



MULTI-COUNTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING DELIVERY SYSTEM

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Electronic Recording in Multiple Counties Launched

Four title companies recorded property documents electronically on December 1, 2009 in Los Angeles and Orange counties using a single unified system—a first in California history.

The multi-county system, known as SECURE, allows title and escrow companies, financial institutions and others in the real estate industry to record property documents electronically in multiple counties, from a single point of origin. The system is co-owned by the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Diego, representing about 60% of all property documents recorded annually in California. Santa Barbara, Ventura, Sacramento and San Mateo counties are also partnering in this endeavor.

First American Title Company, Civic Center Title Services, SPL Title and California Hall Services recorded mechanic liens, reconveyances and deeds of trust using the SECURE electronic recording system.

The SECURE system was certified for statewide use in September by the state Attorney General's office after passing rigorous security testing. The groundbreaking system allows a submitter to prepare and present a document for recording from their place of business without having to travel to a county recorder's office or pay a third-party service to present the document. And the submitter can process documents to any of the participating counties.

"The ease of the system offered immediate benefits during last month's historic multi-county launch," Los Angeles County Recorder Dean Logan said. "An improperly prepared document was rejected and instantly returned to be corrected saving the submitter time and money. Under the traditional paper-based recording process, it would likely have been at least one full business day—and the cost of a courier—to get the document back to the submitter to be corrected and then recorded," Logan stated.

Additional electronic submitters will continue to be added throughout this month and into the new year in Orange and Los Angeles County, which combined process over 3 million property records a year.

Orange County has been recording property documents electronically since 1997, and now accommodates nearly 190 pre-authorized user companies in the real estate industry. More than 5 million documents have been recorded electronically since the system was originally piloted.

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