



Superior Court of California, County of San Luis Obispo
COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE

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You have been ordered by the Court to complete community work service (CWS) or have been given the option to perform CWS instead of paying your Court-ordered fine. CWS is service to the community through work performed with a registered non-profit (501 (c)(3)) organization. Community work service is a privilege, and it is your responsibility to complete your hours timely and to ensure that evidence of completion is provided to the Court by your due date.

Court-ordered Community Work Service:

It is your responsibility to complete the number of hours of CWS ordered by the Court and submit proof of completion to the Court by the due date to avoid penalties. You should therefore make arrangements to begin performing your hours as soon as possible. Information on finding a non-profit organization is provided below.

Community Work Service Instead of Paying Your Fine:

If you have been ordered by the Court to pay a fine you may choose to perform CWS instead of paying the fine. Fines are reduced at the hourly rate shown in the table below. You may combine both work hours and payment. Delinquent payments incur a penalty of \$300 (PC 1214.1) and will be referred to a collection agency.

| Year: | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
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| CWS Rate: | \$26.00/hour | \$28.00/hour | \$30.00/hour |

Finding a CWS Provider:

CWS hours may be completed directly through any registered non-profit (501 (c)(3)) organization of your choice.

Community Work Service Guidelines

Work hours must be documented on the organization's letterhead, and include:

- Signature by the person in charge
- Total number of hours completed
- Dates the hours were completed
- Contact information for the organization including address and phone number

Please note: Policies and working conditions are established by individual providers and do not reflect the policies of the Court.

Extensions:

If you need a 30-day payment extension to make Community Work Service arrangements, or if you would like to reduce the monthly payment amount by extending your payment period, please contact the division of the Court responsible for your fine. The total fine cannot be reduced, but the monthly payment can be reduced by extending the payment period.

| Email: | Phone number: (805) 706 – 3600 |
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