

**POLICY 7 - APPENDIX A
RECORDS RETENTION & STORAGE DEFINITIONS**

1. **AUTHORIZATION.** Approval from the Executive Director, as authorized by the District's Board of Directors.

2. **ACCOUNTING RECORDS.** Include but are not limited to the following:

a. SOURCE DOCUMENTS

- (1) Invoices
- (2) Warrants
- (3) Requisitions/Purchase Orders (attached to invoices)
- (4) Cash Receipts
- (5) Claims (attached to warrants in place of invoices)
- (6) Bank Statements
- (7) Bank Deposits
- (8) Checks
- (9) Bills
- (10) Various accounting authorizations taken from Board minutes, resolutions or contracts

b. JOURNALS

- (1) Cash Receipts
- (2) Accounts Receivable or Payable Register
- (3) Check or Warrant (payables)
- (4) General Journal
- (5) Payroll Journal

c. LEDGERS

- (1) Expenditure
- (2) Revenue
- (3) Accounts Payable or Receivable Ledger
- (4) Construction
- (5) General Ledger
- (6) Assets/Depreciation

d. TRIAL BALANCE

e. STATEMENTS (Interim or Certified - Individual or All Fund)

- (1) Balance Sheet
- (2) Analysis of Changes in Available Fund Balance
- (3) Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- (4) Inventory of Fixed Assets (Purchasing)

f. JOURNAL ENTRIES

g. PAYROLL and PERSONNEL RECORDS include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Accident reports, injury claims and settlements
- (2) Applications, changes or terminations of employees
- (3) Earnings records and summaries
- (4) Fidelity Bonds
- (5) Garnishments
- (6) Insurance records of employees
- (7) Job Descriptions
- (8) Medical Histories
- (9) Retirements
- (10) Time Cards

h. OTHER

- (1) Inventory Records (Purchasing)
- (2) Capital Asset Records (Purchasing)
- (3) Depreciation Schedule
- (4) Cost Accounting Records

3. LIFE. The inclusive or operational or valid dates of a document.

4. RECORD. Any “writing” as defined in Government Code § 6252(f), which includes: any handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, photocopying, transmitting by electronic mail or facsimile, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored that is issued by or received in a department, and maintained and used as information in the conduct

of its operations or the public's business.

5. RECORD COPY. The District copy of a document or file.

6. RECORD SERIES. A group of records, generally filed together, and having the same reference and retention value.

7. RECORDS CENTER. The site selected for storage of inactive records.

8. RECORDS DISPOSAL. The planning for and/or the physical operation involved in the transfer of records to the Records Center, or the authorized destruction of records pursuant to the approved Records Retention Schedule.

9. RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE. The consolidated, approved schedule list of all District records which timetables the life and disposal of all records.

10. RETENTION CODE. Abbreviation of retention action which appears on the retention schedule.

11. VITAL RECORDS. Records which, because of the information they contain, are essential to one or all of the following:

- a. The resumption and/or continuation of operations;
- b. The re-creation of the legal and financial status of the District, in case of a disaster;
- c. The fulfillment of obligations to bondholders, customers, and employees.

Vital records include but are not limited to the following [detail the records structure of the District, stating the retention time for each class of records. Those times can be drawn from the recommendations of the Secretary of State (<http://archives.cdn.sos.ca.gov/local-gov-program/pdf/records-management-8.pdf>) or developed with the advice of legal counsel, as there are many laws governing records retention]:

- (1) Agreements
- (2) Annexations and detachments
- (3) As-built drawings
- (4) Audits
- (5) Contract drawings
- (6) Customer statements
- (7) Deeds
- (8) Depreciation schedule
- (9) Disposal of surplus & excess property
- (10) Disposal of scrap materials
- (11) District insurance records
- (12) District water rights
- (13) Employee accident reports, injury claims & settlements
- (14) Employee earning records
- (15) Employee fidelity bonds
- (16) Employee insurance records
- (17) Encroachment permits (by others)
- (18) Encroachment permits
- (19) Facility improvement plans
- (20) Improvement districts
- (21) Individual water rights
- (22) Individual claims/settlements
- (23) Inventory
- (24) Journal vouchers
- (25) Ledgers
- (26) Licenses & permits (to operate)
- (27) Loans & grants
- (28) Maps
- (29) Minutes of Board meetings
- (30) Payroll register
- (31) Policies, Rules & Regulations
- (32) Purchase orders & requisitions
- (33) Restricted materials permits
- (34) Rights of ways & easements
- (35) Spray permits
- (36) Statements of Economic Interest
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- (38)
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