

Public Defender

6.25% NCC Target	Recommended NCC	Variance
\$3,240,545	\$3,302,172	\$61,627

- ▶ Reduction in Force (RIF) 1.0 FTE Legal Office Assistant I/II in Placerville
- ▶ Reduction of \$36K in Services & Supplies
- ▶ No Fixed Assets
- ▶ To achieve additional reduction would require the elimination of 1.0 FTE additional staff
- ▶ Budget maintains critical investigation positions added in FY2014-15

Public Defender – Reductions

- ▶ Reduction in Force of Legal Office Assistant in Placerville Office (\$62,491)
- ▶ Identified possible \$100,000 in other salary savings
- ▶ Further reductions in services and supplies not possible, as that budget is already extremely lean and does not offer any significant savings
 - Also not feasible as we do not determine our workloads, and have several significant cases (homicides, arson, and one potential death penalty case)
 - We do not budget for those types of cases

Total possible reductions of \$162,491

- ▶ With current caseloads well over ABA guidelines, the loss of even 1 attorney would require the department to maintain only *mandated* services
 - Treatment courts (e.g: Veterans Court, Behavioral Health Court, etc.) would no longer be staffed
 - Clients, courts, and other justice partners significantly impacted
 - Clients spend longer time in custody
 - Cases take longer to resolve further clogging the court system



Public Defender – Service Impacts

- ▶ Not being able to extend phone hours (phones are currently off 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. and after 4:00 p.m.)
- ▶ Office will be closed during the lunch hour (12:30p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
- ▶ 2 Legal Secretaries for 11 attorneys
- ▶ If even one is out, attorneys and other management positions will assist with covering secretarial related duties
- ▶ Will require continued assistance from the South Lake Tahoe office leaving them short staffed