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## NEEDLES COURTHOUSE EXPANSION COMING SOON

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**NEEDLES, CA**— San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is very pleased to announce its multi-phase plan to expand court services at the Needles Courthouse in 2023.

Phase I, anticipated in January 2023, will provide Clerk's Office services five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Court users will be able to file any document, make cash payments, and schedule court hearings in the appropriate courthouse. Virtual Self-Help services will be available daily.

Phase II, anticipated in March 2023, will allow court users to appear in-person for court hearings in a variety of case types with a judicial officer presiding remotely.

Phase III of the Court's expansion goals for Needles includes having a judicial officer sitting on-site to preside over hearings. This is contingent upon having increased judicial appointments to fill the 13 current judge vacancies.

New ongoing funding provided through the [2022 Budget Act](#) allows SBSC to realize our long-term goal of expanding and improving court services to the Needles community. We thank the Judicial Council, state legislators, and the community for their continued partnership.

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