



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MERCED

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STANDING ORDER 2008-

Effective Immediately
September 8, 2008

REQUEST TO APPEAR BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

Parties may now request to appear by video conference. Appearance by video conference is only available by approval of the Court and with advance notice. In addition the following procedures must be followed:

1. The Court must grant permission for parties to appear by video conference.
2. The case must be specially set by the Judge hearing the matter as video conference is only available in courtrooms 9 and 30.
3. A request for notice to appear by video conference must be in writing and submitted to the court at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. In addition all parties must be noticed of the intent to appear by video conference.
4. As per Government Code Section 70630, the Court shall charge \$200.00 per hour for an appearance by video conference, with a 1 hour minimum.
5. A \$100.00 non refundable deposit must be paid to the Court no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing.

6. An informational form regarding these procedures as well as the IT contact form, and notice form shall be given to parties when requesting a hearing by video conference (attached).
7. Party requesting video conference must fill out the IT contact form and return to the Court with payment of deposit.
8. The Court IT division must conduct a test for validation of system configurations at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing.
9. Failure to follow any of the foregoing procedures may result in the matter being continued or dropped from the Court's calendar.

This order will remain in full force and effect until such time as it can be incorporated into the local rules of court. Upon being added to the local rules this standing order shall expire.

**JOHN D. KIRIHARA
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

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