



Placer County Health and Human Services Department

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The State of California is experiencing a shortage of banknote security paper. Banknote security paper is used to produce certified copies of birth, death and marriage records. These vital records require a safe level of both paper and printer security features to protect them from counterfeiting. Several states, including California, legislatively adopted a printing method known as "Intaglio" as the primary and required source of their security. Although a confident method of security, Intaglio printing is only performed by a limited number of printing plants in the world.

In July, without advance warning, Sekuworks, LLC closed its doors. Sekuworks, LLC was the sole supplier of secure banknote paper used by California counties to print certified copies of birth, death and marriage certificates.

Agencies that print certified copies of vital records have been working closely with the State Office of Vital Records and our legislators to remedy this serious shortage. An interim solution has been found in a Canadian company, known as Canadian Bank Note. Canadian Bank Note produces the same high level of security features previously found in Sekuworks secure banknote paper.

Placer County has contracted with Canadian Bank Note to replenish our supply of secure banknote paper. We expect to have a shipment of banknote paper from this new vendor in early- to mid-November.

The Placer County Clerk-Recorder's Office and the Placer County Health and Human Services Department ask for the public's assistance during this time of shortage. Unfortunately, until we receive our new supply of banknote paper, we will need to limit the amount of certified copies we can issue.

Effective August 19, 2015 and until further notice:

- To ensure the maximum number of customers may be served during this time, requestors will be limited to one copy of each unique birth, death or marriage certificate at each office.
- If you need more copies than Placer County agencies can provide during this time, certified copies of birth and death records from 1905 to present and marriage certificates from 2010 to present are available at the California Department of Public Health. (Applications are only accepted by mail; there is no counter service.)

Please note that some agencies in Placer County may accept alternatives to certified copies of vital records. For example, many schools will accept a Verification of Birth document for admittance into school. **There is no charge for a Verification of Birth document.**

We apologize for the inconvenience this situation causes you and appreciate your understanding.

Contact information for agencies that issue certificates using secure banknote paper include the following:

Placer County Clerk/Recorder
2954 Richardson Dr.
Auburn CA 95603
(530) 886-5610
www.placer.ca.gov/departments/recorder

Placer County Vital Statistics
11484 B Ave.
Auburn CA 95603
(530) 889-7158
www.placer.ca.gov/departments/hhs

California Department of Public Health
MS 5103
PO Box 997410
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410
(916) 445-2684
www.dhs.ca.gov