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Multi-County Electronic Recording System Wins National Award

A comprehensive system allowing title and escrow companies, financial institutions and others to record property documents electronically has been awarded a 2010 Achievement Award by the National Association of Counties. This award is given to recognize unique, effective, innovative programs, which contribute to and enhance county government in the United States.

The system, known as SECURE, ushers counties into the 21st Century by eliminating the time and expense of either mailing or hand-carrying property documents to be recorded. The state Attorney General's office reviews and approves all electronic recording systems in California to ensure rigorous security standards.

Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties share ownership of the SECURE system, representing more than 60% of all documents recorded statewide. Santa Barbara, Sacramento and San Mateo counties are also partnering in this endeavor. Other counties are encouraged to join.

Los Angeles, the largest county in the nation, began recording documents electronically alongside Orange County when the system launched in December 2009. Los Angeles County processes approximately 2.5 million property records a year.

"This endeavor saves both the taxpayers and the county money by streamlining the recording process," Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan said. "We are thrilled to be participating in this multi-county collaborative effort."

"Our customers, and ultimately anyone involved in real-estate transactions, benefit," Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly said.

The system reduces expenses and increases efficiency for users statewide. Customers are able to submit documents in a single action to every participating county using the system. The Attorney General's office reviews and approves all electronic recording systems in California to ensure rigorous security safeguards.

In 1997, Orange County was first in California to implement an electronic document recording system. The county has recorded more than 5 million documents electronically since then, without a single known security breach. Orange County has 190 pre-authorized users, most of whom are high-volume customers.

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