CARS PROJECT SOFTWARE VENDOR SERVICE PROVIDER MEETING

MARCH 30, 2021
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
AGENDA

- CARS Project Update
- Phased Implementation – Three Releases
- Implementation Timeline
- Demonstration: Initial Registration via API
- Discussion: Contributor Unique Identification
- Final Q&A and Wrap-Up
SOS User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is underway

Stakeholder engagement meetings included new groups (Good Government and Institute of Governmental Advocates (IGA))

Communications continue through website postings, updates to FAQs, periodic newsletters, and “Contact CARS” email
PHASED IMPLEMENTATION – THREE RELEASES

RELEASE 1
- Automated Functionality
  ✓ Filer Disclosures
  ✓ Filer Registration
  ✓ Correspondence
  ✓ Financial Transactions
  ✓ System Reports
- Data Retrieval / Queries
- System Administration
  (account maintenance, user notifications, etc.)

February 28, 2021

RELEASE 2
- Software Fixes
- Non-Automated Functionality
  ✓ SOS User Notes and Add'l. Correspondence
  ✓ Additional Financial Transactions
- Migrated Data and Additional Data Retrieval
- Additional System Admin. / System Notifications

April 30, 2021

RELEASE 3
- Software Fixes
- Final Data Migration
- Public Data Portal / Search
- API (Software Vendor Interface)
- SOS User Training
- Public User Instructional Materials
- System Certification
- Retirement of the legacy CAL-ACCESS

June 30, 2021

February 28, 2021
April 30, 2021
June 30, 2021
IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

- **December 2020**: CAL-ACCESS Development
- **January 2021**: API (Interface) Development and Testing
- **February 2021**: CAL-ACCESS Testing
- **March 2021**: CAL-ACCESS System Review
- **April 2021**: Training
- **May 2021**: Cutover
- **June 2021**: Release 3 – June 30 Public Users

- **Release 1 – February 28**: SOS & Select External Users
- **Release 2 – April 30**: CAL-ACCESS System Review
DEMONSTRATION: INITIAL REGISTRATION
DISCUSSION: CONTRIBUTOR UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION

- CARS will be issuing a unique identifier for all contributor/payee reported in itemized transactions on activity reports.

- Contributors can be individuals, organizations, and various types of Filing Entities. However, **External ID applies only to individuals and organizations**
  - Committees and other registered entities (Major Donor, Political Party, etc.) with a Filer ID should be identified through their Filer ID (which can be looked up via the /accounts API service).

- The API will accept vendor-generated IDs on contributors submitted as new contributors which the vendor can then use to reference them for future submissions.

- The API also provides search facilities to look-up existing contributor records and SOS encourages vendors to leverage that API to identify contributors already in the system.

- Duplication is expected (multiple records for the same contributor). Post-Go-Live, a soft de-duplication approach will be implemented that links identified duplicate contributors records together via “super ID” concept.
**CONTRIBUTOR ID EXAMPLE IN XML PAYLOAD**

- Form 460, Schedule A line item example (retrieved after insert w/ external ID)
- Unique Contributor ID = CBR001504
- Vendor-Specified ID = EC-006

- Both are valid ways to reference the Contributor record in the system
- If ContributorID is supplied, the system will ignore ExternalContributorID for lookup purposes
Q & A / WRAP-UP

Q & A
Visit the CARS project website
https://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-replacement-system-project-cars-updates/

➢ View documents, FAQs, and events
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