## Superior Court of the State of California County of Alpine

Richard D. Meyer Presiding Judge Thomas D. Kolpacoff Judge



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## Public Notice Regarding Court Hearings Effective November 30, 2020

To protect court users and employees and prevent the transmission of the Covid-19 virus during the cold winter months, the Alpine County Superior Court will resume hearing most matters remotely, that is, by telephonic conference, until further order of the court. The Alpine County Superior Court Clerk's Office can be contacted at 530 694-2113 to provide the information necessary for remote appearances.

<u>Criminal matters:</u> The matters of persons charged with criminal offenses who are out of custody will be heard remotely unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The Court has appointed the County Public Defender, Eric Acevedo, to provide initial representation to anyone charged with a criminal offense. If you are charged with a criminal offense and have not retained private counsel, you are instructed to contact Mr. Acevedo at 530 542-2515 prior to the date of your scheduled hearing. Please note that Mr. Acevedo will be leaving his position as public defender as of December 30, 2020. If your matter is scheduled for hearing after December 30, 2020, you are instructed to contact the Alpine County Superior Court Clerk's Office at 530 694-2113 and you will be given the contact information for the new Public Defender.

<u>Civil Matters</u>: Civil matters will be heard as scheduled by telephone conference. Attorneys, and/or parties without counsel, are instructed to contact the Alpine County Clerk's Office at 530 694-2113 to obtain the information necessary to make remote appearances.

<u>Traffic Matters</u>: Traffic matters will be heard on the dates indicated on your citation. You retain the option of (1) paying the fine without appearance: (2) requesting a trial by declaration: or (3) appearing, via telephone conference, on the date indicated on your citation. If you wish to appear, you are instructed to contact the Alpine County Clerk's Office at 530 694-2113 to obtain the information necessary for your remote appearance via telephone conference. Be advised that you must take action on one of the three

options noted above or a finding of guilt will be entered when your matter is called pursuant to Vehicle Code 40509.

<u>Entering the Courthouse:</u> Consistent with the Governor's order, and the recommendation of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, all persons must wear face coverings when inside the courthouse, entering the courthouse or when in line to enter the courthouse.

The Court will continue to closely monitor federal, state, and local government orders and guidance and will modify these preventative measures when necessary.