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BY   
Deputy Clerk

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LAKE

GENERAL ORDER ON MANAGEMENT OF TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT  
CALENDAR DURING TIME PERIOD OF EMERGENCY RELIEF ORDERS

In supplement to the Emergency Relief Implementation Orders and the Temporary Order Restricting Access made by this Court, and to increase the scope of services that may be rendered by the Court in compliance with state and local Emergency Declarations and Orders of the Public Health Officer regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, and pursuant to California Rules of Court, Emergency Rule 3, and Rule 5.324, pending further order of the Court, it is ordered as follows:

1. The Court will be calling and hearing those matters presently set for hearing on the Title IV-d Child Support calendar commencing with the calendars set for May 5, 2020, commencing at 9:00 am, in the Clearlake Branch Courthouse.

2. The attendance at the hearing and participation in the hearing shall be by Remote Appearance. All appearances by counsel, self-represented persons and interested parties shall be by audio/video or telephonic means only.

3. A remote appearance is directed in all cases including a person ordered to appear in person by order of the court; any person ordered to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed

1 for violating a court order or rule of court; any appearance on an  
2 order of examination; and, any appearance on an order for contempt  
3 hearing.

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5 4. The Court finds good cause, under the current emergency  
6 circumstances, to waive the requirement that a party request a  
7 remote or telephone appearance or give notice to the court and all  
8 other parties of the intent to appear by remote or telephone  
9 appearance at a hearing. The court will not entertain objection by  
10 any party to oppose the remote appearance of another party to the  
11 action. Any party, parent, attorney, witness or representative of  
12 any agency who desires to appear at the hearing shall appear by  
13 remote appearance.

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15 5. This Order does not require a remote appearance be made in  
16 any instance where an appearance at the hearing is not intended to  
17 be made. In the event that there will not be a remote appearance  
18 made at a hearing, that party shall file and serve a notice of  
19 nonappearance or shall contact the court by email or by telephone,  
20 at least 2 court days prior to the scheduled hearing, to notify the  
21 court that the party will not appear at the hearing.

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23 6. The Court reserves jurisdiction to determine that the  
24 scheduled hearing is not appropriate for hearing by remote  
25 appearance including for the reason that the matter will require  
26 evidentiary hearing or is a matter in which personal appearance(s)  
27 would materially assist the court in the determination of the  
28 hearing, or effective management or resolution of the case. The  
29 parties may, after meeting and conferring, agree that a remote  
30 appearance is not appropriate for the hearing and request, at least

1 court 2 days prior to the hearing, that the hearing be reset by the  
2 court. The interested parties may agree to continue the hearing.

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7. The remote appearance shall be arranged by the court  
utilizing an audio/video teleconferencing platform and instructions  
provided to the participants on accessing the service. The service  
shall provide for each party to participate in the hearing in real  
time in the audio and visual transmission and provide for the  
statements of each participant to be heard and identified by all  
other participants and court staff.

8. The Department of Child Support Services shall provide  
notice of the remote hearing to counsel and the interested parties  
and shall include instructions on how to participate in the remote  
hearing. The required notice and instructions may be provided by  
telephone or other electronic means.

DATED: APRIL 30, 2020



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SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Michael S Lunas