

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN**

BY: 

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**GENERAL ORDER
2026-10**

**REMOTE PRESIDING BY TEMPORARY ASSIGNED
JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN CIVIL MATTERS**

Code of Civil Procedure section 367.10 authorizes the Judicial Council to establish standards under which a judicial officer, in limited situations and in the interest of justice, may preside over a remote court proceeding from a location other than a courtroom. California Rules of Court, rule 10.635 implements that authority for civil matters subject to Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75. Under rule 10.635(e)(2), a judicial officer may preside remotely from a location outside a court facility when doing so is in the interest of justice, the Presiding Judge approves, and presiding remotely in the matter is essential to prevent a significant delay that would substantially prejudice the litigants.

Lassen County is a geographically large and rural county with limited locally available judicial resources. Judicial disqualification or recusal, including pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 170.1 and 170.6, judicial unavailability, statutory or rule-based time constraints, conflicting judicial assignments, and other circumstances may require civil matters to be heard by judicial officers temporarily assigned to this Court. Because such assigned judicial officers may be located substantial distances from Lassen County, requiring their physical presence may result in significant delay of proceedings notwithstanding their availability to timely hear those matters through remote technology.

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 367.10 and 367.75 and California Rules of Court, rule 10.635(e)(2), as Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Lassen, I hereby approve and authorize judicial officers temporarily assigned to this Court to preside remotely from a location outside a court facility in civil matters subject to section 367.75 when the assigned judicial officer is available to timely hear the matter remotely and requiring the judicial officer's physical presence would result in a significant delay that would substantially prejudice the litigants. This General Order constitutes the approval of the Presiding Judge required by rule 10.635(e) for matters satisfying these conditions.

This authorization is based upon the determination that, under such circumstances, remote participation is in the interest of justice and is essential to prevent the significant delay and resulting prejudice contemplated by rule 10.635(e)(2). In determining whether a particular matter falls within this authorization, consideration shall be given to the availability of local judicial officers, the circumstances requiring assignment or reassignment of the matter, applicable statutory or rule-based time constraints, the availability and location of the assigned judicial officer, the delay that would result from requiring physical attendance, and the resulting prejudice to the litigants.

Judicial assignment, disqualification, travel distance, or scheduling conflict alone does not establish the requirements of rule 10.635(e)(2).

This General Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, modified, or superseded by subsequent order of the Presiding Judge or by operation of law.

Dated: 10/7, 2026


Hon. Mark R. Nareau
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court