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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #16093

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Jenny Chernis-Sanders  
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RE: VoteCal: CDPH Death Records

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has changed their deceased records management system. The Secretary of State (SOS) has been working with the VoteCal project team and the Election Management System (EMS) vendors to modify the VoteCal Deceased Match messages in order to provide counties with the new set of information. The Potential Deceased Match to Voter and Potential Deceased Match messages, from VoteCal to the county EMS, will now contain data from the new CDPH files received by the SOS.

Potential Deceased Match to Voter	Death match data sent by VoteCal to counties for voter record match against a deceased master record when a new voter is received by VoteCal or key elements (name, SSN4, and date of birth) of a voter registration are updated.
Potential Deceased Match	Death record data sent from VoteCal to counties when a deceased file is processed and a record matches an existing voter.

For the two Deceased Match messages above, the attached document, VoteCal Deceased Match Changes, shows the differences in the raw data set contained in the messages from VoteCal to the county EMS. While some previous fields will no longer be provided, these fields will be maintained for backward compatibility. All those fields marked as "BLANK" on the attachment will show as an empty field in the raw data.

If you have any questions about this or any other VoteCal matter, please contact the VoteCal Help Desk at (888) 868-3225 or [votecalhelp@sos.ca.gov](mailto:votecalhelp@sos.ca.gov).

Thank you.

# VoteCal Deceased Match Changes

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**VoteCal Deceased Match to Voter Messages:** Death match data sent by VoteCal to the counties for voter record match against a deceased master record, when a new voter is received by VoteCal or key elements (name, SSN4, and date of birth) of a voter registration are updated.

PROPERTY NAME	CURRENTLY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTIES FROM VOTECAL	COUNTIES WILL RECEIVE THIS FROM VOTECAL STARTING 3/14/2016	FIELD NOTES
RecordId	X	X	Deceased Id of the matched record
MatchId	X	X	VoteCal Match Id of the record
LastName	X	X	LastName from the Deceased record
FirstName	X	X	FirstName from the Deceased record
MiddleName	X	X	MiddleName from the Deceased record
SSN4	X	X	SSN4 from the Deceased record
DOB	X	X	DOB from the Deceased record
CountyId	X	X	CountyId of the voter matched to the Deceased record
IsConfidentialVoter	X	X	Indicates whether the voter is confidential or not
RegistrationDate	X	X	Registration date of the voter
Gender	X	X	Gender from the Deceased record
DeceasedDate	X	X	Deceased Date from the Deceased record
PlaceOfDeathCounty	X	X	California County of Death –numeric two digit code
CountyOfDeathText		X	California County of Death – text
DeathState		X	State of Death from the Death record
SequenceNumber	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format
LocalRegistrationNumber		X	Local Record Number as generated on the death certificate
EmsVoterId	X	X	EMS ID of the voter

**VoteCal Potential Deceased Match Messages:** Death record data sent from VoteCal to the counties when a deceased file is processed and a record matches an existing voter.

<b>PROPERTY NAME</b>	<b>CURRENTLY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTIES FROM VOTECAL</b>	<b>COUNTIES WILL RECEIVE THIS FROM VOTECAL STARTING 3/14/2016</b>	<b>FIELD NOTES</b>
DeathMasterId	X	X	VoteCal Death record ID
StateFileNumber	X	X	State File Number as generated on the death certificate
StateRegistrarNumber	X	X	
NameOfDecedentLastName	X	X	Descendent Last Name
NameOfDecedentFirstName	X	X	Descendent First Name
NameOfDecedentMiddleName	X	X	Descendent Middle Name
TruncateIndicator	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
Sex	X	X	Descendent Gender
DateOfBirth	X	X	Descendent Date of Birth
SSN	X	X	Descendent full SSN
SSN4	X	X	Descendent last four
PlaceofDeathCounty	X	X	Death County Code
DateOfDeath	X	X	Date of death
SequenceNumber	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
MaritalStatus	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
ResidenceCounty	X	X	Residence County Code
ProcessMonth	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
ResidenceFIPSCityCode	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
ResidenceFIPSCountyCode	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH

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			format.
CorrectionFlag	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
TypePlaceOfDeath	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
TimeofDeathHHMM	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
TimeofDeathEstimate	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
ZipCode		X	Residence Zip Code
DecedentsResidenceAddress	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
CityOfResidence		X	Residence City
ResidenceLatitude	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
ResidenceLongitude	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
isMasterFile	X		BLANK. Field from old CDPH format.
LocalRegistrationNumber		X	County Local Record Number as generated on the death certificate
DateOfBirthRaw		X	Date of birth MM/DD/YYYY; -/--/XXXX; UNK UNKNOWN
BirthStateForeignCountryText		X	If decedent was born in US or US territories, value will be decedent's birth state or territory; if born in Canada, decedent's birth province; if born outside the US or Canada, decedent's birth country

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RaceCode		X	Code for the decedent's race
DecedentResidenceStreetNumber		X	Street number of decedent's residence as entered on the certificate
DecedentResidenceStreetName		X	Street name of decedent's residence as entered on the certificate
DecedentCountyProvinceOfResidenceText		X	Decedent's county/province of residence, text as entered on the certificate
StateForeignCountryOfResidenceText		X	Text as entered on the certificate
CountyOfDeathText		X	County of Death
DeathState		X	Two character alpha code for death state.