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Tulare County Recorder lands the EDD for electronic document recording

VISALIA, Calif. – The Tulare County Recorder started receiving on Nov. 3 the electronic recording of documents from the California Employment Development Department (EDD), one of the county's largest recorders of public records. Electronic recording has been a modern and efficient method of filing legal documents such as grant deeds, liens and judgments since 2004.

"E-recording ensures secure delivery and is more cost-effective than recording by mail or in person. It's the best option for timely recording and a huge time saver for county recorders, freeing up staff to serve the public in other ways," Assessor/Clerk-Recorder Tara Freitas said. "I want to recognize our staff who worked with the EDD to make this possible. This was a huge success for both public agencies."

Of the 78,219 documents recorded in the county in 2022, 51,160 were recorded electronically. The EDD recorded 1,888 documents in the county last year.

"Our office always encourages e-recording to those who regularly record public documents. You don't have to leave the office, use the mail, or stand in line – saving time and money. Anyone with a computer, internet access and a scanner have what they need to start e-recording," Freitas said.

The Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004 authorized county recorders to deliver and return specific electronic records that are instruments of real estate transactions (subject to specific conditions), including system certification, regulation and oversight by the Department of Justice's Electronic Recording Delivery System Program.

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