Public Notice Regarding Court Hearings Effective July 1, 2022

The Alpine County Superior Court will resume conducting the 1:30 pm criminal calendar in-person commencing June 6, 2022. To protect court users and employees and prevent the transmission of the Covid-19 virus, masks are required when inside the Courthouse. The Alpine County Superior Court Clerk's Office can be contacted at 530 694-2113 to receive the necessary information for remote appearances.

<u>Criminal matters:</u> The matters of persons charged with criminal offenses who are out of custody will be heard in-person commencing June 6, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The Court has appointed County Public Defenders, Lori London and Kimberly Hunt, 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 Ms. London or Ms. Hunt at 530 544-2509 prior to the date of your scheduled hearing.

<u>Civil Matters</u>: Civil matters will be heard as scheduled by telephone or remote video teleconference unless otherwise ordered by the Court. 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 via remote video technology on the date indicated on your citation. You retain the option of (1) paying the fine without appearance: (2) requesting a trial by declaration: or (3) appearing remotely on the date indicated on your citation. If you wish to appear remotely, you are instructed to contact the Alpine County Clerk's Office at 530 694-2113 to obtain the information necessary for your remote appearance. Be advised that you must act 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.

Entering the Courthouse: To further prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Court continues to follow the (strong) recommendations of the Alpine County Public Health Officer, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and California Department of Public Health and requires all persons who enter the Courthouse to a wear face covering and follow social distancing practices.

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