# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF TULARE AND THE SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF TULARE REGARDING

# ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE COLLECTIONS BANK ACCOUNT FOR CRIMINAL FINES, FEES, AND FORFEITURES

# 1. PARTIES

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") are Superior Court of California, County of Tulare ("Court") and the County of Tulare ("County").

# 2. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this MOU is to set forth the understanding between the Court and the County on the scope of service, method of service delivery, terms of agreement, anticipated service outcomes, and the cost of service to deposit of criminal fines, fees and forfeitures into a Judicial Council of California ("JCC") bank account, in lieu of the County Treasury.

#### 3. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The term of this MOU shall commence on **February 1, 2020**, and will remain in effect until terminated by either party pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 9 of this MOU. The Court and the County will agree on exact cutover date.

#### 4. COUNTY CONSENT FOR SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT

As authorized by California Government Code sections 68085.9 and 77009(b), the parties agree that a trial court or officer of a trial court will deposit into a bank account, which has been established by the JCC and which is separate from the County Treasury ("Court Account"), all money received by the Court that is otherwise required by law to be deposited into the County Treasury or with the County Treasurer ("County Money").

County Money provisions of law include, but are not limited to, Sections 24355, 68085, 68085.5, and 68101 of the Government Code and Section 1463.001 of the Penal Code. Money collected pursuant to Government Code section 68085.1 shall be deposited as provided in that section.

The separate bank account will be approved by the Administrative Director of the JCC no later than **March 1, 2020**.

#### 5. INTEREST

The interest accrued on the County Money will be apportioned in the following manner: 50%

to the Court and 50% to the County.

#### 6. PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY

Court will transfer the distributions due to the County Treasury promptly each month, once the month-end reconciliation is complete. It is agreed that each transfer will be made by electronic fund transfer.

The Court will complete and submit the TC-31 forms to the State Treasurer and accepts responsibility for interest and penalties due the State, County, and local Cities in the event of a distribution error or delinquent payments to the County associated with the collections identified in paragraph 1.

# 7. DELINQUENT PAYMENTS AND ERRORS

The Court accepts responsibility for interest and penalties due the State, County, and local Cities in the event of a distribution error or delinquent payments to the County. The Court's liability is limited to County Money the Court collects and deposits into the Court Account. The County agrees to accept responsibility for interest and penalties for distribution errors or delinquent payments related to fines and fees collected by the County.

# 8. BANKING, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND COLLECTIONS COSTS

It is agreed that the Court will be responsible for all costs and liabilities associated with its use of the bank account established with the JCC. The Court solely is responsible for administering the Court Account, including its monitoring and reconciliation.

# 9. AMENDMENTS

Neither party shall make changes to this MOU without the other's written consent. Such changes shall be incorporated into a MOU Amendment, which shall not become effective until signed by both the County and the Court.

# 10. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this MOU, with or without cause. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the other party of a written Notice of Termination including the date upon which such termination will become effective. The termination date must be at least ninety days after the delivery date of the Notice of Termination.

# 11. NOTICE

Correspondence concerning this MOU will be sent to:

Court:

Court Executive Officer

Superior Court of California, County of Tulare

221 S. Mooney Blvd Room 303

Visalia, CA 93291

Phone No. (559) 730-5000 FAX No. (559) 737-4290

County: Tulare County, Auditor-Controller

221 S. Mooney Blvd Room 101E

Visalia, CA 93291

Phone No. (559) 636-5200 Fax No. (559) 733-6403

with a copy to:

County Administrative Officer 2800 W. Burrel Ave. Visalia, CA 93291 Phone No. (559) 636-5005 Fax No. (559) 733-6318

# 12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU contains the entire and complete understanding of the parties and supersedes any and all other previous agreements, oral or written.

**WHEREFORE,** the Parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding in the County of Tulare.

Tulare County Superior Court	
By: Court Executive Officer	
Print Name: Stephanie Cameron	Date: 1 3 2020
Tulare County Board of Supervisors	
Ву:	
Date	
Chairman	

ATTEST: Jason T. Britt
County Administrative Officer/Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare
By:
Deputy Clerk
Approved as to Form
County Counsel
By
Deputy
Matter #