

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE LEGEND

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OFR (Office of Record): The department that keeps the original or “record copy.” Usually it is the department that originates the record, unless the item is for a County Council meeting (then it is the Clerk of the Board.)

Records Description: The record series (a group of like records).

Transitory Records not retained in the ordinary course of business: Preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency or intra-agency memoranda and records having only transitory value. Examples: Telephone messages, meeting room reservation schedules, logs, source records entered into a computer system that qualifies as a “trusted system”, etc.

Non-Record: Documents, studies, books and pamphlets produced by outside agencies, preliminary drafts not retained in the ordinary course of business.

Retention/Disposition:
Active: How long the file remains in the immediate office area (*guideline*)
Inactive: How long the file is in off-site storage, stored on Unalterable Media / Optical Disk or Microforms (*guideline*)
Total Retention: The total number of years the record will be retained

For file folders containing documents with different retention timeframes, use the document with the longest retention time.

P = Permanent

Indefinite = No fixed or specified retention period; used for databases, because the data fields are interrelated.

Vital? = Those records that are needed for basic operations in the event of a disaster.

Media Options (*guideline*) – the form of the record:
Mag = Computer Magnetic Media (hard drives, tapes, USB Drives, thumb drives, etc.)
Mfr = Microforms (aperture cards, microfilm, microfiche, or jackets)
Ppr = Paper
OD = Optical Disk, CD-r, DVD-r, WORM, or other media which does not allow changes

Scan / Import (*guideline*):
“S” indicates the record should be scanned into the document imaging system;
“I” indicates the record should be electronically imported into the document imaging system;
“M” indicates the record should be microfilmed

Destroy Paper after Imaged & QC’d (*guideline, if record is imaged*): QC’d=Quality Checked. “Yes” indicates the paper version may be destroyed if the document has been imaged (microfilmed, scanned or imported) in accordance with the Trustworthy Electronic Records / ECMS / Document Imaging Policy and stored on Unalterable Media (Optical Disk – CD-R, WORM or DVD-R), and both the images and indexing Quality Checked (“QC’d”).

Legend for legal citations (§: Section)

CC: Civil Code (CA)

CFC: California Fire Code

EVC: Evidence Code (CA)

FTB: Franchise Tax Board (CA)

HUD: Housing & Urban Develop. (US)

PC: Penal Code (CA)

USC: United States Code (US)

WC: Water Code

B&P: Business & Professions Code (CA)

CCP: Code of Civil Procedure (CA)

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations (US)

FA: Food & Agriculture Code (CA)

GC: Government Code (CA)

LC: Labor Code (CA)

R&T: Revenue & Taxation Code (CA)

VC: Vehicle Code (CA)

CBC: California Building Code

CCR: California Code of Regulations (CA)

EC: Elections Code (CA)

FC: Family Code (CA)

H&S: Health & Safety Code (CA)

Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen.: Attorney General Opinions (CA)

UFC: Uniform Fire Code

W&I: Welfare & Institutions Code (CA)