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Title: **RECORDER CONVERTS RECORDS TO ELECTRONIC DATABASE**

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Solano County Assessor/Recorder Marc Tonnesen announces a project to convert all recorded documents to electronic images. Today, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with PFA, Inc to begin the project.

The Office of the Assessor/Recorder is a repository of history for events in Solano County. It is the official guardian of some of the most important records in someone's life which include vital records of births, marriages and deaths as well as Official Records. The Recorder is responsible for recording and maintaining the Official Records which are legal documents pertaining to real property ownership for properties located in the County of Solano. These records, which date from 1848 to present, must be available for public viewing and reproduction upon request. The Recorder maintains a public research room in the department office located in Fairfield.

Currently stored on 16mm and 35mm microfilm rolls, there are approximately 5,013,590 images and 4,221,885 Official Record Grantor/Grantee names.

The County has selected a vendor, PFA, Inc, to convert and migrate all film images to an electronic data base. PFA, Inc will also create an electronic data base of all Grantee and Grantors of property. This will greatly enhance the ability of members of the public and business community to research ownership of property. The project, which was competitively bid by ten companies, will cost \$700,000 and take two years to complete.

Assessor/Recorder Marc Tonnesen states, "I want my Office to be the best when it comes to public service. This is one more way I can better serve my constituents".

If you have questions you may reach the Recorder by e-mail at Recorder@solanocounty.com . You may also visit the Assessor/Recorder Office 675 Texas St, #2700, Fairfield, Ca 94533. You may address mail to this address as well. Please call 707-784-6290 if you have any questions.

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