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OC-Based Electronic Recording System Wins State Certification

A comprehensive system pioneered in Orange County that allows title and escrow companies, financial institutions and others to record documents electronically across California has been certified by the state Attorney General's office.

The system, known as SECURE, was developed by Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly, whose office leads the state in electronic recording. The Attorney General's office is required by law to review and approve all electronic recording systems to assure rigorous security safeguards.

Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties share ownership of the system, representing more than 56% of all documents recorded statewide. Santa Barbara, Ventura, Sacramento and San Mateo counties are considering partnership in the system. Other counties also are encouraged to join.

"Anyone buying or selling property benefits from this safe, secure and faster process," Daly said. "Our customers, and ultimately anyone involved in real-estate transactions, will benefit."

The system reduces expenses and increases efficiency for users statewide. Customers are able to submit documents in a single action to every county that uses the system. "The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department has proven electronic recording experience, making them especially qualified to lead the state of California in this endeavor," said Elizabeth M. Corbett of Fidelity National Title Group, based in Irvine.

In 1997, Orange County was first in California to implement an electronic document recording system. Orange County has recorded more than 5 million documents electronically since then, without a single known security breach.

Nearly 70% of Orange County's documents are now processed electronically, submitted by 190 pre-authorized users. Transactions have grown steadily to about 2,000 documents a day.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department provides a variety of services in addition to recording property transactions. The office also issues marriage licenses; copies of birth, death and marriage certificates; handles passport applications, and performs civil wedding ceremonies. Fictitious Business Names and Notary Public oaths and bonds are handled by the Clerk-Recorder Department. The department oversees the Orange County Archives, a center for materials, research and education, preserving Orange County history for the public.

The department has locations in downtown Santa Ana plus two branch offices in historic downtown Fullerton and the Laguna Hills Civic Center. Parking is free at the branch offices.

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