

SB 272 Catalog of Enterprise Systems

What is SB 272?

SB 272 requires local agencies to create catalogs of all enterprise systems that store information about the public, and to post this catalog on their websites. Districts without websites are required to publish the catalog in a way that can be provided to anyone who asks. This law applies to all California special districts, cities and counties, and compliance is required by July 1, 2016.

Governor Brown approved SB 272 in October 2015, adding section 6270.5 to the California Public Records Act (the Act, Government Code Sections 6250-6276.48). Local agencies will not be able to seek reimbursement from the State for costs associated with compliance because it was added to the Public Records Act.

What is covered by SB 272?

Section 6270.5 defines an enterprise system as a software application or computer system that collects, stores, exchanges, and analyzes information that the agency uses that is:

1. a multi-departmental system or system that contains information collected about the public and
2. a system of record

A system of record means a system that serves as an original source of data within an agency.

SB 272 requires local agencies to create a catalog of multi-departmental systems or systems containing information about the public that store original records and post the catalog on their agency website.

What is excluded?

Enterprise systems do not include cybersecurity systems, infrastructure and mechanical control systems, or information that would reveal vulnerabilities to, or otherwise increase the potential for an attack on, a public agency's IT system. Section 6270.5 does not automatically require disclosure of the specific records that the IT systems collect, store, exchange or analyze, however, the Act's other provisions pertaining to disclosure of such records still apply.

What is required in the catalog?

For each enterprise system included in the catalog list, agencies must disclose:

- Current system vendor
- Current system product
- The purpose of the system
- What kind of data is stored in it
- The department that serves as the system's primary custodian
- How frequently system data is collected
- How frequently system data is updated

Catalog of District Enterprise Systems

Vendor:	Murgreen Environmental ¹
Product:	GIS Map and Database
Purpose:	Maintain records regarding construction and operation and maintenance of District's wastewater collection system
Data Stored:	Mapping and operation and maintenance records
Custodian:	District Engineer/District Clerk
Data Collected/Updated:	Annually or as needed to keep system current

Vendor:	MEDLOG ²
Product:	San Mateo County Property Tax Database
Purpose:	Compute annual sewer service charges for District's customers
Data Stored:	Individual property tax records
Custodian:	District Engineer/District Clerk
Data Collected/Updated:	Annually

Vendor:	Intuit
Product:	Quickbooks 2014
Purpose:	District accounting system
Data Stored:	Receipts and payments
Custodian:	District Clerk
Data Collected/Updated:	Monthly or as needed to keep system current

¹GIS map does not include customer names; just APN and address.

²Tax Database includes customer names in addition to address and APN. Data is public information from San Mateo County.