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Trial Court Unification:  
Publication of Legal Notice

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## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Some statutes call for publication of a legally required notice (such as a notice of a foreclosure sale) in a newspaper that is circulated within a particular judicial district. The purpose of such a requirement is to target notice to the local community. This recommendation proposes modifications to clarify the location of these districts.

Originally, judicial districts were established for the business and elections of the courts of limited jurisdiction. However, the Legislature later made use of these districts in notice publication statutes as a means of targeting such notices locally.

Over time, courts consolidated and the corresponding judicial districts became larger. In 1967, the Legislature enacted Government Code Section 71042.5 to, upon consolidation, retain the former judicial districts for notice publication purposes. In the absence of this provision, notice publication would have been less localized as judicial districts consolidated and became larger.

The trend of court consolidation culminated with trial court unification, in which the remaining trial courts unified into a countywide superior court. Trial court unification eliminated the trial courts of limited jurisdiction and thus eliminated the function of their judicial districts in court administration and elections.

When the courts unified, the Law Revision Commission recommended continuing to use the former judicial districts for notice publication. The Commission viewed that as a temporary solution. Accordingly, the Legislature directed the Commission to revisit the matter when appropriate.

Enough time has now elapsed for courts, newspapers, and others to gain experience with the functioning of the notice publication statutes post-unification. The Commission thus studied the situation to assess the need for change. It found that the existing requirements are cumbersome and confusing. In particular, accessing relevant district descriptions and boundary information is quite difficult.

This recommendation addresses that problem. Consistent with the scope of the Commission's authority, the proposed legislation would revise the statutes to ensure that they continue to operate effectively, while preserving existing expectations and legislative policy choices.

Specifically, the revisions contained in this recommendation would:

- (1) Redesignate the districts used for publishing legal notice as "public notice districts."
- (2) Codify simplified "public notice district" descriptions, which are based on the areas comprising former judicial districts.
- (3) Authorize a newspaper certified to publish notice in a particular judicial district to publish notice in the successor public notice district.

This recommendation was prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 70219.

## TRIAL COURT UNIFICATION: PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE

1 In 1997, given the significant statutory changes required to accommodate trial  
2 court unification, the Legislature requested that the Commission make  
3 recommendations “pertaining to statutory changes that may be necessitated by  
4 court unification.”<sup>1</sup> The Commission did so through its 1998 recommendation on  
5 *Trial Court Unification: Revision of Codes*.<sup>2</sup>

6 When the Commission prepared that recommendation, it addressed the many  
7 references to a “judicial district” in the codes.<sup>3</sup> Generally, the Commission  
8 concluded that a statutory reference to a “judicial district” should be treated as a  
9 reference to the county after the courts unified. However, this rule was subject to  
10 exceptions. One exception related to the use of judicial districts to define the  
11 boundaries for publishing a legally required notice, such as a notice of a  
12 foreclosure sale or a sale of stored property.<sup>4</sup> The Commission recommended, and  
13 the Legislature enacted, a provision that continued the status quo, retaining former  
14 judicial district boundaries for that purpose.<sup>5</sup> However, the Commission  
15 recognized that this provision would need to be revisited and identified the matter  
16 as appropriate for future study.<sup>6</sup> The Legislature assigned that issue to the  
17 Commission, along with several other projects identified in the Commission’s  
18 recommendation.<sup>7</sup>

19 Since then, the Commission has completed work on all of the other projects.<sup>8</sup>  
20 This recommendation addresses the final, outstanding issue identified for future

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1. 1997 Cal. Stat. res. ch. 102; see also 1998 Cal. Stat. res. ch. 91.

2. 28 Cal. L. Revision Comm’n Reports 51 (1998) (hereafter, “*Revision of Codes*”).

3. “Statutes refer to ‘judicial districts’ for various purposes. The references generally intend the ‘municipal court district’ in a county. On unification of the municipal and superior courts in a county, the former municipal court districts have little relevance for most purposes.” *Id.* at 70 (footnote omitted).

4. *Id.* at 70, 72; see also Bus. & Prof. Code § 21707; Civ. Code § 2924f.

5. See Gov’t Code § 71042.5 (retaining former municipal court districts for publication purposes if municipal and superior courts unify); see also 1998 Cal. Stat. ch. 931, § 263 (former Gov’t Code § 71042.5); *Revision of Codes*, *supra* note 2, at 72, 349.

6. *Revision of Codes*, *supra* note 2, at 86, n. 131.

7. Gov’t Code § 70219; see also 1998 Cal. Stat. ch. 931, § 257 (former Gov’t Code § 70219).

8. See *Trial Court Unification: Issues Identified for Future Study*, 30 Cal. L. Revision Comm’n Reports 507 (2000); see also *Authority to Appoint Receivers*, 30 Cal. L. Revision Comm’n Reports 291 (2000); 2001 Cal. Stat. ch. 44 (SB 562 (Morrow)) (implementing Commission recommendation on authority to appoint receivers); *Cases in Which Court Reporter Is Required*, 31 Cal. L. Revision Comm’n Reports 223 (2001); 2002 Cal. Stat. ch. 71 (SB 1371 (Morrow)) (implementing Commission recommendation on cases in which court reporter is required); *Stay of Mechanic’s Lien Enforcement Pending Arbitration*, 30 Cal. L. Revision Comm’n Reports 307 (2000); 2003 Cal. Stat. ch. 22 (SB 113 (Ackerman)) (implementing Commission recommendation on stay of mechanic’s lien enforcement pending arbitration); *Obsolete Reporting Requirements*, 33 Cal. L. Revision Comm’n Reports 267 (2003); 2004 Cal.

1 work by the Commission in its 1998 recommendation: “[p]ublication of legal  
2 notice in a county with a unified superior court.”<sup>9</sup>

3 The Commission has conducted extensive research on that matter and solicited  
4 input from key stakeholders. From that work, it is clear that the statutes requiring  
5 publication of notice in judicial districts are posing practical challenges. In  
6 particular, it has become quite difficult for affected persons to ascertain the  
7 relevant district boundaries.

8 The proposed legislation contained in this recommendation is intended to  
9 address those challenges. Specifically, the proposal is intended to ensure that the  
10 notice publication requirements are clear and the districts used for notice  
11 publication are easily determinable, without disrupting the current legislative  
12 policy requiring publication of notice locally. The proposed legislation would also  
13 preserve existing rights of a newspaper of general circulation that is eligible to  
14 publish notice in a judicial district. The proposal would thus conform to existing  
15 expectations and legislative policy choices, while making the law more workable  
16 and readily understandable.

#### 17 **Scope of the Commission’s Study**

18 In studying this issue, the Commission was mindful of the narrow scope of its  
19 original task, addressing statutory changes necessitated by trial court unification.  
20 Throughout its work on that topic, the Commission took great care to preserve  
21 existing statutory rights and procedures, while making the statutes workable in a  
22 unified court system.<sup>10</sup>

23 The Commission took a similarly restrained approach in studying the issue of  
24 judicial district notice publication, purposefully avoiding broader questions of  
25 policy related to legal notice. Specifically, the Commission did not address  
26 questions regarding the best medium for providing notice, the appropriate timing  
27 of notice, the required content for notice, or the remedies for inadequate notice.

28 The Commission recognizes that legal notice policy questions have been the  
29 subject of legislative attention in recent years.<sup>11</sup> In this study, the Commission  
30 takes no position on those policy questions.

31 Rather, the Commission focused solely on determining what, if any, changes to  
32 the existing requirements for notice publication in a judicial district are necessary  
33 to ensure that the statutes continue to achieve the publication of the relevant  
34 notices locally, with minimal disruption of existing rights and expectations.

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Stat. ch. 193 (SB 111 (Knight)) (implementing Commission recommendation on obsolete reporting requirements).

9. *Revision of Codes*, *supra* note 2, at 86.

10. *Revision of Codes*, *supra* note 2, at 60.

11. See, e.g., AB 642 (Rendon), as introduced February 20, 2013; SB 617 (Evans), as amended May 28, 2013; SB 1199 (Hancock), as introduced February 20, 2014.

1 **Background on Judicial Districts**

2 Historically, California had several different kinds of trial courts with limited  
3 jurisdiction, as well as countywide superior courts with unlimited jurisdiction. In  
4 the 1950s, in an effort to standardize the trial court system, California voters  
5 approved a constitutional amendment reducing the types of limited jurisdiction  
6 trial courts to just two: justice courts and municipal courts.<sup>12</sup>

7 Counties often had multiple municipal and/or justice courts. In such cases, the  
8 county was divided up into multiple judicial districts, each of which corresponded  
9 with a municipal or justice court. In general, a county’s Board of Supervisors was  
10 responsible for establishing and adjusting the boundaries of the judicial districts.<sup>13</sup>

11 Initially, the counties created 400 judicial districts statewide.<sup>14</sup> By the late 1960s,  
12 there were roughly 325 judicial districts statewide.<sup>15</sup> Over time, there was a clear  
13 trend of consolidating courts and reducing the number of judicial districts. The  
14 trend of court consolidation continued with the statewide elimination of the justice  
15 courts,<sup>16</sup> and culminated with trial court unification in the late 1990s. By that time,  
16 the number of judicial districts statewide had decreased to just over 100.<sup>17</sup>

17 In 1998, the voters approved a measure authorizing, under specified conditions,  
18 unification of the remaining trial courts in each county to form a single,  
19 countywide superior court.<sup>18</sup> By early 2001, the trial courts in every county had  
20 unified.<sup>19</sup> Upon the vote to unify, the trial courts in a county combined their  
21 operations in a unified, countywide superior court.<sup>20</sup>

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12. See generally Judicial Council of California, Fourteenth Biennial Report to the Governor and the Legislature 13-28 (Jan. 31, 1953).

13. See California Courts and Judges 32 (James Publishing, 1998 ed.); see also 1953 Cal. Stat. ch. 1130, § 1 (former Gov’t Code § 71040); 1967 Cal. Stat. ch. 1226, § 1 (former Gov’t Code § 71042).

14. See Judicial Council Fourteenth Biennial Report, *supra* note 12, at 16.

15. See Judicial Council of California, Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts 195-198, 246-255 (Jan. 6, 1969).

16. 1994 Cal. Stat. res. ch. 113 (SCA 7) (Prop. 191, approved Nov. 8, 1994).

17. See Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1997 Judicial Council Report on Court Statistics 73-77.

18. Proposition 220, authorizing “unification of the municipal and superior courts in a county on a vote of a majority of the municipal court judges and a majority of the superior court judges in that county,” was approved by California voters at the June 2, 1998 statewide election, and became operative the day after the election. See 1996 Cal. Stat. res. ch. 36; *Revision of Codes*, *supra* note 2, at 59 (citing Cal. Const. XVIII, § 4).

19. Judicial Council of California, *Trial Court Unification Factsheet* (February 2005) (available at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/tcunif.pdf>) (“By January 2001, all 58 California counties had voted to unify their municipal and superior court operations.”).

20. See former Cal. Const. art. VI, § 5(e) (1996 Cal. Stat. res. ch. 36), approved by the voters June 2, 1998 (Proposition 220).

1 Trial court unification eliminated all of the trial courts of limited jurisdiction and  
2 thus eliminated the function of their judicial districts in court administration and  
3 elections. Upon unification, the former judicial districts had “little relevance for  
4 most purposes.”<sup>21</sup> Notice publication is a notable exception to that rule.

5 **Use of Judicial Districts for Notice Publication**

6 Several California statutes have relied and continue to rely on judicial districts  
7 as defining the location for the publication of legal notice.<sup>22</sup> These include, for  
8 example, the statute governing notice of a home foreclosure sale made under a  
9 power of sale,<sup>23</sup> and the statute governing notice of a sale of stored goods  
10 conducted by a self-storage facility when a customer fails to pay rent.<sup>24</sup>

11 In 1967, the Legislature enacted Government Code Section 71042.5, presumably  
12 in response to the trend of court consolidation.<sup>25</sup> This section sought to preserve  
13 the judicial districts for purposes of notice publication. It provided that upon  
14 consolidation of two or more judicial districts, the prior component districts would  
15 remain separate judicial districts for the purpose of notice publication.<sup>26</sup>

16 This rule applied prospectively, to future consolidations of judicial districts.<sup>27</sup> If  
17 it had not been enacted, such consolidations could have resulted in notice being

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21. *Revision of Codes, supra* note 2, at 70.

22. Bus. & Prof. Code § 21707; Civ. Code §§ 2924f, 3440.1, 3440.5; Code Civ. Proc. §§ 701.540, 1208.5; Com. Code § 6105; Rev. & Tax. Code §§ 3381, 3702. Cf. Code Civ. Proc. § 38 (“judicial district” defined, subject to contrary statute). At the time of trial court unification, Commercial Code Section 7210(b)(5) required publication of notice in a judicial district, but has since been amended to remove the judicial district reference. See 2006 Cal. Stat. ch. 254, §§ 48, 49.

23. Civ. Code § 2924f.

24. Bus. & Prof. Code § 21707.

25. See generally Judicial Council of California, Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts 58-59 (January 8, 1968) (“In the period since June 30, 1958 there has been a net decrease of 54 judicial districts, reflecting a decline of 66 justice court districts which was partly offset by an increase of 12 municipal court districts.

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The trend towards fewer justice courts principally reflects two factors: (1) population growth which results in the creation of municipal courts as district populations increase to levels exceeding the 40,000 constitutional limit for justice courts; and (2) local redistricting resulting in the consolidation of separate justice court districts into either municipal court districts or larger justice court districts.”).

26. As originally enacted, Section 71042.5 read as follows:

71042.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon consolidation of judicial districts, the territory embraced within the respective prior component judicial districts shall be separate judicial districts for the purpose of publication within a judicial district.

1967 Cal. Stat. ch. 1066, § 1.

27. See 1967 Cal. Stat. ch. 1066, § 2 (As enacted in that legislation, Government Code Section 71042.6 provided in part “[s]uch map and boundaries shall be applicable to any consolidation which becomes effective on or after the effective date of this section.”).

1 provided less locally, because the territory of the resulting, consolidated judicial  
2 district would have encompassed the territories of all of the prior component  
3 judicial districts.

4 When the concept of trial court unification was gaining momentum, the  
5 Legislature tasked the Law Revision Commission with revising California’s laws  
6 to accommodate that reform. As part of that effort, the Commission recommended,  
7 and the Legislature enacted, an amendment to Government Code Section 71042.5  
8 to continue the status quo. The amendment preserved the former judicial districts  
9 for notice publication purposes after the courts in a county unified, not just when  
10 districts were consolidated.<sup>28</sup>

11 The Commission recognized, however, that retaining the former judicial districts  
12 to serve as the location for the publication of legal notice “may be unsatisfactory  
13 in the long-term ....”<sup>29</sup> The Legislature assigned the issue of “[p]ublication of legal  
14 notice in a county with a unified superior court” for future work by the  
15 Commission, as the Commission itself proposed.<sup>30</sup>

#### 16 **The Commission’s Current Study**

17 Over a decade has passed since all counties in California unified their trial  
18 courts.<sup>31</sup> Sufficient time has thus elapsed for newspapers, courts, and other  
19 affected persons to gain experience with notice publication in the post-unification  
20 environment.

21 Accordingly, the Commission commenced a study reexamining the statutes that  
22 rely on former judicial districts to define boundaries for publishing legally  
23 required notices. More specifically, the Commission has been assessing whether  
24 those statutes need any revisions to accomplish their underlying objectives.

#### 25 **Function of Judicial District References in Notice Publication Statutes**

26 As an initial matter, the Commission considered the function of the references to  
27 judicial districts in the notice publication statutes prior to trial court unification.

28 At that time, judicial districts provided a set of geographical boundaries that  
29 circumscribed areas for the publication of legal notice. Based on the constitutional  
30 requirements for judicial districts, the geographical area of a judicial district

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28. Section 71042.5 currently reads:

71042.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, where judicial districts in a county have been consolidated, or where the municipal and superior courts in a county have unified, the territory embraced within the respective prior component judicial districts shall be separate judicial districts for the purpose of publication within a judicial district.

2002 Cal. Stat. ch. 784, § 344; see also 1998 Cal. Stat. ch. 931, § 263.

29. *Revision of Codes*, *supra* note 2, at 86, n. 131.

30. *Id.* at 86, Gov’t Code § 70219; see also 1998 Cal. Stat. ch. 931, § 257 (former Gov’t Code § 70219).

31. Judicial Council Trial Court Unification Factsheet, *supra* note 19.

1 necessarily was contained within a single county.<sup>32</sup> In general, each city was fully  
2 contained within a single judicial district.<sup>33</sup>

3 Thus, the requirements for the publication of legal notice within a judicial  
4 district offered a means to target a notice to a less-than-countywide, local  
5 population. In proposing this recommendation, the Commission sought to respect  
6 that legislative preference for targeting the publication of notice to a local  
7 community.

#### 8 **Challenges Posed by Notice Publication Requirements**

9 Based on the information the Commission has obtained, the statutes requiring  
10 the publication of notice in judicial districts appear to be posing practical  
11 challenges. Those practical challenges are discussed below.

#### 12 ***Confusing Terminology***

13 The term “judicial district” is itself a potential source of confusion, particularly  
14 after trial court unification. In the absence of judicial districts actively maintained  
15 for municipal or justice court purposes, a person required to publish notice in a  
16 judicial district must first determine what the judicial district reference means.  
17 Currently, it is not readily apparent that a reference to a “judicial district” in a  
18 statute requiring publication of legal notice is meant to refer to a *former* judicial  
19 district, as per Government Code Section 71042.5. Consequently, it may be  
20 difficult for a person to correctly publish legal notice in accordance with the  
21 statutory requirements.

22 For instance, a person required to publish notice in a judicial district could easily  
23 overlook Government Code Section 71042.5, which preserves the former judicial  
24 districts for purposes of publication. Such a person could mistakenly conclude  
25 that, under Code of Civil Procedure Section 38, the reference to “judicial district”  
26 means “the county.”<sup>34</sup> Thus, in this situation, a person might erroneously publish  
27 notice in a county newspaper, as opposed to a newspaper in the former judicial  
28 district.

29 Given the possibility of confusion regarding the term “judicial district,” a  
30 statutory requirement that legal notice be published in a judicial district may not  
31 give sufficient guidance to persons who must comply with this obligation.

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32. Former Cal. Const. art. VI, § 5(a) (as amended June 8, 1976). (“Each county shall be divided into municipal court and justice court districts as provided by statute...”).

33. *Id.* (“...[A] city may not be divided into more than one district.”); but see *id.* § 5(b) (“Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a), any city in San Diego County may be divided into more than one municipal court or justice court district if the Legislature determines that unusual geographic conditions warrant such division.”).

34. Subdivision (d) of Code of Civil Procedure Section 38 provides that, “[a]s it relates to a county in which there is no municipal court,” judicial district means “the county.”



1 ***Difficulty of Ascertaining Notice Boundaries***

2 Under Government Code Section 71042.5, a “judicial district” reference in a  
3 statute governing publication of legal notice means either (1) a judicial district that  
4 existed prior to pre-unification consolidation of two or more judicial districts, or  
5 (2) a judicial district that existed prior to trial court unification. Because trial court  
6 unification was completed in early 2001, the relevant judicial district boundaries  
7 have been frozen for at least thirteen years. If the judicial districts were  
8 consolidated prior to unification, the relevant boundaries may be much older.

9 For notice publication to comport with Section 71042.5, the historic district  
10 boundaries must be retained and made available to the public. The Legislature  
11 enacted a companion provision, Government Code Section 71042.6, that appears  
12 tailored to address this issue. Section 71042.6 requires each county recorder to  
13 maintain a map showing the boundaries of former judicial districts “[f]or the  
14 purpose of establishing boundaries under Section 71042.5.” Unfortunately, such  
15 maps do not appear to be readily available to the public at this point.

16 In preparing this recommendation, the Commission received stakeholder input  
17 suggesting that determining the relevant boundaries for judicial district notice  
18 publication poses practical difficulties.<sup>35</sup> For instance, one stakeholder sought  
19 judicial district maps from several counties and found that those maps were often  
20 difficult to access. In at least one case, no map was available.<sup>36</sup> In addition, when a  
21 map was available, it was generally difficult to read, impeding the ability to  
22 ascertain the exact boundaries.<sup>37</sup>

23 The Commission directed its staff to seek maps from a sample of county  
24 recorders. The Commission staff similarly found that the maps were difficult to  
25 access and, when available, did not appear to include all of the relevant districts.<sup>38</sup>

26 These practical difficulties in ascertaining judicial district boundaries place a  
27 significant burden on parties required to publish notice in a judicial district.

28 ***Potentially Serious Consequences of Publishing Notice in the Wrong Location***

29 If notice is mistakenly published in the wrong location, the underlying action  
30 could be challenged by an interested party. Resolving a challenge to the adequacy  
31 of notice could require litigation and considerable public and private expense.

32 **Changes Recommended by the Commission**

33 In light of the difficulties in ascertaining the boundaries used for notice  
34 publication and the potentially serious consequences of an error, the Commission

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35. See Commission Staff Memorandum 2014-15 (March 28, 2014), p. 10, Exhibit pp. 1-3.

36. *Id.* at Exhibit pp. 1, 3.

37. *Id.* at Exhibit p. 1.

38. See First Supplement to Commission Staff Memorandum 2014-56 (Jan. 29, 2015), pp. 1, 3.

1 recommends a number of statutory revisions. Generally, the Commission  
2 recommends preserving the status quo for notice publication requirements, but  
3 making changes to ensure that the requirements are clear and understandable. The  
4 proposed approach is described in further detail below.

5 While the proposed legislation may appear lengthy, the structure of the  
6 legislation is designed to allow the public to quickly and easily determine the  
7 appropriate district in which to publish a notice. This would be a significant  
8 improvement over the current system, in which the public does not have ready  
9 access to the district information.

10 ***Redesignate the Districts Used for Notice Publication as “Public Notice Districts”***

11 Since Government Code Section 71042.5 took effect, the set of judicial districts  
12 used for notice publication became increasingly dissociated from the set of judicial  
13 districts used for court administration and business as courts consolidated.

14 Using the same term – “judicial district” – in the codes to refer to both the  
15 districts preserved by operation of Government Code Section 71042.5 and the  
16 districts formerly used for court administration and business is confusing.

17 Therefore, the Commission recommends redesignating the districts used for  
18 notice publication as “public notice districts.”

19 ***Codify Simplified Descriptions of the Public Notice Districts***

20 The Commission’s work revealed that the boundaries of the former judicial  
21 districts are difficult to determine. Often, information about the boundaries is not  
22 readily accessible and can be unclear or otherwise hard to understand.

23 In order to improve accessibility and usability of the boundary information, the  
24 Commission recommends codifying the district descriptions. This would make it  
25 possible to cross-refer to the district descriptions in the code sections that require  
26 notice publication in a judicial district. Codification of the district descriptions  
27 would thus facilitate public access to those descriptions.

28 Many of the historic district descriptions are lengthy and rely on descriptors that  
29 are not readily known or available.<sup>39</sup> To address this problem, the Commission  
30 recommends describing the districts in a simplified manner, by referring to the  
31 population centers (cities and census designated places<sup>40</sup>) in each district.

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39. Commission Staff Memorandum 2014-56, p. 13 (Nov. 24, 2014). Among the problematic features are township and range designations, references to prior component districts, and boundaries shown on particular maps held by the county recorder.

40. A census designated place or “CDP” is “the statistical counterpart[] of [an] incorporated place[], and [is] delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located.” See [https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/gtc/gtc\\_place.html](https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/gtc/gtc_place.html).

For Los Angeles County, the situation was more complicated. To alleviate potential confusion, it was necessary to use some neighborhood names and islands in describing the districts, as well as cities and

1 Under this approach, each public notice district is based on a former judicial  
2 district.<sup>41</sup> Each public notice district description consists of one or more population  
3 centers, depending on the composition of the relevant historical judicial district.<sup>42</sup>  
4 For the most part, the historical judicial district names would continue to apply to  
5 the successor public notice districts.<sup>43</sup>

6 Not every location in the state would be included in a public notice district.  
7 Thus, a notice requirement might sometimes be triggered for a location outside  
8 such a district (such as when a home in a rural area is subject to a foreclosure  
9 sale). The proposed legislation would establish a rule<sup>44</sup> to cover these situations:

- 10 • If the location in question is within a specified number of miles from a  
11 district, the notice must be published in the nearest district.
- 12 • If the location in question is beyond the specified mileage range, notice shall  
13 be given as if the location is in a district without a newspaper of general  
14 circulation.<sup>45</sup>

15 Using population centers as district descriptors allows the districts to be  
16 described concisely, in a manner that will be easily understood by the public. It  
17 will largely achieve the same result as the existing lengthy, complicated, and  
18 difficult-to-access descriptions.

### 19 ***Safe Harbor***

20 Although the Commission crafted the public notice district descriptions so as to  
21 provide clear direction and minimize confusion, the Commission recognized that  
22 the possibility of a reasonable, good faith mistake still remains. Therefore, the  
23 proposed legislation includes a safe harbor provision.<sup>46</sup> This provision provides

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CDPs. For further explanation of the treatment of Los Angeles County, see Commission Staff Memorandum 2015-11, pp. 8-9 (April 2, 2015).

41. Generally, the historical judicial districts used in developing the Commission’s proposal were those existing on the effective date of Section 71042.5. See Commission Staff Memorandum 2015-11, *supra* note 40, at 4-5. In two counties, San Bernardino and San Diego, the public notice districts were based instead on a 1984 court directory prepared by the Association of Municipal Court Clerks of California. See Ass’n of Municipal Court Clerks of Cal., California Courts Directory and Fee Schedule (1984 ed.). The Commission received input that, for these counties, the 1984 Directory reflects the districts “currently recognized by newspapers in these areas.” Letter to the Commission from the California Newspaper Publishers Association (Aug. 28, 2015), p. 2 (attached to Commission Staff Memorandum 2015-44 (Sept. 21, 2015)).

42. For further detail on the methodology that the Commission used in drafting district descriptions, see Commission Staff Memorandum 2015-11, *supra* note 40, at 4-9.

43. In some instances, the Commission deviated from this naming convention where there was a judicial district name change or the historical name might be confusing in the new framework. See *id.* at 5.

44. See, e.g., proposed Gov’t Code §§ 6085.100(b), 6085.130(b), 6085.140(b) *infra*.

45. For further detail on this rule for locations outside of the districts (the “plus rule”), see Commission Staff Memorandum 2015-11, *supra* note 40, at 9.

46. See proposed Gov’t Code § 6081 *infra*.

1 that if a person makes a reasonable, good faith error in determining the proper  
2 district for publication of a notice, the error shall not be grounds for invalidating  
3 the notice.

4 ***Grandfather Clause to Preserve Existing Rights of Newspapers***

5 One aspect of preserving the status quo is avoiding disruption of the existing  
6 rights of newspapers.

7 In order to publish a legally required notice in a judicial district, a newspaper  
8 must have a judicial decree establishing it as a newspaper of general circulation in  
9 the relevant district.<sup>47</sup>

10 Rather than requiring each newspaper to seek a new court decree to continue  
11 publishing notices in the proposed public notice district that succeeds the  
12 newspaper's judicial district, the Commission recommends preserving a  
13 newspaper's existing rights by expressly "grandfathering" them into the new  
14 framework. Thus, an existing judicial decree for a newspaper in a former judicial  
15 district would be treated as a "decree establishing the newspaper as a newspaper of  
16 general circulation in the successor public notice district."<sup>48</sup>

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47. See Gov't Code § 6040 ("Whenever any official advertising, notice, resolution, order, or other matter of any nature whatsoever is required by law to be published in a newspaper, such publication shall be made only in a newspaper of general circulation.").

48. See proposed Gov't Code § 6082 *infra*.

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## PROPOSED LEGISLATION

### GOVERNMENT CODE

1  
2 **Gov't Code §§ 6080-6085.670 (added). Publication of notice in public notice districts**

3 SEC. \_\_\_\_ Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) is added to Division 7  
4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:

#### 5 CHAPTER 1.1. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN PUBLIC NOTICE DISTRICT

6 **Comment.** Chapter 1.1 is new. This chapter establishes public notice districts as a place for the  
7 publication of notice. Public notice districts replace the former judicial districts preserved for  
8 publication by former Section 71042.5.

#### 9 Article 1. Public Notice Districts, Generally

##### 10 § 6080. Application of chapter

11 6080. This chapter governs any statute requiring publication of notice in a public  
12 notice district.

13 **Comment.** Section 6080 is new. This section establishes the application of this chapter.

##### 14 § 6081. Safe harbor for notice error

15 6081. A notice published or posted in a manner that is contrary to the provisions  
16 of this chapter shall not be invalidated as a consequence of a reasonable, good  
17 faith error as to the applicable public notice district.

18 **Comment.** Section 6081 is new. This section provides a safe harbor for a person who makes a  
19 reasonable, good faith error in identifying the applicable public notice district under this chapter.

##### 20 § 6082. Status of newspaper of general circulation in judicial district

21 6082. (a) Notwithstanding Section 6027, a judicial decree establishing a  
22 newspaper as a newspaper of general circulation in a former judicial district shall  
23 be treated as a judicial decree establishing the newspaper as a newspaper of  
24 general circulation in the successor public notice district.

25 (b) For the purposes of this section, the “successor public notice district” is the  
26 public notice district, described in Article 2, that contains substantially the same  
27 population centers as the applicable, former judicial district preserved for notice  
28 publication by former Section 71042.5.

29 **Comment.** Section 6082 is new. It makes clear that a newspaper that was adjudicated to be a  
30 newspaper of general circulation in a former judicial district is not required to seek a new judicial  
31 decree solely because the former judicial district has been replaced with a public notice district.

Article 2. Public Notice Districts by County

§ 6085.100. Alameda County

6085.100. (a) Alameda County contains the following public notice districts:

(1) Alameda District, which is comprised of the city of Alameda.

(2) Berkeley-Albany District, which is comprised of the cities of Albany and Berkeley.

(3) Fremont-Newark-Union City District, which is comprised of the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City.

(4) Livermore District, which is comprised of the city of Livermore.

(5) Oakland-Piedmont District, which is comprised of the cities of Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont.

(6) Pleasanton District, which is comprised of the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton.

(7) San Leandro-Hayward District, which is comprised of the cities of Hayward and San Leandro and the unincorporated areas known as Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, and San Lorenzo.

(b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Alameda County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

(1) If the location is within five miles of a district, notice shall be published in the nearest district.

(2) If the location is not within five miles of a district, notice shall be given as if the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general circulation.

**Comment.** Section 6085.100 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Alameda County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

§ 6085.110. Alpine County

6085.110. Alpine County contains a single, countywide public notice district.

**Comment.** Section 6085.110 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for Alpine County. This district is the successor to the former countywide judicial district that was preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

§ 6085.120. Amador County

6085.120. Amador County contains a single, countywide public notice district.

**Comment.** Section 6085.120 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for Amador County. This district is the successor to the former countywide judicial district that was preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

§ 6085.130. Butte County

6085.130. (a) Butte County contains the following public notice districts:

(1) Biggs District, which is comprised of the city of Biggs.

(2) Chico District, which is comprised of the city of Chico.



1 (3) Gridley District, which is comprised of the city of Gridley.

2 (4) Oroville District, which is comprised of the city of Oroville.

3 (5) Paradise District, which is comprised of the city of Paradise and the  
4 unincorporated area known as Magalia.

5 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Butte  
6 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

7 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
8 nearest district.

9 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
10 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
11 circulation.

12 **Comment.** Section 6085.130 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Butte  
13 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
14 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
15 is continued.

16 **§ 6085.140. Calaveras County**

17 6085.140. (a) Calaveras County contains the following public notice districts:

18 (1) Angels-Murphys District, which is comprised of the city of Angels Camp  
19 and the unincorporated area known as Murphys.

20 (2) San Andreas District, which is comprised of the unincorporated areas known  
21 as Rancho Calaveras, San Andreas, and Valley Springs.

22 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Calaveras  
23 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

24 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
25 nearest district.

26 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
27 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
28 circulation.

29 **Comment.** Section 6085.140 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
30 Calaveras County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
31 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
32 judicial district is continued.

33 **§ 6085.150. Colusa County**

34 6085.150. (a) Colusa County contains the following public notice districts:

35 (1) Colusa District, which is comprised of the city of Colusa.

36 (2) Williams District, which is comprised of the city of Williams.

37 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Colusa  
38 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

39 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
40 nearest district.

1 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
2 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
3 circulation.

4 **Comment.** Section 6085.150 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Colusa  
5 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
6 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

7 **§ 6085.160. Contra Costa County**

8 6085.160. (a) Contra Costa County contains the following public notice districts:

9 (1) Antioch District, which is comprised of the city of Antioch.

10 (2) Brentwood-Byron District, which is comprised of the city of Brentwood and  
11 the unincorporated areas known as Byron and Discovery Bay.

12 (3) El Cerrito-Kensington District, which is comprised of the city of El Cerrito  
13 and the unincorporated area known as Kensington.

14 (4) Mount Diablo District, which is comprised of the cities of Clayton, Concord,  
15 Martinez, and Pleasant Hill.

16 (5) Oakley District, which is comprised of the city of Oakley and the  
17 unincorporated area known as Knightsen.

18 (6) Pinole-Hercules-Rodeo District, which is comprised of the cities of Pinole  
19 and Hercules and the unincorporated area known as Rodeo.

20 (7) Pittsburg District, which is comprised of the city of Pittsburg and the  
21 unincorporated area known as Bay Point.

22 (8) Richmond District, which is comprised of the city of Richmond.

23 (9) San Pablo District, which is comprised of the city of San Pablo and the  
24 unincorporated areas known as Bayview, East Richmond Heights, El Sobrante,  
25 Montalvin Manor, North Richmond, Rollingwood, and Tara Hills.

26 (10) Walnut Creek-Danville District, which is comprised of the cities of  
27 Danville, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek and the  
28 unincorporated areas known as Alamo, Contra Costa Centre, and Reliez Valley.

29 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Contra  
30 Costa County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

31 (1) If the location is within five miles of a district, notice shall be published in  
32 the nearest district.

33 (2) If the location is not within five miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
34 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
35 circulation.

36 **Comment.** Section 6085.160 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Contra  
37 Costa County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
38 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
39 judicial district is continued.

40 **§ 6085.170. Del Norte County**

41 6085.170. (a) Del Norte County contains the following public notice district:

42 (1) Crescent District, which is comprised of Crescent City.

1 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Del Norte  
2 County that is not within the district described in subdivision (a):

3 (1) If the location is within ten miles of the district, notice shall be published in  
4 the district.

5 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of the district, notice shall be given as  
6 if the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
7 circulation.

8 **Comment.** Section 6085.170 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Del  
9 Norte County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
10 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
11 judicial district is continued.

12 **§ 6085.180. El Dorado County**

13 6085.180. (a) El Dorado County contains the following public notice districts:

14 (1) El Dorado District, which is comprised of the unincorporated areas known as  
15 Cameron Park, Diamond Springs, and El Dorado Hills.

16 (2) Lake Valley District, which is comprised of the city of South Lake Tahoe.

17 (3) Placerville District, which is comprised of the city of Placerville.

18 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within El  
19 Dorado County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

20 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
21 nearest district.

22 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
23 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
24 circulation.

25 **Comment.** Section 6085.180 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for El  
26 Dorado County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
27 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
28 judicial district is continued.

29 **§ 6085.190. Fresno County**

30 6085.190. (a) Fresno County contains the following public notice districts:

31 (1) Clovis District, which is comprised of the city of Clovis and the  
32 unincorporated area known as Tarpey Village.

33 (2) Coalinga District, which is comprised of the cities of Coalinga and Huron.

34 (3) Firebaugh District, which is comprised of the cities of Firebaugh and  
35 Mendota.

36 (4) Fowler District, which is comprised of the city of Fowler.

37 (5) Fresno District, which is comprised of the city of Fresno.

38 (6) Kerman District, which is comprised of the cities of Kerman and San  
39 Joaquin.

40 (7) Kingsburg District, which is comprised of the city of Kingsburg.

41 (8) Parlier District, which is comprised of the city of Parlier and the  
42 unincorporated area known as Del Rey.

1 (9) Reedley District, which is comprised of the cities of Orange Cove and  
2 Reedley.

3 (10) Sanger District, which is comprised of the city of Sanger.

4 (11) Selma District, which is comprised of the city of Selma.

5 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Fresno  
6 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

7 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
8 nearest district.

9 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
10 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
11 circulation.

12 **Comment.** Section 6085.190 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Fresno  
13 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
14 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
15 is continued.

16 **§ 6085.200. Glenn County**

17 6085.200. (a) Glenn County contains the following public notice districts:

18 (1) Orland District, which is comprised of the city of Orland.

19 (2) Willows District, which is comprised of the city of Willows.

20 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Glenn  
21 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

22 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
23 nearest district.

24 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
25 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
26 circulation.

27 **Comment.** Section 6085.200 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Glenn  
28 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
29 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

30 **§ 6085.210. Humboldt County**

31 6085.210. (a) Humboldt County contains the following public notice districts:

32 (1) Arcata District, which is comprised of the cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, and  
33 Trinidad and the unincorporated area known as McKinleyville.

34 (2) Eureka District, which is comprised of the city of Eureka.

35 (3) Fortuna District, which is comprised of the cities of Ferndale, Fortuna, and  
36 Rio Dell.

37 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Humboldt  
38 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

39 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
40 nearest district.

1 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
2 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
3 circulation.

4 **Comment.** Section 6085.210 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
5 Humboldt County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
6 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
7 judicial district is continued.

8 **§ 6085.220. Imperial County**

9 6085.220. (a) Imperial County contains the following public notice districts:

10 (1) Brawley District, which is comprised of the city of Brawley.

11 (2) Calexico District, which is comprised of the city of Calexico.

12 (3) Calipatria District, which is comprised of the city of Calipatria.

13 (4) El Centro District, which is comprised of the city of El Centro.

14 (5) Holtville District, which is comprised of the city of Holtville.

15 (6) Imperial District, which is comprised of the city of Imperial.

16 (7) Westmoreland District, which is comprised of the city of Westmoreland.

17 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Imperial  
18 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

19 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
20 nearest district.

21 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
22 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
23 circulation.

24 **Comment.** Section 6085.220 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
25 Imperial County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
26 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
27 judicial district is continued.

28 **§ 6085.230. Inyo County**

29 6085.230. (a) Inyo County contains the following public notice district:

30 (1) Northern Inyo District, which is comprised of the city of Bishop.

31 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Inyo  
32 County that is not within the district described in subdivision (a):

33 (1) If the location is within ten miles of the district, notice shall be published in  
34 the district.

35 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of the district, notice shall be given as  
36 if the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
37 circulation.

38 **Comment.** Section 6085.230 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Inyo  
39 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
40 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
41 is continued.

1    **§ 6085.240. Kern County**

2       6085.240. (a) Kern County contains the following public notice districts:

3       (1) Arvin-Lamont District, which is comprised of the city of Arvin and the  
4       unincorporated areas known as Lamont and Weedpatch.

5       (2) Bakersfield District, which is comprised of the city of Bakersfield and the  
6       unincorporated areas known as Oildale and Rosedale.

7       (3) Delano-McFarland District, which is comprised of the cities of Delano and  
8       McFarland.

9       (4) Indian Wells District, which is comprised of the city of Ridgecrest.

10      (5) Kern River-Rand District, which is comprised of the unincorporated areas  
11      known as Bodfish, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Weldon, and Wofford Heights.

12      (6) Maricopa-Taft District, which is comprised of the cities of Maricopa and  
13      Taft.

14      (7) Mojave District, which is comprised of California City and the  
15      unincorporated areas known as Mojave and Rosamond.

16      (8) Shafter District, which is comprised of the city of Shafter.

17      (9) Tehachapi District, which is comprised of the city of Tehachapi and the  
18      unincorporated area known as Bear Valley Springs.

19      (10) Wasco District, which is comprised of the city of Wasco.

20      (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Kern  
21      County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

22      (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
23      nearest district.

24      (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
25      the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
26      circulation.

27      **Comment.** Section 6085.240 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Kern  
28      County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
29      notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
30      is continued.

31    **§ 6085.250. Kings County**

32      6085.250. (a) Kings County contains the following public notice districts:

33      (1) Avenal District, which is comprised of the city of Avenal.

34      (2) Corcoran District, which is comprised of the city of Corcoran.

35      (3) Hanford District, which is comprised of the city of Hanford.

36      (4) Lemoore District, which is comprised of the city of Lemoore.

37      (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Kings  
38      County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

39      (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
40      nearest district.

1 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
2 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
3 circulation.

4 **Comment.** Section 6085.250 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Kings  
5 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
6 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

7 **§ 6085.260. Lake County**

8 6085.260. (a) Lake County contains the following public notice districts:

9 (1) Clearlake Highlands District, which is comprised of the city of Clearlake.

10 (2) Lakeport District, which is comprised of the city of Lakeport.

11 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Lake  
12 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

13 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
14 nearest district.

15 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
16 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
17 circulation.

18 **Comment.** Section 6085.260 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Lake  
19 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
20 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
21 is continued.

22 **§ 6085.270. Lassen County**

23 6085.270. (a) Lassen County contains the following public notice district:

24 (1) Westwood-Honey Lake District, which is comprised of the city of Susanville  
25 and the unincorporated area known as Westwood.

26 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Lassen  
27 County that is not within the district described in subdivision (a):

28 (1) If the location is within ten miles of the district, notice shall be published in  
29 the district.

30 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of the district, notice shall be given as  
31 if the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
32 circulation.

33 **Comment.** Section 6085.270 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Lassen  
34 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
35 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
36 is continued.

37 **§ 6085.280. Los Angeles County**

38 6085.280. (a) Los Angeles County contains the following public notice districts:

39 (1) Alhambra District, which is comprised of the cities of Alhambra, Monterey  
40 Park, San Gabriel, and Temple City and the unincorporated areas known as East  
41 San Gabriel and South San Gabriel.

1 (2) Antelope District, which is comprised of the cities of Lancaster and  
2 Palmdale and the unincorporated areas known as Antelope, Del Sur, Elizabeth  
3 Lake, Green Valley, Lake Hughes, Lake Los Angeles, Leona Valley, Little Rock,  
4 Llano, Pearblossom, Quartz Hill, Sun Village, and Wilsona.

5 (3) Beverly Hills District, which is comprised of the cities of Beverly Hills and  
6 West Hollywood.

7 (4) Burbank District, which is comprised of the city of Burbank.

8 (5) Catalina District, which is comprised of San Clemente Island and Santa  
9 Catalina Island.

10 (6) Citrus District, which is comprised of the cities of Azuza, Baldwin Park,  
11 Covina, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, and West Covina and the unincorporated  
12 areas known as Citrus, Charter Oak, Rowland Heights, South San Jose Hills,  
13 Valinda, Vincent, and West Puente Valley.

14 (7) Compton District, which is comprised of the cities of Carson, Compton,  
15 Lynwood, and Paramount and the unincorporated areas known as Athens, East  
16 Compton, East Rancho Dominguez, West Carson, West Compton, West Rancho  
17 Dominguez, and Willowbrook.

18 (8) Culver District, which is comprised of Culver City and the unincorporated  
19 areas known as Centinela, Ladera Heights, Marina Del Rey, View Park, and  
20 Windsor Hills.

21 (9) Downey District, which is comprised of the cities of Downey, La Mirada,  
22 and Norwalk.

23 (10) East Los Angeles District, which is comprised of the cities of Commerce  
24 and Montebello and the unincorporated areas known as Belvedere and East Los  
25 Angeles.

26 (11) El Monte-Rio Hondo District, which is comprised of the cities of El Monte,  
27 La Puente, Rosemead, and South El Monte and the unincorporated areas known as  
28 Avocado Heights, East Arcadia, Hacienda Heights, Mayflower Village, North El  
29 Monte, and Rio Hondo.

30 (12) Glendale District, which is comprised of the cities of Glendale and La  
31 Cañada Flintridge and the unincorporated areas known as La Crescenta and  
32 Montrose.

33 (13) Inglewood District, which is comprised of the cities of El Segundo,  
34 Hawthorne, and Inglewood and the unincorporated areas known as Del Aire,  
35 Lennox, West Athens, and Westmont.

36 (14) Long Beach District, which is comprised of the cities of Long Beach and  
37 Signal Hill.

38 (15) Los Angeles District, which is comprised of the cities of Los Angeles and  
39 San Fernando.

40 (16) Los Cerritos District, which is comprised of the cities of Artesia, Bell  
41 Flower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, and Lakewood.



1 (17) Malibu District, which is comprised of the cities of Agoura Hills,  
2 Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village and the unincorporated  
3 areas known as Agoura, Malibu Heights, Topanga, and West Hills.

4 (18) Newhall-Soledad District, which is comprised of the city of Santa Clarita  
5 and the unincorporated areas known as Acton, Agua Dulce, Castaic, Canyon  
6 Country, Halsey Canyon, Gorman, Neenach, Newhall, Santa Susana Mountains,  
7 Saugus, Stevenson Ranch, Val Verde, and Valencia.

8 (19) Pasadena District, which is comprised of the cities of Pasadena, San  
9 Marino, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena and the unincorporated areas known as  
10 Altadena, East Pasadena, Kinneloa Mesa, and San Pasqual.

11 (20) Pomona District, which is comprised of the cities of Claremont, Diamond  
12 Bar, La Verne, Pomona, San Dimas, and Walnut.

13 (21) Santa Anita District, which is comprised of the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury,  
14 Duarte, and Monrovia and the unincorporated area known as South Monrovia  
15 Island.

16 (22) Santa Monica District, which is comprised of the city of Santa Monica.

17 (23) Southeast District, which is comprised of the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens,  
18 Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, South Gate, and Vernon and the  
19 unincorporated areas known as Florence-Graham and Walnut Park.

20 (24) South Bay District, which is comprised of the cities of Gardena, Hermosa  
21 Beach, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos  
22 Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance and the  
23 unincorporated areas known as Alondra Park and El Camino Village.

24 (25) Whittier District, which is comprised of the cities of La Habra Heights,  
25 Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier and the unincorporated areas known  
26 as East Whittier, Rose Hills, South Whittier, and West Whittier-Los Nietos.

27 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Los  
28 Angeles County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

29 (1) If the location is within five miles of a district, notice shall be published in  
30 the nearest district.

31 (2) If the location is not within five miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
32 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
33 circulation.

34 **Comment.** Section 6085.280 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Los  
35 Angeles County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
36 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

37 **§ 6085.290. Madera County**

38 6085.290. (a) Madera County contains the following public notice districts:

39 (1) Chowchilla District, which is comprised of the city of Chowchilla.

40 (2) Madera District, which is comprised of the city of Madera.

41 (3) Sierra District, which is comprised of the unincorporated areas known as  
42 Ahwahnee, Coarsegold, Oakhurst, and Yosemite Lakes.

1 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Madera  
2 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

3 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
4 nearest district.

5 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
6 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
7 circulation.

8 **Comment.** Section 6085.290 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Madera  
9 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
10 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

11 **§ 6085.300. Marin County**

12 6085.300. (a) Marin County contains the following public notice district:

13 (1) Central District, which is comprised of the cities of Belvedere, Corte  
14 Madera, Fairfax, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Novato, Ross, San Anselmo, San Rafael,  
15 Sausalito, and Tiburon and the unincorporated area known as Tamalpais-  
16 Homestead Valley.

17 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Marin  
18 County that is not within the district described in subdivision (a):

19 (1) If the location is within ten miles of the district, notice shall be published in  
20 the district.

21 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of the district, notice shall be given as  
22 if the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
23 circulation.

24 **Comment.** Section 6085.300 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Marin  
25 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
26 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
27 is continued.

28 **§ 6085.310. Mariposa County**

29 6085.310. Mariposa County contains a single, countywide public notice district.

30 **Comment.** Section 6085.310 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for  
31 Mariposa County. This district is the successor to the former judicial districts that were preserved  
32 for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

33 **§ 6085.320. Mendocino County**

34 6085.320. (a) Mendocino County contains the following public notice districts:

35 (1) Arena District, which is comprised of the city of Point Arena.

36 (2) Little Lake District, which is comprised of the city of Willits.

37 (3) Ten Mile River District, which is comprised of the city of Fort Bragg.

38 (4) Ukiah District, which is comprised of the city of Ukiah.

39 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within  
40 Mendocino County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision  
41 (a):

1 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
2 nearest district.

3 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
4 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
5 circulation.

6 **Comment.** Section 6085.320 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
7 Mendocino County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
8 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
9 judicial district is continued.

10 **§ 6085.330. Merced County**

11 6085.330. (a) Merced County contains the following public notice districts:

12 (1) Atwater District, which is comprised of the city of Atwater and the  
13 unincorporated areas known as Cressey, McSwain, and Winton.

14 (2) Dos Palos District, which is comprised of the city of Dos Palos.

15 (3) Gustine District, which is comprised of the city of Gustine.

16 (4) Livingston District, which is comprised of the city of Livingston and the  
17 unincorporated areas known as Ballico, Delhi, and Stevinson.

18 (5) Los Banos District, which is comprised of the city of Los Banos and the  
19 unincorporated area known as Santa Nella.

20 (6) Merced District, which is comprised of the city of Merced and the  
21 unincorporated area known as Franklin.

22 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Merced  
23 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

24 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
25 nearest district.

26 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
27 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
28 circulation.

29 **Comment.** Section 6085.330 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Merced  
30 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
31 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
32 is continued.

33 **§ 6085.340. Modoc County**

34 6085.340. (a) Modoc County contains the following public notice district:

35 (1) Alturas District, which is comprised of the city of Alturas.

36 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Modoc  
37 County that is not within the district described in subdivision (a):

38 (1) If the location is within ten miles of the district, notice shall be published in  
39 the district.

40 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of the district, notice shall be given as  
41 if the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
42 circulation.

1       **Comment.** Section 6085.340 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Modoc  
2 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
3 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
4 is continued.

5       **§ 6085.350. Mono County**

6       6085.350. Mono County contains a single, countywide public notice district.

7       **Comment.** Section 6085.350 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for Mono  
8 County. This district is the successor to the former countywide judicial district that was preserved  
9 for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

10       **§ 6085.360. Monterey County**

11       6085.360. (a) Monterey County contains the following public notice districts:

12       (1) Castroville-Pajaro District, which is comprised of the unincorporated areas  
13 known as Castroville, Pajaro, and Pruneville.

14       (2) Gonzales District, which is comprised of the city of Gonzales.

15       (3) Greenfield District, which is comprised of the city of Greenfield.

16       (4) King City District, which is comprised of King City.

17       (5) Monterey-Carmel District, which is comprised of the cities of Carmel, Del  
18 Rey Oaks, Monterey, Sand City, and Seaside.

19       (6) Pacific Grove District, which is comprised of the city of Pacific Grove and  
20 the unincorporated area known as Del Monte Forest.

21       (7) Salinas District, which is comprised of the cities of Marina and Salinas.

22       (8) Soledad District, which is comprised of the city of Soledad.

23       (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Monterey  
24 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

25       (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
26 nearest district.

27       (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
28 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
29 circulation.

30       **Comment.** Section 6085.360 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
31 Monterey County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
32 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
33 judicial district is continued.

34       **§ 6085.370. Napa County**

35       6085.370. (a) Napa County contains the following public notice districts:

36       (1) Calistoga District, which is comprised of the city of Calistoga.

37       (2) Napa District, which is comprised of the cities of American Canyon, Napa,  
38 and Yountville.

39       (3) St. Helena District, which is comprised of the city of St. Helena and the  
40 unincorporated areas known as Angwin, Oakville, and Rutherford.

41       (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Napa  
42 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

1 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
2 nearest district.

3 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
4 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
5 circulation.

6 **Comment.** Section 6085.370 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Napa  
7 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
8 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

9 **§ 6085.380. Nevada County**

10 6085.380. (a) Nevada County contains the following public notice districts:

11 (1) Grass Valley District, which is comprised of the city of Grass Valley.

12 (2) Nevada District, which is comprised of Nevada City.

13 (3) Truckee District, which is comprised of the city of Truckee.

14 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Nevada  
15 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

16 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
17 nearest district.

18 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
19 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
20 circulation.

21 **Comment.** Section 6085.380 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Nevada  
22 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
23 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

24 **§ 6085.390. Orange County**

25 6085.390. (a) Orange County contains the following public notice districts:

26 (1) Central Orange County District, which is comprised of the cities of Orange,  
27 Santa Ana, Tustin, and Villa Park and the unincorporated area known as North  
28 Tustin.

29 (2) North Orange County District, which is comprised of the cities of Anaheim,  
30 Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, Garden Grove, La Habra, La Palma,  
31 Placentia, Stanton, and Yorba Linda.

32 (3) Orange County Harbor District, which is comprised of the cities of Costa  
33 Mesa, Irvine, and Newport Beach.

34 (4) South Orange County District, which is comprised of the cities of Aliso  
35 Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods,  
36 Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, and San Juan  
37 Capistrano and the unincorporated areas known as Coto de Caza and Ladera  
38 Ranch.

39 (5) West Orange County District, which is comprised of the cities of Fountain  
40 Valley, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, and Westminster and the  
41 unincorporated area known as Rossmoor.

1 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Orange  
2 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

3 (1) If the location is within five miles of a district, notice shall be published in  
4 the nearest district.

5 (2) If the location is not within five miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
6 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
7 circulation.

8 **Comment.** Section 6085.390 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Orange  
9 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
10 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

11 **§ 6085.400. Placer County**

12 6085.400. (a) Placer County contains the following public notice districts:

13 (1) Auburn District, which is comprised of the city of Auburn and the  
14 unincorporated areas known as Meadow Vista, Newcastle, and North Auburn.

15 (2) Colfax-Alta-Dutch Flat District, which is comprised of the city of Colfax and  
16 the unincorporated areas known as Alta and Dutch Flat.

17 (3) Lincoln District, which is comprised of the city of Lincoln.

18 (4) Loomis District, which is comprised of the cities of Loomis and Rocklin and  
19 the unincorporated areas known as Granite Bay and Penryn.

20 (5) Roseville District, which is comprised of the city of Roseville.

21 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Placer  
22 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

23 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
24 nearest district.

25 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
26 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
27 circulation.

28 **Comment.** Section 6085.400 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Placer  
29 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
30 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
31 is continued.

32 **§ 6085.410. Plumas County**

33 6085.410. (a) Plumas County contains the following public notice district:

34 (1) Beckwourth District, which is comprised of the city of Portola and the  
35 unincorporated area known as Beckwourth.

36 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Plumas  
37 County that is not within the district described in subdivision (a):

38 (1) If the location is within ten miles of the district, notice shall be published in  
39 the district.

40 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of the district, notice shall be given as  
41 if the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
42 circulation.

1 **Comment.** Section 6085.410 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Plumas  
2 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
3 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
4 is continued.

5 **§ 6085.420. Riverside County**

6 6085.420. (a) Riverside County contains the following public notice districts:

7 (1) Beaumont District, which is comprised of the cities of Beaumont and  
8 Calimesa and the unincorporated area known as Cherry Valley.

9 (2) Coachella District, which is comprised of the city of Coachella and the  
10 unincorporated areas known as Thermal and Vista Santa Rosa.

11 (3) Corona District, which is comprised of the cities of Corona, Eastvale, and  
12 Norco and the unincorporated areas known as El Sobrante, Home Gardens, and  
13 Temescal Valley.

14 (4) Desert District, which is comprised of the cities of Cathedral City, Desert  
15 Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and  
16 Rancho Mirage.

17 (5) Elsinore District, which is comprised of the cities of Canyon Lake, Lake  
18 Elsinore, and Wildomar and the unincorporated areas known as Lakeland Village  
19 and Meadowbrook.

20 (6) Hemet District, which is comprised of the city of Hemet and the  
21 unincorporated areas known as East Hemet, Green Acres, Idyllwild-Pine Cove,  
22 Valle Vista, and Winchester.

23 (7) Jurupa District, which is comprised of the city of Jurupa Valley.

24 (8) Mecca District, which is comprised of the unincorporated areas known as  
25 Oasis and Mecca.

26 (9) Murrieta District, which is comprised of the cities of Murrieta and Temecula  
27 and the unincorporated area known as French Valley.

28 (10) Palo Verde District, which is comprised of the city of Blythe.

29 (11) Perris District, which is comprised of the cities of Menifee and Perris and  
30 the unincorporated areas known as Good Hope, Homeland, Lake Mathews, Mead  
31 Valley, and Nuevo.

32 (12) Riverside District, which is comprised of the cities of Moreno Valley and  
33 Riverside and the unincorporated areas known as March AFB and Woodcrest.

34 (13) San Geronio District, which is comprised of the city of Banning and the  
35 unincorporated areas known as Cabazon and Whitewater.

36 (14) San Jacinto District, which is comprised of the city of San Jacinto.

37 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Riverside  
38 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

39 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
40 nearest district.

41 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
42 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
43 circulation.

1 **Comment.** Section 6085.420 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
2 Riverside County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
3 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

4 **§ 6085.430. Sacramento County**

5 6085.430. (a) Sacramento County contains the following public notice districts:

6 (1) Elk Grove-Galt District, which is comprised of the cities of Elk Grove and  
7 Galt and the unincorporated areas known as Rancho Murieta, Vineyard, and  
8 Wilton.

9 (2) Fair Oaks-Folsom District, which is comprised of the city of Folsom and the  
10 unincorporated areas known as Fair Oaks, Gold River, and Orangevale.

11 (3) Sacramento District, which is comprised of the cities of Citrus Heights,  
12 Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento and the unincorporated areas known as  
13 Antelope, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Florin, Foothill Farms, La Riviera, Lemon  
14 Hill, North Highlands, Parkway, Rio Linda, and Rosemont.

15 (4) Walnut Grove-Isleton District, which is comprised of the city of Isleton and  
16 the unincorporated area known as Walnut Grove.

17 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within  
18 Sacramento County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision  
19 (a):

20 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
21 nearest district.

22 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
23 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
24 circulation.

25 **Comment.** Section 6085.430 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
26 Sacramento County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
27 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

28 **§ 6085.440. San Benito County**

29 6085.440. (a) San Benito County contains the following public notice districts:

30 (1) Hollister District, which is comprised of the city of Hollister.

31 (2) San Juan District, which is comprised of the city of San Juan Bautista.

32 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within San  
33 Benito County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

34 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
35 nearest district.

36 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
37 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
38 circulation.

39 **Comment.** Section 6085.440 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for San  
40 Benito County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
41 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
42 judicial district is continued.



1    **§ 6085.450. San Bernardino County**

2    6085.450. (a) San Bernardino County contains the following public notice  
3    districts:

4       (1) Barstow District, which is comprised of the city of Barstow.

5       (2) Bear Valley District, which is comprised of the city of Big Bear Lake and the  
6    unincorporated area known as Big Bear City.

7       (3) Bloomington District, which is comprised of the cities of Fontana and Rialto  
8    and the unincorporated areas known as Bloomington and Lytle Creek.

9       (4) Chino District, which is comprised of the cities of Chino and Chino Hills.

10      (5) Crest Forest District, which is comprised of the unincorporated areas known  
11    as Crestline and Lake Arrowhead.

12      (6) Cucamonga-Etiwanda District, which is comprised of the cities of Montclair,  
13    Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland.

14      (7) Needles District, which is comprised of the city of Needles.

15      (8) San Bernardino District, which is comprised of the cities of Colton, Grand  
16    Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, and San Bernardino and the unincorporated area  
17    known as Muscoy.

18      (9) Twentynine Palms District, which is comprised of the cities of Twentynine  
19    Palms and Yucca Valley.

20      (10) Victorville District, which is comprised of the cities of Adelanto, Apple  
21    Valley, Hesperia, and Victorville and the unincorporated areas known as Lucerne  
22    Valley and Phelan.

23      (11) Yucaipa District, which is comprised of the cities of Redlands and Yucaipa  
24    and the unincorporated area known as Mentone.

25    (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within San  
26    Bernardino County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision  
27    (a):

28       (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
29    nearest district.

30       (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
31    the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
32    circulation.

33    **Comment.** Section 6085.450 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for San  
34    Bernardino County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
35    preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
36    judicial district is continued.

37    **§ 6085.460. San Diego County**

38    6085.460. (a) San Diego County contains the following public notice districts:

39       (1) El Cajon District, which is comprised of the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa,  
40    Lemon Grove, and Santee and the unincorporated areas known as Alpine,  
41    Bostonia, Casa de Oro, Jamul, La Presa, Lakeside, Mount Helix, Ramona, Rancho  
42    San Diego, San Diego Country Estates, Spring Valley, and Winter Gardens.

1 (2) North County District, which is comprised of the cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar,  
2 Encinitas, Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos, Solana Beach, and Vista and the  
3 unincorporated areas known as Camp Pendleton, Fairbanks Ranch, Fallbrook, and  
4 Rancho Santa Fe.

5 (3) San Diego District, which is comprised of the cities of Poway and San  
6 Diego, excluding that part of the City of San Diego that is in the South Bay  
7 District.

8 (4) South Bay District, which is comprised of the cities of Chula Vista,  
9 Coronado, Imperial Beach, and National City, the unincorporated area known as  
10 Bonita, and that part of the City of San Diego lying south of the City of Chula  
11 Vista.

12 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within San  
13 Diego County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

14 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
15 nearest district.

16 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
17 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
18 circulation.

19 **Comment.** Section 6085.460 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for San  
20 Diego County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
21 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
22 judicial district is continued.

23 **§ 6085.470. City and County of San Francisco**

24 6085.470. The City and County of San Francisco contains a single, countywide  
25 public notice district.

26 **Comment.** Section 6085.470 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for the  
27 City and County of San Francisco. This district is the successor to the former countywide judicial  
28 district that was preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

29 **§ 6085.480. San Joaquin County**

30 6085.480. (a) San Joaquin County contains the following public notice districts:

31 (1) Lodi District, which is comprised of the city of Lodi.

32 (2) Manteca-Ripon-Escalon District, which is comprised of the cities of Escalon,  
33 Lathrop, Manteca, and Ripon and the unincorporated area known as French Camp.

34 (3) Stockton District, which is comprised of the city of Stockton and the  
35 unincorporated area known as Garden Acres.

36 (4) Tracy District, which is comprised of the city of Tracy.

37 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within San  
38 Joaquin County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

39 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
40 nearest district.

1 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
2 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
3 circulation.

4 **Comment.** Section 6085.480 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for San  
5 Joaquin County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
6 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

7 **§ 6085.490. San Luis Obispo County**

8 6085.490. (a) San Luis Obispo County contains the following public notice  
9 districts:

10 (1) First District, which is comprised of the city of El Paso de Robles.

11 (2) Second District, which is comprised of the city of Atascadero and the  
12 unincorporated area known as Templeton.

13 (3) Third District, which is comprised of the city of Morro Bay and the  
14 unincorporated area known as Los Osos.

15 (4) Fourth District, which is comprised of the city of San Luis Obispo and the  
16 unincorporated areas known as Avila Beach and Los Ranchos.

17 (5) Fifth District, which is comprised of the cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover  
18 Beach, and Pismo Beach and the unincorporated areas known as Edna and  
19 Nipomo.

20 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within San Luis  
21 Obispo County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

22 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
23 nearest district.

24 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
25 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
26 circulation.

27 **Comment.** Section 6085.490 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for San  
28 Luis Obispo County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
29 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

30 **§ 6085.500. San Mateo County**

31 6085.500. (a) San Mateo County contains the following public notice districts:

32 (1) Central District, which is comprised of the cities of Belmont, Burlingame,  
33 Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, and San Mateo and the  
34 unincorporated area known as Montara.

35 (2) Northern District, which is comprised of the cities of Brisbane, Colma, Daly  
36 City, Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco.

37 (3) Southern District, which is comprised of the cities of Atherton, East Palo  
38 Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, and Woodside and  
39 the unincorporated area known as North Fair Oaks.

40 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within San  
41 Mateo County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

1 (1) If the location is within five miles of a district, notice shall be published in  
2 the nearest district.

3 (2) If the location is not within five miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
4 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
5 circulation.

6 **Comment.** Section 6085.500 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for San  
7 Mateo County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
8 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

9 **§ 6085.510. Santa Barbara County**

10 6085.510. Santa Barbara County contains the following public notice districts:

11 (1) Carpinteria-Montecito District, which is comprised of the city of Carpinteria  
12 and the unincorporated area known as Montecito.

13 (2) Guadalupe District, which is comprised of the city of Guadalupe.

14 (3) Lompoc District, which is comprised of the city of Lompoc and the  
15 unincorporated area known as Vandenberg AFB.

16 (4) Santa Barbara-Goleta District, which is comprised of the cities of Goleta and  
17 Santa Barbara and the unincorporated area known as Isla Vista.

18 (5) Santa Maria District, which is comprised of the city of Santa Maria and the  
19 unincorporated areas known as Los Alamos and Orcutt.

20 (6) Solvang District, which is comprised of the cities of Buellton and Solvang.

21 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Santa  
22 Barbara County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

23 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
24 nearest district.

25 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
26 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
27 circulation.

28 **Comment.** Section 6085.510 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Santa  
29 Barbara County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
30 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

31 **§ 6085.520. Santa Clara County**

32 6085.520. (a) Santa Clara County contains the following public notice districts:

33 (1) Gilroy-Morgan Hill District, which is comprised of the cities of Gilroy and  
34 Morgan Hill.

35 (2) Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga District, which is comprised of the cities of  
36 Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga.

37 (3) Palo Alto-Mountain View District, which is comprised of the cities of Los  
38 Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, and Palo Alto and the unincorporated  
39 areas known as Loyola and Stanford.

40 (4) San Jose-Milpitas-Alviso District, which is comprised of the cities of  
41 Milpitas and San Jose and the unincorporated area known as Alum Rock.

1 (5) Santa Clara-Cupertino District, which is comprised of the cities of Cupertino  
2 and Santa Clara.

3 (6) Sunnyvale District, which is comprised of the city of Sunnyvale.

4 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Santa  
5 Clara County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

6 (1) If the location is within five miles of a district, notice shall be published in  
7 the nearest district.

8 (2) If the location is not within five miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
9 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
10 circulation.

11 **Comment.** Section 6085.520 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Santa  
12 Clara County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
13 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

14 **§ 6085.530. Santa Cruz County**

15 6085.530. Santa Cruz County contains a single, countywide public notice  
16 district.

17 **Comment.** Section 6085.530 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for Santa  
18 Cruz County. This district is the successor to the former countywide judicial district that was  
19 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

20 **§ 6085.540. Shasta County**

21 6085.540. (a) Shasta County contains the following public notice districts:

22 (1) Anderson District, which is comprised of the city of Anderson.

23 (2) Central Valley District, which is comprised of the city of Shasta Lake.

24 (3) Redding District, which is comprised of the city of Redding.

25 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Shasta  
26 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

27 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
28 nearest district.

29 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
30 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
31 circulation.

32 **Comment.** Section 6085.540 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Shasta  
33 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
34 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
35 is continued.

36 **§ 6085.550. Sierra County**

37 6085.550. Sierra County contains a single, countywide public notice district.

38 **Comment.** Section 6085.550 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for Sierra  
39 County. This district is the successor to the former countywide judicial district that was preserved  
40 for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

1 § 6085.560. Siskiyou County

2 6085.560. (a) Siskiyou County contains the following public notice districts:

3 (1) Dorris District, which is comprised of the city of Dorris.

4 (2) Dunsmuir-Mount Shasta District, which is comprised of the cities of  
5 Dunsmuir and Mount Shasta.

6 (3) Scott Valley District, which is comprised of the cities of Etna and Fort Jones.

7 (4) Shasta Valley District, which is comprised of the cities of Montague and  
8 Weed.

9 (5) Tulelake District, which is comprised of the city of Tulelake.

10 (6) Yreka District, which is comprised of the city of Yreka.

11 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Siskiyou  
12 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

13 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
14 nearest district.

15 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
16 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
17 circulation.

18 **Comment.** Section 6085.560 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
19 Siskiyou County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
20 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
21 judicial district is continued.

22 § 6085.570. Solano County

23 6085.570. (a) Solano County contains the following public notice districts:

24 (1) Benicia District, which is comprised of the city of Benicia.

25 (2) Dixon District, which is comprised of the city of Dixon.

26 (3) Fairfield-Suisun District, which is comprised of the cities of Fairfield and  
27 Suisun City.

28 (4) Rio Vista District, which is comprised of the city of Rio Vista.

29 (5) Vacaville District, which is comprised of the city of Vacaville.

30 (6) Vallejo District, which is comprised of the city of Vallejo.

31 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Solano  
32 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

33 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
34 nearest district.

35 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
36 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
37 circulation.

38 **Comment.** Section 6085.570 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Solano  
39 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
40 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

41 § 6085.580. Sonoma County

42 6085.580. (a) Sonoma County contains the following public notice districts:

1 (1) Central Sonoma County District, which is comprised of the cities of Cotati,  
2 Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol and the unincorporated areas known as  
3 Bloomfield, Forestville, and Guerneville.

4 (2) Northern District, which is comprised of the cities of Cloverdale,  
5 Healdsburg, and Windsor.

6 (3) Petaluma District, which is comprised of the city of Petaluma and the  
7 unincorporated area known as Penngrove.

8 (4) Sonoma District, which is comprised of the city of Sonoma and the  
9 unincorporated areas known as Boyes Hot Springs and Kenwood.

10 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Sonoma  
11 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

12 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
13 nearest district.

14 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
15 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
16 circulation.

17 **Comment.** Section 6085.580 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
18 Sonoma County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
19 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

20 **§ 6085.590. Stanislaus County**

21 6085.590. (a) Stanislaus County contains the following public notice districts:

22 (1) Ceres District, which is comprised of the cities of Ceres and Hughson and  
23 the unincorporated areas known as Bystrom, Keyes, and Parklawn.

24 (2) Modesto District, which is comprised of the city of Modesto and the  
25 unincorporated areas known as Airport, Del Rio, Empire, and Salida.

26 (3) Newman District, which is comprised of the city of Newman and the  
27 unincorporated area known as Crows Landing.

28 (4) Oakdale-Waterford District, which is comprised of the cities of Oakdale and  
29 Waterford.

30 (5) Patterson District, which is comprised of the city of Patterson and the  
31 unincorporated area known as Grayson.

32 (6) Riverbank District, which is comprised of the city of Riverbank.

33 (7) Turlock District, which is comprised of the city of Turlock.

34 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Stanislaus  
35 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

36 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
37 nearest district.

38 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
39 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
40 circulation.

41 **Comment.** Section 6085.590 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
42 Stanislaus County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
43 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

1    **§ 6085.600. Sutter County**

2       6085.600. (a) Sutter County contains the following public notice districts:

3       (1) Butte District, which is comprised of the city of Live Oak.

4       (2) Yuba District, which is comprised of Yuba City.

5       (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Sutter  
6 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

7       (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
8 nearest district.

9       (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
10 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
11 circulation.

12       **Comment.** Section 6085.600 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Sutter  
13 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
14 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

15    **§ 6085.610. Tehama County**

16       6085.610. (a) Tehama County contains the following public notice districts:

17       (1) Corning District, which is comprised of the city of Corning and the  
18 unincorporated area known as Los Molinos.

19       (2) Red Bluff District, which is comprised of the cities of Red Bluff and Tehama  
20 and the unincorporated area known as Gerber.

21       (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Tehama  
22 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

23       (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
24 nearest district.

25       (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
26 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
27 circulation.

28       **Comment.** Section 6085.610 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Tehama  
29 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
30 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

31    **§ 6085.620. Trinity County**

32       6085.620. Trinity County contains a single, countywide public notice district.

33       **Comment.** Section 6085.620 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for Trinity  
34 County. This district is the successor to the former judicial districts that were preserved for notice  
35 publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

36    **§ 6085.630. Tulare County**

37       6085.630. (a) Tulare County contains the following public notice districts:

38       (1) Dinuba District, which is comprised of the city of Dinuba and the  
39 unincorporated areas known as Cutler and Orosi.

40       (2) Exeter-Farmersville District, which is comprised of the cities of Exeter and  
41 Farmersville.



1 (3) Lindsay District, which is comprised of the city of Lindsay and the  
2 unincorporated area known as Strathmore.

3 (4) Pixley District, which is comprised of the unincorporated areas known as  
4 Earlimart, Pixley, Tipton, and Woodville.

5 (5) Porterville District, which is comprised of the city of Porterville and the  
6 unincorporated areas known as Cotton Center and Poplar.

7 (6) Tulare District, which is comprised of the city of Tulare.

8 (7) Visalia District, which is comprised of the city of Visalia and the  
9 unincorporated area known as Ivanhoe.

10 (8) Woodlake District, which is comprised of the city of Woodlake.

11 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Tulare  
12 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

13 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
14 nearest district.

15 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
16 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
17 circulation.

18 **Comment.** Section 6085.630 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Tulare  
19 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
20 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

21 **§ 6085.640. Tuolumne County**

22 6085.640. (a) Tuolumne County contains the following public notice district:

23 (1) Sonora District, which is comprised of the city of Sonora.

24 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within  
25 Tuolumne County that is not within the district described in subdivision (a):

26 (1) If the location is within ten miles of the district, notice shall be published in  
27 the district.

28 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of the district, notice shall be given as  
29 if the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
30 circulation.

31 **Comment.** Section 6085.640 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for  
32 Tuolumne County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were  
33 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former  
34 judicial district is continued.

35 **§ 6085.650. Ventura County**

36 6085.650. Ventura County contains a single, countywide public notice district.

37 **Comment.** Section 6085.650 is new. This section establishes a public notice district for  
38 Ventura County. This district is the successor to the former countywide judicial district that was  
39 preserved for notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5.

40 **§ 6085.660. Yolo County**

41 6085.660. (a) Yolo County contains the following public notice districts:

- 1 (1) Davis District, which is comprised of the city of Davis.
- 2 (2) Washington District, which is comprised of the city of West Sacramento.
- 3 (3) Winters District, which is comprised of the city of Winters.
- 4 (4) Woodland District, which is comprised of the city of Woodland.

5 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Yolo  
6 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

7 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
8 nearest district.

9 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
10 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
11 circulation.

12 **Comment.** Section 6085.660 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Yolo  
13 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
14 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
15 is continued.

16 **§ 6085.670. Yuba County**

17 6085.670. (a) Yuba County contains the following public notice districts:

18 (1) Marysville District, which is comprised of the city of Marysville and the  
19 unincorporated areas known as Linda, Olivehurst, and Plumas Lake.

20 (2) Wheatland District, which is comprised of the city of Wheatland and the  
21 unincorporated area known as Beale AFB.

22 (b) For the purpose of publishing notice arising from a location within Yuba  
23 County that is not within one of the districts described in subdivision (a):

24 (1) If the location is within ten miles of a district, notice shall be published in the  
25 nearest district.

26 (2) If the location is not within ten miles of a district, notice shall be given as if  
27 the location is in a public notice district without a newspaper of general  
28 circulation.

29 **Comment.** Section 6085.670 is new. This section establishes public notice districts for Yuba  
30 County. These districts are the successors to the former judicial districts that were preserved for  
31 notice publication in accordance with former Section 71042.5. Not every former judicial district  
32 is continued.

## CONFORMING REVISIONS

### BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

**Bus. & Prof. Code § 21707 (amended). Notice requirement for self-storage facility lien sale**

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 21707 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

21707. (a) After the expiration of the time given in the notice of lien sale, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 21705, or following the failure of a claimant to pay rent or obtain a court order pursuant to Section 21709, an advertisement of the sale shall be published once a week for two weeks consecutively in a newspaper of general circulation published in the ~~judicial~~ public notice district where the sale is to be held. The advertisement shall include a general description of the goods, the name of the person on whose account they are being stored, and the name and location of the storage facility. If there is no newspaper of general circulation published in the ~~judicial~~ public notice district where the sale is to be held, the advertisement shall be posted at least 10 days before the sale in not less than six conspicuous places in the neighborhood of the proposed sale. The sale shall be conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. After deducting the amount of the lien and costs of sale, the owner shall retain any excess proceeds of the sale on the occupant's behalf. The occupant, or any other person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, may claim the excess proceeds, or a portion thereof sufficient to satisfy the particular claim, at any time within one year of the date of sale. Thereafter, the owner shall pay any remaining excess proceeds to the treasury of the county in which the sale was held.

(b) For the purposes of this section, publication of notice in a public notice district is governed by Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

**Comment.** Section 21707 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice district” and to refer to the provisions governing publication of notice in a “public notice district.”

### CIVIL CODE

**Civ. Code § 2924f (amended). Home foreclosure sale made under power of sale**

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 2924f of the Civil Code is amended to read:

2924f. (a) As used in this section and Sections 2924g and 2924h, “property” means real property or a leasehold estate therein, and “calendar week” means Monday through Saturday, inclusive.

(b)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c), before any sale of property can be made under the power of sale contained in any deed of trust or mortgage, or any resale resulting from a rescission for a failure of consideration pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 2924h, notice of the sale thereof shall be given by

1 posting a written notice of the time of sale and of the street address and the  
2 specific place at the street address where the sale will be held, and describing the  
3 property to be sold, at least 20 days before the date of sale in one public place in  
4 the city where the property is to be sold, if the property is to be sold in a city, or, if  
5 not, then in one public place in the ~~judicial district in which~~ area of the property is  
6 to be sold, and publishing a copy once a week for three consecutive calendar  
7 weeks.

8 (2) The first publication to be at least 20 days before the date of sale, in a  
9 newspaper of general circulation published in the city in which the property or  
10 some part thereof is situated, if any part thereof is situated in a city, if not, then in  
11 a newspaper of general circulation published in the ~~judicial~~ public notice district in  
12 which the property or some part thereof is situated, or in case no newspaper of  
13 general circulation is published in the city or ~~judicial~~ public notice district, as the  
14 case may be, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in  
15 which the property or some part thereof is situated, or in case no newspaper of  
16 general circulation is published in the city or ~~judicial~~ public notice district or  
17 county, as the case may be, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the  
18 county in this state that is contiguous to the county in which the property or some  
19 part thereof is situated and has, by comparison with all similarly contiguous  
20 counties, the highest population based upon total county population as determined  
21 by the most recent federal decennial census published by the Bureau of the  
22 Census. For the purposes of this section, publication of notice in a public notice  
23 district is governed by Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) of Division 7  
24 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

25 (3) A copy of the notice of sale shall also be posted in a conspicuous place on  
26 the property to be sold at least 20 days before the date of sale, where possible and  
27 where not restricted for any reason. If the property is a single-family residence the  
28 posting shall be on a door of the residence, but, if not possible or restricted, then  
29 the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the property; however, if  
30 access is denied because a common entrance to the property is restricted by a  
31 guard gate or similar impediment, the property may be posted at that guard gate or  
32 similar impediment to any development community.

33 (4) The notice of sale shall conform to the minimum requirements of Section  
34 6043 of the Government Code and be recorded with the county recorder of the  
35 county in which the property or some part thereof is situated at least 20 days prior  
36 to the date of sale.

37 (5) The notice of sale shall contain the name, street address in this state, which  
38 may reflect an agent of the trustee, and either a toll-free telephone number or  
39 telephone number in this state of the trustee, and the name of the original trustor,  
40 and also shall contain the statement required by paragraph (3) of subdivision (c).  
41 In addition to any other description of the property, the notice shall describe the  
42 property by giving its street address, if any, or other common designation, if any,  
43 and a county assessor's parcel number; but if the property has no street address or

1 other common designation, the notice shall contain a legal description of the  
2 property, the name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is to be  
3 conducted, and a statement that directions may be obtained pursuant to a written  
4 request submitted to the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of  
5 the notice. Directions shall be deemed reasonably sufficient to locate the property  
6 if information as to the location of the property is given by reference to the  
7 direction and approximate distance from the nearest crossroads, frontage road, or  
8 access road. If a legal description or a county assessor's parcel number and either  
9 a street address or another common designation of the property is given, the  
10 validity of the notice and the validity of the sale shall not be affected by the fact  
11 that the street address, other common designation, name and address of the  
12 beneficiary, or the directions obtained therefrom are erroneous or that the street  
13 address, other common designation, name and address of the beneficiary, or  
14 directions obtained therefrom are omitted.

15 (6) The term "newspaper of general circulation," as used in this section, has the  
16 same meaning as defined in Article 1 (commencing with Section 6000) of Chapter  
17 1 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

18 (7) The notice of sale shall contain a statement of the total amount of the unpaid  
19 balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonably  
20 estimated costs, expenses, advances at the time of the initial publication of the  
21 notice of sale, and, if republished pursuant to a cancellation of a cash equivalent  
22 pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 2924h, a reference of that fact; provided,  
23 that the trustee shall incur no liability for any good faith error in stating the proper  
24 amount, including any amount provided in good faith by or on behalf of the  
25 beneficiary. An inaccurate statement of this amount shall not affect the validity of  
26 any sale to a bona fide purchaser for value, nor shall the failure to post the notice  
27 of sale on a door as provided by this subdivision affect the validity of any sale to a  
28 bona fide purchaser for value.

29 (8)(A) On and after April 1, 2012, if the deed of trust or mortgage containing a  
30 power of sale is secured by real property containing from one to four single-family  
31 residences, the notice of sale shall contain substantially the following language, in  
32 addition to the language required pursuant to paragraphs (1) to (7), inclusive:

33 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this  
34 property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a  
35 trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing  
36 the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and  
37 clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being  
38 auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you  
39 are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned  
40 off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to  
41 investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on  
42 this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance

1 company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult  
2 either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more  
3 than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

4 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale  
5 may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a  
6 court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires  
7 that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to  
8 the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn  
9 whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled  
10 time and date for the sale of this property, you may call [telephone number for  
11 information regarding the trustee's sale] or visit this Internet Web site [Internet  
12 Web site address for information regarding the sale of this property], using the file  
13 number assigned to this case [case file number]. Information about postponements  
14 that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may  
15 not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web  
16 site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled  
17 sale.

18 (B) A mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or authorized agent shall make a good  
19 faith effort to provide up-to-date information regarding sale dates and  
20 postponements to persons who wish this information. This information shall be  
21 made available free of charge. It may be made available via an Internet Web site, a  
22 telephone recording that is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or  
23 through any other means that allows 24 hours a day, seven days a week, no-cost  
24 access to updated information. A disruption of any of these methods of providing  
25 sale date and postponement information to allow for reasonable maintenance or  
26 due to a service outage shall not be deemed to be a violation of the good faith  
27 standard.

28 (C) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), nothing in the wording of the  
29 notices required by subparagraph (A) is intended to modify or create any  
30 substantive rights or obligations for any person providing, or specified in, either of  
31 the required notices. Failure to comply with subparagraph (A) or (B) shall not  
32 invalidate any sale that would otherwise be valid under Section 2924f.

33 (D) Information provided pursuant to subparagraph (A) does not constitute the  
34 public declaration required by subdivision (d) of Section 2924g.

35 (9) If the sale of the property is to be a unified sale as provided in subparagraph  
36 (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 9604 of the Commercial Code,  
37 the notice of sale shall also contain a description of the personal property or  
38 fixtures to be sold. In the case where it is contemplated that all of the personal  
39 property or fixtures are to be sold, the description in the notice of the personal  
40 property or fixtures shall be sufficient if it is the same as the description of the  
41 personal property or fixtures contained in the agreement creating the security  
42 interest in or encumbrance on the personal property or fixtures or the filed

1 financing statement relating to the personal property or fixtures. In all other cases,  
2 the description in the notice shall be sufficient if it would be a sufficient  
3 description of the personal property or fixtures under Section 9108 of the  
4 Commercial Code. Inclusion of a reference to or a description of personal property  
5 or fixtures in a notice of sale hereunder shall not constitute an election by the  
6 secured party to conduct a unified sale pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph  
7 (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 9604 of the Commercial Code, shall not obligate  
8 the secured party to conduct a unified sale pursuant to subparagraph (B) of  
9 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 9604 of the Commercial Code, and in  
10 no way shall render defective or noncomplying either that notice or a sale pursuant  
11 to that notice by reason of the fact that the sale includes none or less than all of the  
12 personal property or fixtures referred to or described in the notice. This paragraph  
13 shall not otherwise affect the obligations or duties of a secured party under the  
14 Commercial Code.

15 (c)(1) This subdivision applies only to deeds of trust or mortgages which contain  
16 a power of sale and which are secured by real property containing a single-family,  
17 owner-occupied residence, where the obligation secured by the deed of trust or  
18 mortgage is contained in a contract for goods or services subject to the provisions  
19 of the Unruh Act (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1801) of Title 2 of Part 4  
20 of Division 3).

21 (2) Except as otherwise expressly set forth in this subdivision, all other  
22 provisions of law relating to the exercise of a power of sale shall govern the  
23 exercise of a power of sale contained in a deed of trust or mortgage described in  
24 paragraph (1).

25 (3) If any default of the obligation secured by a deed of trust or mortgage  
26 described in paragraph (1) has not been cured within 30 days after the recordation  
27 of the notice of default, the trustee or mortgagee shall mail to the trustor or  
28 mortgagor, at his or her last known address, a copy of the following statement:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A
_____
(Deed of trust or mortgage)
DATED _____. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

29 (4) All sales of real property pursuant to a power of sale contained in any deed  
30 of trust or mortgage described in paragraph (1) shall be held in the county where

1 the residence is located and shall be made to the person making the highest offer.  
2 The trustee may receive offers during the 10-day period immediately prior to the  
3 date of sale and if any offer is accepted in writing by both the trustor or mortgagor  
4 and the beneficiary or mortgagee prior to the time set for sale, the sale shall be  
5 postponed to a date certain and prior to which the property may be conveyed by  
6 the trustor to the person making the offer according to its terms. The offer is  
7 revocable until accepted. The performance of the offer, following acceptance,  
8 according to its terms, by a conveyance of the property to the offeror, shall operate  
9 to terminate any further proceeding under the notice of sale and it shall be deemed  
10 revoked.

11 (5) In addition to the trustee fee pursuant to Section 2924c, the trustee or  
12 mortgagee pursuant to a deed of trust or mortgage subject to this subdivision shall  
13 be entitled to charge an additional fee of fifty dollars (\$50).

14 (6) This subdivision applies only to property on which notices of default were  
15 filed on or after the effective date of this subdivision.

16 (d) With respect to residential real property containing no more than four  
17 dwelling units, a separate document containing a summary of the notice of sale  
18 information in English and the languages described in Section 1632 shall be  
19 attached to the notice of sale provided to the mortgagor or trustor pursuant to  
20 Section 2923.3.

21 **Comment.** Paragraph (b)(1) of Section 2924f is amended to reflect the elimination of former  
22 judicial districts as a location for publication of notice. Paragraph (b)(2) is amended to replace  
23 “judicial district” with “public notice district” and refer to the provisions governing publication of  
24 notice in a “public notice district.”

25 **Civ. Code § 3440.1 (amended). Exemption of debtor’s conveyance of personal property**  
26 **without delivery from fraudulent transfer rules**

27 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 3440.1 of the Civil Code is amended to read:

28 3440.1. This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

29 (a) Things in action.

30 (b) Ships or cargoes if either are at sea or in a foreign port.

31 (c) The sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes  
32 governed by the Uniform Commercial Code, security interests, and contracts of  
33 bottomry or respondentia.

34 (d) Wines or brandies in the wineries, distilleries, or wine cellars of the makers  
35 or owners of the wines or brandies, or other persons having possession, care, and  
36 control of the wines or brandies, and the pipes, casks, and tanks in which the wines  
37 or brandies are contained, if the transfers are made in writing and executed and  
38 acknowledged, and if the transfers are recorded in the book of official records in  
39 the office of the county recorder of the county in which the wines, brandies, pipes,  
40 casks, and tanks are situated.

41 (e) A transfer or assignment made for the benefit of creditors generally or by an  
42 assignee acting under an assignment for the benefit of creditors generally.



1 (f) Property exempt from enforcement of a money judgment.

2 (g) Standing timber.

3 (h) Subject to the limitations in Section 3440.3, a transfer of personal property if  
4 all of the following conditions are satisfied:

5 (1) Before the date of the intended transfer, the transferor or the transferee files a  
6 financing statement, with respect to the property transferred, authorized in an  
7 authenticated record by the transferor. The financing statement shall be filed in the  
8 office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with  
9 Section 9501) of Division 9 of the Commercial Code, but may use the terms  
10 “transferor” in lieu of “debtor” and “transferee” in lieu of “secured party.” The  
11 provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 9501) of Division 9 of the  
12 Commercial Code shall apply as appropriate to the financing statement.

13 (2) The transferor or the transferee publishes a notice of the intended transfer  
14 one time in a newspaper of general circulation published in the ~~judicial public~~  
15 notice district in which the personal property is located, if there is one, and if there  
16 is none in the judicial public notice district, then in a newspaper of general  
17 circulation in the county embracing the judicial district in which the personal  
18 property is located. The publication shall be completed not less than 10 days  
19 before the date the transfer occurs. The notice shall contain the name and address  
20 of the transferor and transferee and a general statement of the character of the  
21 personal property intended to be transferred, and shall indicate the place where the  
22 personal property is located and a date on or after which the transfer is to be made.

23 (i) Personal property not located within this state at the time of the transfer or  
24 attachment of the lien if the provisions of this subdivision are not used for the  
25 purpose of evading this chapter.

26 (j) A transfer of property that (1) is subject to a statute or treaty of the United  
27 States or a statute of this state that provides for the registration of transfers of title  
28 or issuance of certificates of title and (2) is so far perfected under that statute or  
29 treaty that a bona fide purchaser cannot acquire an interest in the property  
30 transferred that is superior to the interest of the transferee.

31 (k) A transfer of personal property in connection with a transaction in which the  
32 property is immediately thereafter leased by the transferor from the transferee  
33 provided the transferee purchased the property for value and in good faith pursuant  
34 to subdivision (c) of Section 10308 of the Commercial Code.

35 (l) Water supply property, as defined in Section 849 of the Public Utilities Code.

36 (m) A transfer of property by any governmental entity.

37 (n) For the purposes of this section, publication of notice in a public notice  
38 district is governed by Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) of Division 7  
39 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

40 **Comment.** Section 3440.1 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice district”  
41 and refer to the provisions governing publication of notice in a “public notice district.”

1 **Civ. Code § 3440.5 (amended). Exemption of certain security agreements from fraudulent**  
2 **transfer rules**

3 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 3440.5 of the Civil Code is amended to read:

4 3440.5 (a) This chapter does not affect the rights of a secured party who, for  
5 value and in good faith, acquires a security interest in the transferred personal  
6 property from the transferee, or from the transferee's successor in interest, if the  
7 transferor is no longer in possession of the personal property at the time the  
8 security interest attaches.

9 (b) Additionally, except as provided in Section 3440.3, this chapter does not  
10 affect the rights of a secured party who acquires a security interest from the  
11 transferee, or from the transferee's successor in interest, in the personal property,  
12 if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

13 (1) On or before the date the security agreement is executed, the intended debtor  
14 or secured party files a financing statement with respect to the property  
15 transferred, signed by the intended debtor. The financing statement shall be filed  
16 in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing  
17 with Section 9501) of Division 9 of the Commercial Code, but shall use the terms  
18 "transferor" in lieu of "debtor," "transferee" in lieu of "secured party," and  
19 "secured party" in lieu of "assignee of secured party." The provisions of Chapter 5  
20 (commencing with Section 9501) of Division 9 of the Commercial Code shall  
21 apply as appropriate to ~~such a~~ the financing statement. For the purpose of  
22 indexing, and in any certification of search, the Secretary of State may refer to any  
23 financing statement filed pursuant to this paragraph as a financing statement under  
24 the Commercial Code and may describe the transferor as a debtor and the  
25 transferee as a secured party.

26 ~~Compliance with this paragraph shall, however, not perfect the security interest~~  
27 ~~of the secured party. Perfection of such a security interest shall be governed by~~  
28 ~~Division 9 (commencing with Section 9101) of the Commercial Code.~~

29 (2) The intended debtor or secured party publishes a notice of the transfer one  
30 time in a newspaper of general circulation published in the ~~judicial~~ public notice  
31 district in which the personal property is located, if there is one, and if there is  
32 none in the ~~judicial~~ public notice district, then in a newspaper of general  
33 circulation in the county ~~embracing the judicial district in which the personal~~  
34 property is located. The publication shall be completed not less than 10 days  
35 before the date of execution by the intended debtor of the intended security  
36 agreement. The notice shall contain the names and addresses of the transferor and  
37 transferee and of the intended debtor and secured party, a general statement of the  
38 character of the personal property transferred and intended to be subject to the  
39 security interest, the location of the personal property, and the date on or after  
40 which the security agreement is to be executed by the intended debtor.

41 (c) Compliance with paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) shall not perfect the  
42 security interest of the secured party. Perfection of that security interest shall be

1 governed by Division 9 (commencing with Section 9101) of the Commercial  
2 Code.

3 (d) For the purposes of this section, publication of notice in a public notice  
4 district is governed by Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) of Division 7  
5 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

6 **Comment.** Section 3440.5 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice district”  
7 and refer to the provisions governing publication of notice in a “public notice district.”

8 The section is also amended to make technical changes.

## 9 CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

### 10 **Code Civ. Proc. § 701.540 (amended). Notice of sale of interest in real property**

11 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 701.540 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended to read:

12 701.540. (a) Notice of sale of an interest in real property shall be in writing,  
13 shall state the date, time, and place of sale, shall describe the interest to be sold,  
14 and shall give a legal description of the real property and its street address or other  
15 common designation, if any. If the real property has no street address or other  
16 common designation, the notice of sale shall include a statement that directions to  
17 its location may be obtained from the levying officer upon oral or written request  
18 or, in the discretion of the levying officer, the notice of sale may contain directions  
19 to its location. Directions are sufficient if information as to the location of the real  
20 property is given by reference to the direction and approximate distance from the  
21 nearest crossroads, frontage road, or access road. If an accurate legal description  
22 of the real property is given, the validity of the notice and sale is not affected by  
23 the fact that the street address or other common designation, or directions to its  
24 location, are erroneous or omitted.

25 (b) Not less than 20 days before the date of sale, notice of sale of an interest in  
26 real property shall be served, mailed, and posted by the levying officer as provided  
27 in subdivisions (c), (d), (e), and (f).

28 (c) Notice of sale shall be served on the judgment debtor. Service shall be made  
29 personally or by mail.

30 (d) Notice of sale shall be posted in the following places:

31 (1) One public place in the city in which the interest in the real property is to be  
32 sold if it is to be sold in a city or, if not to be sold in a city, one public place in the  
33 county in which the interest in the real property is to be sold.

34 (2) A conspicuous place on the real property.

35 (e) At the time notice is posted pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d),  
36 notice of sale shall be served or service shall be attempted on one occupant of the  
37 real property. Service on the occupant shall be made by leaving the notice with the  
38 occupant personally or, in the occupant’s absence, with any person of suitable age  
39 and discretion found upon the real property at the time service is attempted who is  
40 either an employee or agent of the occupant or a member of the occupant’s  
41 household. If the levying officer is unable to serve ~~such~~ an occupant as specified at

1 the time service is attempted, the levying officer is not required to make any  
2 further attempts to serve an occupant.

3 (f) If the property described in the notice of sale consists of more than one  
4 distinct lot, parcel, or governmental subdivision and any of the lots, parcels, or  
5 governmental subdivisions lies with relation to any of the others so as to form one  
6 or more continuous, unbroken tracts, only one service pursuant to subdivision (e)  
7 and posting pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) need be made as to each  
8 continuous, unbroken tract.

9 (g) Notice of sale shall be published pursuant to Section 6063 of the  
10 Government Code, with the first publication at least 20 days prior to the time of  
11 sale, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city in which the real  
12 property or a part thereof is situated if any part thereof is situated in a city or, if  
13 not, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the ~~judicial~~ public notice  
14 district in which the real property or a part thereof is situated. If no newspaper of  
15 general circulation is published in the city or ~~judicial~~ public notice district, notice  
16 of sale shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in  
17 which the real property or a part thereof is situated.

18 (h) Not earlier than 30 days after the date of levy, the judgment creditor shall  
19 determine the names of all persons having liens on the real property on the date of  
20 levy that are of record in the office of the county recorder and shall instruct the  
21 levying officer to mail notice of sale to each ~~such person~~ lienholder at the address  
22 used by the county recorder for the return of the instrument creating the ~~person's~~  
23 lien after recording. The levying officer shall mail notice to each ~~such person~~  
24 lienholder, at the address given in the instructions, not less than 20 days before the  
25 date of sale.

26 (i) For the purposes of this section, publication of notice in a public notice  
27 district is governed by Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) of Division 7  
28 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

29 **Comment.** Section 701.540 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice  
30 district” and refer to the provisions governing publication of notice in a “public notice district.”

31 This section is also amended to make technical changes.

## 32 COMMERCIAL CODE

### 33 **Com. Code § 6105 (amended). Notice requirement for bulk sale**

34 SEC. \_\_\_\_. Section 6105 of the Commercial Code is amended to read:

35 6105. ~~In order to comply with subdivision (b) of Section 6104 each of the~~  
36 ~~following shall be satisfied:~~

37 (a) ~~The~~ A notice that is governed by this section shall comply with each of the  
38 following:

39 (1) State that a bulk sale is about to be made.

1 (2) State the name and business address of the seller together with any other  
2 business name and address listed by the seller (subdivision (a) of Section 6104)  
3 and the name and business address of the buyer.

4 (3) State the location and general description of the assets.

5 (4) State the place and the anticipated date of the bulk sale.

6 (5) State whether or not the bulk sale is subject to Section 6106.2 and, if so  
7 subject, the matters required by subdivision (f) of Section 6106.2.

8 (b) At least 12 business days before the date of the bulk sale, ~~the a~~ notice that is  
9 governed by this section shall be:

10 (1) Recorded in the office of the county recorder in the county or counties in this  
11 state in which the tangible assets are located and, if different, in the county in  
12 which the seller is located (paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 6103).

13 (2) Published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the  
14 ~~judicial public notice~~ district in this state in which the tangible assets are located  
15 and in the judicial public notice district, if different, in which the seller is located  
16 (paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 6103), if in either case there is one,  
17 and if there is none, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in  
18 which the ~~judicial public notice~~ district is located. If the tangible assets are located  
19 in more than one public notice district in this state, the publication shall be in a  
20 newspaper of general circulation published in the public notice district in this state  
21 in which a greater portion of the tangible assets are located, on the date the notice  
22 is published, than in any other public notice district in this state and, if different, in  
23 the public notice district in which the seller is located (paragraph (2) of  
24 subdivision (a) of Section 6103).

25 (3) Delivered or sent by registered or certified mail to the county tax collector in  
26 the county or counties in this state in which the tangible assets are located. If  
27 delivered during the period from January 1 to May 7, inclusive, the notice shall be  
28 accompanied by a completed business property statement with respect to property  
29 involved in the bulk sale pursuant to Section 441 of the Revenue and Taxation  
30 Code.

31 ~~If the tangible assets are located in more than one judicial district in this state,~~  
32 ~~the publication required in paragraph (2) shall be in a newspaper of general~~  
33 ~~circulation published in the judicial district in this state in which a greater portion~~  
34 ~~of the tangible assets are located, on the date the notice is published, than in any~~  
35 ~~other judicial district in this state and, if different, in the judicial district in which~~  
36 ~~the seller is located (paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 6103). As used in~~  
37 ~~this subdivision, “business day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or~~  
38 ~~day observed as a holiday by the state government.~~

39 (c) For the purposes of this section, publication of notice in a public notice  
40 district is governed by Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) of Division 7  
41 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

42 (d) As used in this section, “business day” means any day other than a Saturday,  
43 Sunday, or day observed as a holiday by the state government.

1 **Comment.** Section 6105 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice district”  
2 and refer to the provisions governing publication of notice in a “public notice district.”

3 This section is also revised to reflect its application to any notice governed by this section. See,  
4 e.g., §§ 6103(c)(9)(iv), 6103(c)(15), 6104(b), 6106.2(f), 6108(a)(3).

5 This section is also amended to make technical changes.

## 6 GOVERNMENT CODE

### 7 **Gov’t Code § 6008 (amended). Criteria for establishing standing as newspaper of general** 8 **circulation**

9 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 6008 of the Government Code is amended to read:

10 6008. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a newspaper is a  
11 “newspaper of general circulation” if it meets all of the following criteria:

12 ~~(a)~~ (1) It is a newspaper published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic  
13 news and intelligence of a general character, which has a bona fide subscription  
14 list of paying subscribers and has been established and published at regular  
15 intervals of not less than weekly in the city, district, or ~~judicial~~ public notice  
16 district for which it is seeking adjudication for at least three years preceding the  
17 date of adjudication.

18 ~~(b)~~ (2) It has a substantial distribution to paid subscribers in the city, district, or  
19 ~~judicial~~ public notice district in which it is seeking adjudication.

20 ~~(c)~~ (3) It has maintained a minimum coverage of local or telegraphic news and  
21 intelligence of a general character of not less than 25 percent of its total inches  
22 during each year of the three-year period.

23 ~~(d)~~ (4) It has only one principal office of publication and that office is in the  
24 city, district, or ~~judicial~~ public notice district for which it is seeking adjudication.

25 (b) For the purposes of Section 6020, a newspaper meeting the criteria of this  
26 section which desires to have its standing as a newspaper of general circulation  
27 ascertained and established, may, by its publisher, manager, editor, or attorney,  
28 file a verified petition in the superior court of the county in which it is established  
29 and published.

30 (c) As used in this section:

31 (1) “Established” means in existence under a specified name during the whole of  
32 the three-year period, except that a modification of name in accordance with  
33 Section 6024, where the modification of name does not substantially change the  
34 identity of the newspaper, shall not affect the status of the newspaper for the  
35 purposes of this definition.

36 (2) “Published” means issued from the place where the newspaper is sold to or  
37 circulated among the people and its subscribers during the whole of the three-year  
38 period.

39 (3) “Public notice district” means a public notice district described in Chapter  
40 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080).

41 **Comment.** Section 6008 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice district”  
42 and refer to the provisions describing public notice districts.

1 This section is also amended to make technical changes.

2 **Heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section 71042.5) (amended)**

3 SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. The heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section 70142.5) of  
4 Chapter 6 of Title 8 of the Government Code is amended to read:

5 Article 2: ~~Preservation of~~ Judicial Districts

6 **Gov't Code § 71042.5 (repealed). Preservation of judicial districts for purpose of  
7 publication**

8 SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 70142.5 of the Government Code is repealed.

9 **Comment.** Section 71042.5 is repealed. The former judicial districts designated for the  
10 publication of notice are replaced with public notice districts. See Sections 6080-6085.670.

11 **Note.** The text of the repealed section is set forth below.

12 71042.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, where judicial districts in a county have  
13 been consolidated, or where the municipal and superior courts in a county have unified, the  
14 territory embraced within the respective prior component judicial districts shall be separate  
15 judicial districts for the purpose of publication within a judicial district.

16 **Gov't Code § 71042.6 (repealed). Map to establish district boundaries**

17 SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 71042.6 of the Government Code is repealed.

18 **Comment.** Section 71042.6 is repealed. The former judicial districts designated for the  
19 publication of notice are replaced with public notice districts. See Sections 6080-6085.670.

20 **Note.** The text of the repealed section is set forth below.

21 71042.6. For the purpose of establishing boundaries under Section 71042.5, a map approved by  
22 the county surveyor shall be kept on file with the county recorder showing the boundaries of all  
23 consolidated or unified districts and component districts as of the date of consolidation or  
24 unification. The map shall be conclusively presumed to be accurate and may be used in evidence  
25 in any proceeding involving application of Section 71042.5.

26 REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE

27 **Rev. & Tax. Code § 3381 (amended). Alternate means of notice of intent to sell property of  
28 delinquent taxpayer**

29 SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 3381 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

30 3381. (a) In each county where the tax collector or, if the county is a chartered  
31 county, the board of supervisors determines that the public interest, convenience  
32 and necessity require the local publication of the delinquent list required by  
33 Section 3371, or the published notice of power and intent to sell required by  
34 Section 3361, in order to afford adequate notice, all items required to be published  
35 shall be published as provided in this article.

36 (b) After the determination, the tax collector or, if the county is a chartered  
37 county, the board of supervisors shall divide and distribute the items to be  
38 published and cause the same to be published either within (a) (1) the municipal

1 corporations, ~~(b)~~ (2) the elementary, high school, or junior college districts, ~~(c)~~ (3)  
2 the supervisorial districts, ~~(d)~~ ~~judicial districts~~ (4) public notice districts described  
3 in Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the  
4 Government Code, ~~(e)~~ (5) tax districts, areas included in map books, or tax code  
5 areas, or ~~(f)~~ (6) by any annexation or annexations of same, or any combination of  
6 same, or any combination of those districts, annexations, areas included in map  
7 books, and code areas, within the county as they shall determine most likely to  
8 afford adequate notice to owners of the property.

9 (c) Except as provided in this article, the publication shall be in the same manner  
10 as provided in Article 1.7 (commencing with Section 3371).

11 (d) The publication provided for in this article shall be made once a week for  
12 two successive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation. The  
13 publication shall be made in a newspaper published not less frequently than once a  
14 week.

15 **Comment.** Section 3381 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice district”  
16 and refer to the Government Code provisions governing publication of notice in a “public notice  
17 district.”

18 This section is also amended to add subdivision designations and make other technical  
19 changes.

20 **Rev. & Tax. Code § 3702 (amended). Means of notice of intended sale of property of**  
21 **delinquent taxpayer**

22 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 3702 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

23 3702. (a) The tax collector shall publish the notice of intended sale once a week  
24 for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the  
25 county seat and in a newspaper of general circulation published in the ~~judicial~~  
26 public notice district in which the property is situated. If the same newspaper of  
27 general circulation is published in both the county seat and in ~~such~~ the public  
28 notice district, or if the publication of the notice of sale is made in a newspaper  
29 which is determined pursuant to Section 3381 as most likely to afford adequate  
30 notice of the sale, a publication in ~~such~~ that paper shall satisfy the requirements for  
31 publication set forth in this section. If there is no newspaper of general circulation  
32 published in the county seat ~~or in the judicial district~~, then publication may be  
33 made by posting notice in three public places in the county seat ~~or in the judicial~~  
34 ~~district, as the case may be, where no such newspaper is published. If there is no~~  
35 newspaper of general circulation published in the public notice district, then  
36 publication may be made by posting notice in three public places in the area of the  
37 property. The publication shall be started not less than 21 days prior to the date of  
38 the sale.

39 (b) For the purposes of this section, publication of notice in a public notice  
40 district is governed by Chapter 1.1 (commencing with Section 6080) of Division 7  
41 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

42 **Comment.** Section 3702 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice district”  
43 and refer to the provisions governing publication of notice in a “public notice district.”



1 This section is also amended to make technical changes.

2 **Rev. & Tax. Code § 3703 (amended). Alternate means of notice if property is lower in value**  
3 **than cost of publication**

4 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 3703 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

5 3703. If in the judgment of the board of supervisors any property to be sold  
6 under this chapter will bring at auction less than the cost of publication in a  
7 newspaper, the publication of the notice of intended sale may be made in the same  
8 manner as if there were no newspaper published in the county seat or in the  
9 ~~judicial~~ public notice district.

10 **Comment.** Section 3703 is amended to replace “judicial district” with “public notice district.”

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