paragraph 2. Documents filed in-person or via drop box by 4:00 p.m., and accepted
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1 for filing, will be filed the day received. Documents filed in-person or via drop box after 4:00
2 p.m., will be processed and filed the following business day.

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4 5. Except for designated court closure days, drop boxes are available at the Banning
5 Justice Center, Blythe Courthouse, Corona Courthouse, Hemet Courthouse, Larson Justice
6 Center, Moreno Valley Courthouse, Palm Springs Courthouse, Riverside Family Law
7 Courthouse, Riverside Hall of Justice, Riverside Historic Courthouse, Riverside Juvenile
8 Courthouse, Southwest Justice Center, and the Temecula Courthouse.

9 6. The Hemet Courthouse is closed to the public with the exception of those individuals
10 scheduled for afternoon bench trials.

11 7. The Moreno Valley Courthouse is closed to the public until further notice.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED

13 Date: 4/13/21
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17 JOHN M. MONTEROSSO
18 Presiding Judge
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