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Protection from Disaster

County recorders are charged with managing our official public property records. One interesting facet of this responsibility is that the information contained in the official public record MUST be kept forever; losing it, or part of it, is simply not an option.

A century ago a "disaster recovery plan" was either hope and prayers or, possibly, vaults that were shut and locked at the close of business.

The sheer volume of information that has amassed over time, combined with the introduction of increasingly complex technologies, as well as the potential for natural disasters or domestic terrorism, has encouraged our county recorders to take a second or third look. Today they protect the official public land records with constantly evolving disaster recovery plans to assure continued safety of the records.

Enhancements from the 1970s and 1980s included off-site storage of microfilm copies of documents. These recovery plans quickly grew to include computerized tape backups of software systems with complex storage rotations to assure risk was mitigated as much as possible.

Today, many counties augment computerized tape backup solutions with real time off-site replication of critical information, providing up-to-the-minute recovery solutions. Some counties keep multiple real time copies in different geographic locations. They have to make sure the replicated sites are correct and ready to use by incorporating them into their accessibility solutions, and they may also have implemented technologies that stop malicious or careless activity on one system from automatically replicating onto the recovery systems.

The official public property records are the foundation for our capitalist economy. County recorders have implemented state-of-the-art solutions to make sure they are protected.

Access the [PRIAwareness Tools](#) available for Recorders and their business partners wishing to educate the public on the significant role of the Recorder's Office.

Promote our new national website, [MyCountyRecorder.org](#), that explains to the public the history, advancements and responsibilities of the Recorder's Office.

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